

Undergraduate news and viewpoints mingle in the student guest-columnist's report on what the students are doing as well as other notes of interest from over the campus.

Covering the Campus

By Tommie Pratt, '52

Sure, we lost the game, but post-game ceremonies were much the same in Dallas. However, this year it was not so much a case of stolen goal posts as one of mistaken identity.

The Browns, Betty and Berta, identical twins that live in the Gamma Phi Beta house, were two of the many Sooner students who made the yearly invasion. And, the Browns look so much alike that they occasionally confuse themselves.

It seems they and their dates were to meet in a Dallas restaurant after the game. Berta, arriving late, anxiously entered the swank eatery whose walls were lined from ceiling to floor with mirrors. Spotting her sister across the crowded room, she signalled frantically and made her way toward her, only to find it was her own reflection.

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Despite Big Red's two defeats from the men down under—progress is still apparent on the University campus. Building, building and more building.

The new Memorial Union is now operating on a full-time shift. Gittinger hall, the new social sciences building between Kaufman hall and the Research Institute, has also been inaugurated for class work. Gittinger is almost an exact replica of Kaufman.

Other buildings presently under construction are the Home Economics building and the Graduate School. Construction has not begun but the contract has been let for a new insectary building in connection with the biology department.

Remodeling of Holmberg and Monnet halls also is nearing completion.

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Mortar Board's selection of the outstanding freshman girl was no surprise to students or faculty. A Norman girl and daughter of a faculty member, Mary Ellen Casey was well known on the campus before her coronation for her amazing energy and superior intellect.

Mary Ellen's major, journalism, corresponds with the field of her father, John H. Casey, professor of advertising.

In addition to her abundant activities, she

maintained a straight 4.0 average for her entire freshman year. Besides serving as president of freshman 'Y,' Mary Ellen was active in Alpha Lambda Delta, Racket club, student senate, a member of the year-book staff, and was co-winner of her sorority's (Kappa Alpha Theta) outstanding pledge scholarship award.

The freshmen women also named by Mortar Board were Rosemary Rowley,

Norman; Carolyn Althouse, Bartlesville; Edith Ann Crabtree, Miami; Sandra Sacher, Oklahoma City; Nadine and Vinita Duke, Crawford; Ernestine Smith, Guthrie; Pattie Patton, Duncan, Myra Sapruder, Dallas, Texas; and Patricia Searle, Chicago.

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Faculty members who may have swallowed their ethical pride in order to con-



COVERED WAGON PHOTO

Nicely displaying what the well-dressed college Joe and Jane wore on that long anticipated Dallas weekend are an Oklahoma City student twosome, Ann Burrow and Hal Wolfe. This is a before game photo; Sooners were a mite unhappy after the game.

tinue a regular diet recently may have found their previous repast to be choking a bit.

A few professors are known to have said last spring that their resistance to the loyalty oath law would be more active if they did not believe that in a test case the oath would be held unconstitutional.

But to their surprise the oath law has been upheld unanimously in the State Supreme Court. This means that before anyone may accept a position on the University staff or be employed by the state at all he must sign an oath declaring his fealty to the United States and agree to bear arms against a foreign aggressor. He must swear allegiance to our flag even though he may be a citizen of another country.

In addition to approving the oath, the opinion written by Chief Justice Ben Arnold stated that "the real purpose of the legislature was to make loyalty a qualification to hold public office or be employed by the state. Incidentally, and in order to effectuate its real purpose, the legislature also intended to force officers or employes of the state who are or have been within a fixed time members of the communist party and its members advocate the overthrow of the party or other subversive organizations out of government positions."

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Still staggering somewhat from its near mortal blow of last year the *Covered Wagon* recuperated sufficiently in October to put out the largest issue in the magazine's history. The issue concerned rush and contained 48 pages, with pictures filling the major portion of them.

But, the *Wagon's* good old days have pretty well rolled out of sight. Gone are the smutty but well-read stories, questionable but undeniably funny jokes and risqué but interesting pictures.

The *Wagon's* new editorial staff, Kappa Alpha Mu photography fraternity, is a bit mournful over the magazine's new role, charging that an A-1 picture of a bathing beauty in a reclining position was barred because it was 'suggestive.'

The *Wagon's* trouble last year when it was suspended from publication for a time resulted from a chagrined fraternity, robbed of its social privileges, claiming that their practices were no more objectionable than the contents of the *Wagon*. So, po-o-off went the *Wagon*.

Joe Simmins, present editor, assures us that the next issue due off the presses soon will be even better than the last, despite the new restrictions.

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Though Dallas spirits may have been a



Admiring the Dad's Day trophies for the most outstanding students are Dr. George L. Cross, University president, and Emil R. Kraettli, '18, secretary of the Dad's, with the new winners, Nadine Norton, Oklahoma City, and James I. Miller, Okmulgee.

bit dampened following the game those of the quadrangle coeds were the reverse recently.

One night when the counselor of Parker house was out, a group of fun-loving wee things hoisted up her car—one of the mid-get variety—and carried it over the curb, into the house lounge where it remained until she returned home.

University officials have still to take action against the varmits, but rumor has it that Chief of Campus Police Bernier is a bit stumped to find rules covering the episode, so it is expected that the culprits will get off scot-free.

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Senior class elections may have been a bit stormy this year but enough candidates survived to fill the offices.

The real political battle began over the secretarial slot after it was learned the victor, Sue Mayes, arts and sciences senior from Oklahoma City, had defeated her opponent by the skinny margin of two votes. The recount demanded by the loser, Jeanneane Johnston, resulted in the amazing discovery that Miss Mayes had won this time with an even greater margin—three votes.

An engineering major from Tulsa and former president of the student senate, Harvey Bryant, was elected to the president's position. Nadine Norton, Oklahoma City, and Bob Witty, Oklahoma City and editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, won the vice-president's and treasurer's races.

Two state papas were mighty proud during half-time ceremonies of the Dad's Day game with Kansas. They were the fathers of Nadine Norton, Oklahoma City, and Jim Miller, Okmulgee, the most outstanding senior students.

The presentation was made at half-time by President Cross. (See story of Dad's Day immediately following.)

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The men in the 45th Division are a long way from state-side. Still they like to be reminded of the small things, birthdays, anniversaries and other events that stir memories of home—which is a long way from Hokkaido, Japan.

As a small starter, the University Press has sent 100 of its Oklahoma calendars to the special services officer of the 45th Division. Its just a small start, however, for there are nine thousand Oklahoma soldiers now stationed in Japan. In a recent report from overseas, servicemen listed calendars as one of the "incidentals" that they would like to have.

Decision to send the pictorial calendars was prompted by speeches made in the state by Brig. Gen. Hal Muldrow, '28bus, division artillery commander of the Thunderbirds.

Pictures in the calendar include resort areas, churches, historical points, university campus scenes and some of the Sooner football team.