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The Sooner Salutes



Carlene Roberts

"Into a \$25,000-a-year vice-presidency at American Airlines last week stepped Carlene Roberts . . . a pretty Midwesterner who joined the company as a \$150-a-month secretary fourteen years ago," read the July 30 *Time* magazine.

For Miss Roberts, '34fa, the step up was the payoff for her unusually effective work, and for aviation, the move produced a first: she is the first woman in airline history to hold such an important job.

Her entrance into airlines work came when Braniff Airways Vice President O. M. Mosier spotted Miss Roberts while she was working with the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. When he went to American Airlines as vice president, he took Miss Roberts along. Soon she was doing personnel work and when American moved its headquarters from Chicago to New York, Miss Roberts was entrusted with surveying housing, recreation facilities, etc.

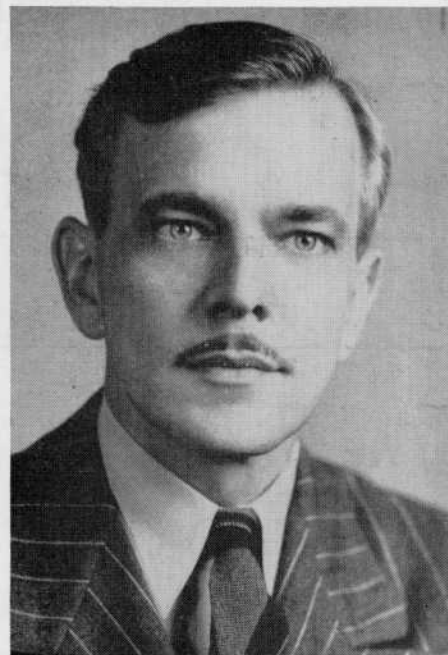
She was so successful that she was picked to help run the new American officers in Washington, D. C., in 1942. The *Sooner* salutes an alumna high flyer.

Dr. Sherman Lawton

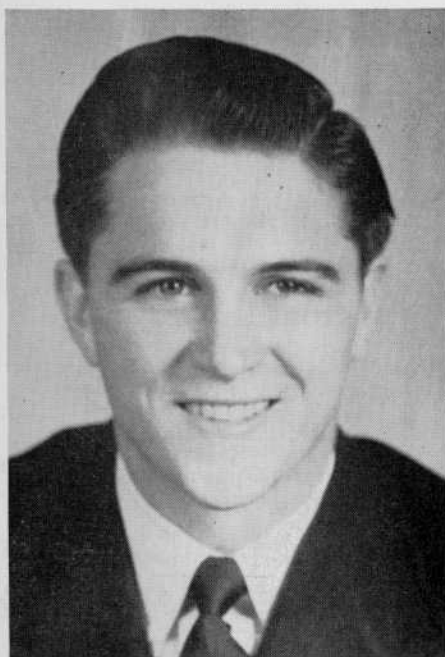
For half an hour each Sunday afternoon (except summer months) the University has an enrolment of 70,000. Directing the students through one of the most interesting classes they ever attended is Dr. Sherman Lawton, co-ordinator of radio instruction and professor of radio.

The class is the TV show, "The Open Window," and its subjects range from glass blowing to ducks to atomic energy. The success of the program depends on presenting the material in a manner designed to be understood by every age group. Dr. Lawton directs and serves as master of ceremonies of the Window.

A native of Muskegan, Michigan, Dr. Lawton joined the faculty in 1946 after teaching hitches at Bradley, University of Wisconsin, Stephens College and Syracuse plus a great deal of professional radio experience. He holds degrees from Albion College (BA), University of Michigan (MA), and University of Wisconsin (PhD).



Robert T. Rennie



Each year several hundred young men arrive on the campus a week before school starts to make their bid for a fraternity berth. In charge of "Rush" is the Interfraternity Council and in charge of the Council this year is an affable young man who seems not one whit perturbed by the size of his job. He's Robert T. Rennie, '51ba, a junior law student from Pauls Valley.

With the nickname of "Bull of the Washita" (he lamely explains the title by saying it has something to do with the notorious floodings of the Washita), Rennie was elected to the presidency by acclamation, believed to be the only president so elected.

A member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, Rennie has served as president of the pre-law fraternity, worked with the League of Young Democrats, been elected Big Man on Campus for two years and shoots golf in the mid-80's.

One big job accomplished (he married Sue Hollis, a fellow student, last Easter), he was looking forward in early September to Rush. His expressed desire was to be as successful in the job as his predecessors. Last year, 416 young men went through rush and 415 were pledged.