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## The Cover

Football in September is very likely to give way to studies in October. Anyway, the scene taken in the main reading room of the Bizzell Memorial Library seems to indicate that there is still some work involved in going to school. It also gives the Sooner the right note for an issue introducing the Oklahoma Quarterly. Photo by Herb Polson.

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## Covering the Campus

By Tommie Pratt, '52

Introducing a new monthly column. To provide a more informal approach to the campus news and to provide alumni with first-hand undergraduate viewpoints, Miss Pratt will report the campus happenings. She has served as reporter and news editor on several state papers and as managing editor of the Oklahoma Daily.

A Norman householder, Mrs. Mary Pyeatte, has challenged the University's constitutional rights to require students to live in University housing in a suit brought in September.

Mrs. Pyeatte's lawyer, Paul Updegraff, '30Law, requested temporary injunction from the district court to allow students living in Mrs. Pyeatte's boarding house and those of other Norman householders to enrol in the University.

In a similar suit brought by an individual student against the University last year, Judge Stephen S. Chandler ruled for the University.

Mrs. Pyeatte has charged that state law enacted in 1947 authorizing the University to build and supervise campus housing, and subsequent Board of Regent's regulations requiring all students to live in University housing, violates her rights of equal protection and property without due process of law as guaranteed in the 14th Amendment of the U. S. constitution.

Shortly after filing of the petition District Judge W. R. Wallace, '10, indicated that he would not rule on the case immediately, Wallace said the petition was not filed in time to allow the attorney general five days to prepare for a hearing before enrolment began.

## Honors for Taliaferro

Among highlights of enrolment and freshman orientation week the second week in September was the announcement of Henry B. Taliaferro, Jr., Oklahoma City, as the outstanding freshman boy of last year. Taliaferro finished his

freshman year with 24 hours of straight A. He was presented the Pe-et scholarship award established in 1937 to be awarded for a grade average of not less than A-minus. A pre-law student, Taliaferro is a graduate of Classen highschool. He represented Classen and Oklahoma at the 1950 Southern States Convention of Student Councils in Charleston, Virginia. The same year he was awarded Phi Lambda Epsilon fraternity's top national scholarship honor. As a freshman last year he was a member of the NROTC rifle team. Other campus activities include membership in Phi Eta Sigma, YMCA and the League of Young Democrats.

## Rigors of Rush

The University's new crop of 1400 freshmen poked into every corner and crevice of the campus during their week, but perhaps the most curious were those who attended rush and got only brief glimpses as they swished by in borrowed convertibles.

The pledging of 760 students testified to the success of rush week, but even with that number it could not rival that of the preceding year when only one rushee was not pledged. Campus sororities issued bids inviting 307 of the 352 girls enrolled in rush to pledge. Four hundred and eight boys were pledged to the campus' 24 fraternities.

Even with the efficiencies of fraternity research there were a few red faces around when the word got out about one rush mishap. According to the story, the Kappa Sigs stopped at the Lambda Chi house to pick up a rushee whom they had never seen. And so the evening wore on. The rushee

ordered steak. The Kappa Sigs ordered steak. The rushee ordered milk. The Kappa Sigs quickly canceled their tasty brews and also requested milk. . . It was an awfully nice gesture, fellows, but gee, he couldn't pledge. He was already a Lambda Chi member.

**But even** the girls were not immune. At the DG house the girls were not a little perturbed during open house when a rushee, questioned concerning her major, answered without any hesitation, "Pi Phi." It seems she understood the question to be "What house did you just come from?" She did not pledge DG.

### Wide Margin of Error

**Enrolment** this year proceeded with no more than the usual read tape and lengthy lines. But, when the procedure reached the sectioning stage one young veteran was ready to toss it all over. He hadn't pushed or shoved or caused any body any trouble. He just wanted his permit-to-enrol card. But, sorry, according to the records he would have to clear up a delinquent account before he could section. Angrily but with a superhuman effort at patience the young man trekked over to the Administration Building where he learned that he owed back payments on some law courses.

"But that's impossible," he protested. "Why so?" asked the clerk. "Because I happen to be an engineering major."—Humph! The very idea. A lawyer.

### Time for a Showdown

**Oklahoma's controversial** loyalty oath was described in its September state supreme court hearing as containing "the very Communistic and totalitarian devices its high purposes were designed to combat."

The charge was voiced by Don Emery, '20ba, '21Law, attorney for a group of Oklahoma A.&M. College professors. Their case has been almost the only organized objection to the new law requiring all state employes to sign the oath or lose their jobs.

Among some of the 'objectionable' passages are those which require an employe to swear that he has not been a member of a Communist organization for the previous five years and to pledge fealty to the federal government. The latter provision especially affects visiting foreign professors.

Fred Hansen, '14Law, an assistant attorney general speaking for Atty. Gen. Mac Q. Williamson, '10, told the court the law approved is unconstitutional in its entirety because its title is defective in not mentioning the forfeiture of office. Hansen claims this does not jibe with the state constitution which says the title of an act shall clearly



**Family Portrait of the University's Ingram Boys.** Standing are Rupert H., Jr., Austin and Jerry. Their father, Col. Rupert H., Sr., ROTC commandant at O.U. is seated. All of the boys are in the University, and Austin and Jerry play football for Big Red. Colonel Ingram was named commandant of the campus ROTC in early summer.

state is content. Williamson, as attorney general, appealed the case to the supreme court after it was upheld by District Judge W. A. Carlile.

