

# The Sooner Salutes

## Jayne Nash Montgomery



From now on the University law faculty will have that woman's touch. When Mrs. Jayne Montgomery (formerly Miss Jayne Nash, '49 Law) was assigned to teaching duties last September it was a history making move; it was the first time in the record books of the University's law school that a female barrister had been employed as an instructor.

Overcoming a week of nervous anticipation she came through her first class in top-notch fashion. Instructing a class in suretyship twice weekly to 14 would-be lawyers is job enough without trying to set a precedent.

During her student days on the campus Mrs. Montgomery not only finished among the top ranking student scholastically at O.U.'s law school, but she also was a member of the COIF, choose honorary society, and served on the editorial staff of the *Oklahoma Law Review*.

After receiving her BA degree at Oklahoma College for Women in 1942, she worked for former Senator Josh Lee, '17ba.

So the Sooner salutes Mrs. Montgomery, the first woman in Soonerland to legally lay-down-the-law to the men.

## Mike Monroney

*The Saturday Evening Post* recently jumped on the Oklahoma bandwagon of bestowing bouquets on the state's friendly, fighting Irishman, Oklahoma's Mighty Mike Monroney, '24ba.

The *Post* said of the junior senator from the Sooner state, "Monroney is now accepted by leaders of both parties as a man of ability, but there is some disagreement as to just where he stands. . . The fact seems to be, from the beginning, Mike is a middle of the road man." One baseball minded friend of Mike's described him as a "switch hitter" and that seems to ring true. He has the courage to stand up and be counted on difficult issues, and that is not altogether standard practice in Congress.

Mike broke away from standard practices early in his undergraduate days at the University. Showing a flair for political instinct in his sophomore year, Mike shattered the precedent that the editorial lachstrings on the *Oklahoma Daily* be kept in the sacred hands of an upperclassman.

Editing a lively tongue-in-cheek college daily for two years didn't interfere with the senator's studies. Mike was graduated with high scholastic marks and membership in Phi Beta Kappa.



## Mary Jean Strange



Many people may dream of the "grand tour" when they have made their little pile, but to one slender, vivacious girl on the campus that dream is a reality of the past. She is Mary Jean Strange, a 19-year-old Hobart senior just returned from a year's study at the University in Zurich, Switzerland.

Planning to enter the foreign service on graduation, Mary Jean is majoring in German and minoring in Russian coupled with philosophy. She self-financed her recent trip to Europe where she supplemented her studies in German.

An enthusiastic supporter of college activities, Mary Jean is either a member or past president of Mortar Board, Phi Delta Alpha, Alpha Delta Pi, League of Young Democrats and the German Club. Also she is a 100 percent participant in intramurals and is a frequent contributor to the student publications on the campus.

But extra-circular activities are also just a dream of the past for Zurich taught her, says Mary Jean, that studies come first, and that is the pattern Mary Jean has set for her senior year.