Hansen's other point dealt with the section requiring public officials and employes to swear they are not members, nor have been for five years, of any organizations branded communistic by the U. S. Attorney General.

"If I am correct in my contention, that is a delegation to the Attorney General of the United States the power to say who shall hold office in Oklahoma," he declared.

Such a delegation of power by a state, he said is unconstitutional.

Paul Updegraff, Norman attorney who brought the suit in district court to enforce its provisions, told the court that until "passage of this law, we had no way to ferret out the disloyal."

Updegraff denied Hansen's stand that it is an unconstitutional delegation of state power to the Attorney General, and contended loyalty oaths in general have been held constitutional.

The high court is expected to issue a written opinion on validity of the oath law soon.

### Rules and Replacements

**Two last minute** replacements were made to the staff of the *Oklahoma Daily* this fall. The position of managing editor

was filled by Marilyn Cooley, journalism senior from Oklahoma City. Jim Monroe, also a senior, replaced Wayne Mason, sports editor. Both Mason and Jack Foster, managing editor-elect, has taken full time jobs with the Oklahoma Publishing Company.

The *Daily* is headed this semester by Bob Witty, journalism senior from Oklahoma City.

**The new rule** denying freshmen cars on the campus was explained by Miss Dorothy Truex, counselor of women, as meaning just that and that alone. Miss Truex said there is no basis for the rumor that freshmen also are denied permission to accompany upperclassmen in cars.

"Obviously," Miss Truex said, "there can be no enforcement of such a rule." It was reported earlier that the regents recommended such a measure discouraging freshmen from riding in cars with upperclassmen in addition to a no-car rule for freshmen.

### Perhaps Old Friends

O.U.'s Homecoming October 27 may feature the appearance of two of the state's best friends.

Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammer-

stein, authors of the musical, "Oklahoma," have been invited to attend the celebration. If they accept, the theme for house decorations and floats will be taken from song titles by the two.

The Sooners will meet Colorado University in the Homecoming game.

Other events planned for the big weekend will be the annual variety show Friday night, judging of house decorations Friday, the parade Saturday morning and a dance on Saturday night.

Officials reported that plans are also being rapidly completed for Dad's Day, October 20, when Big Red plays Kansas.



Miss Oklahoma, Bobby Jene Simmons, O.U. sophomore, represented the state at the national beauty pageant in Atlantic City in September. She placed 6th in the contest and received a \$1,300 scholarship.

## An Open Door Policy

By Roscoe Cate, '26ba

Except for O.U. alumni who are in public school administration, few have occasion to keep up with changes made from time to time in admission requirements of the University of Oklahoma.

However, many alumni probably are asked questions by prospective students and particularly by the parents of prospective students.

As a matter of fact, the admission requirements of the University of Oklahoma for freshman students have been greatly simplified and liberalized in recent years. Alumni can do a good piece of public relations work for the University if they will keep in mind the basic facts of the current admissions policy.

The most important single fact: Any graduate of any accredited high-school in Oklahoma will be admitted to the University of Oklahoma's freshman class.

The University requires no specific subjects or pattern of previous work in highschool before admitting a student as a University freshman. Each freshman upon arrival at the University will be required to take certain tests, but these are not "admission" examinations. These are placement tests given for the purpose of obtaining certain information that will be needed by the student's adviser in planning his college program.

If a freshman student chooses a course of study which calls for certain basic information or skills which he did not pick up in highschool, the student's adviser will help him plan his program so that he can get them during his freshman year. He will get college credit for whatever work of this kind the adviser suggests.

The requirements for admission of a non-resident student to freshman standing are little different. The non-resident applicant must be a graduate of a highschool accredited by the accrediting authority of the state in which the highschool is located, and the student also must present a highschool record showing an average of "C" in all work undertaken while in high-school.

But for Oklahoma students it isn't even mandatory to be a highschool graduate. A student of any fully-accredited highschool in Oklahoma, who has not graduated, but who has completed fifteen units of acceptable highschool work, may be admitted to the University as a freshman upon recommendation of his highschool principal, provided he ranks within the top 25 percent of his class, and provided he scores within the top 25 percent on an academic aptitude test administered by the University.

If a highschool student inquires about procedure for admission to the University of Oklahoma as a freshman, the following two basic steps should be explained:

- 1) "Write the Office of Admissions and Records and state you are interested in coming to your state university. Do this as early as possible. The University builds its plans and programs around students, and is prepared to give many pre-enrolment aids. From the Admissions and Records Office you will receive an admission blank. This should be filled out and returned at once."

- 2) "Ask your principal to send the University a copy of your highschool record. If you already have done work at another college, ask the registrar there to send a copy of your college transcript."

Admission to advanced standing is granted to students transferring from accredited institutions of collegiate rank, provided that the applicant presents credentials showing average grades or higher in all work undertaken and that he is eligible to return in good standing to the institution he last attended.

But for all graduates of accredited highschools in Oklahoma, the admissions policy is quite simple—it's on open door for all who want to enter the University of Oklahoma as freshmen.