

Covering the Campus

By Tommie Pratt, '52

With finals week rearing its ugly head and the wastebasket already stuffed with discarded resolutions there is no doubt that the new year is well underway.

In '51 the University student witnessed several events of importance:

(1) O.U. racked up three national sports titles in football, wrestling and baseball (school year 1950-51). The latter two helped to soothe the shock of Big Red's heartbreaker in the Sugar Bowl. Bud Wilkinson put away his grey suit for the first time in many months.

(2) The state legislature passed its red-catching loyalty oath law and the campus rocked from the ricochet.

(3) The *Covered Wagon* was suspended following charges of a campus fraternity that the magazine's ordinary diet was no worse than the party menu which had resulted in the fraternity's loss of social privileges. After a sufficient period of investigation and meditation the "new *Wagon* appeared, a pictorial account of campus happenings. No smut allowed.

(4) Construction was begun on the new men's quadrangle. Norman householders watched their income slow to a trickle and redoubled their efforts to bring the navy back to Norman.

(5) The University yielded to editorial pressure from the *Oklahoma Daily* and repaired the student parking lot, then lowered the boom as the

(6) Board of Regents decided to outlaw freshman cars and student parking on campus. Only commuters were to be allowed to park in the student lot.

(7) The editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* was fired, the first in 37 years of publication. Reasons: continued "pouting in print" and disregard for the Publication Board's policies.

(8) School re-opened in September with the lowest enrolment figures in post war years and a decided cut in funds. Students bought football tickets to help alleviate the financial problem and vacancies went unfilled.

(9) Big Red bowed in defeat twice more before regaining its poise to finish the season among the top ten football teams in the nation.

(10) The navy announced its decision to return and Norman merchants were jubi-

lant, householders grateful, the University silent.

(11) As the draft continued to snatch a student here and there from the classrooms, advanced ROTC students were quick to sign a new 8-year contract for Uncle Sam.

(12) The year slowly ground to a close on a note of marital interest. One house witnessed ten of its residents leave during the holidays to set up homes of their own.

For 1952 we predict:

(1) An all-out public relations program, complete with 100% student participation, designed to lure students to O.U. Success will not be complete. Enrolment will continue to drop.

(2) The loyalty oath law will be declared unconstitutional by a higher court decision.

(3) The navy will make its appearance quietly and adjustment will be uneventful.

(4) more of these: tests, fees, sailors, co-eds, marriages, new buildings, student gripes. less of these: professors, graduates, cars.

Thirty students will represent the University in the 1951-52 edition of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. Nineteen men and 11 women were included in the list selected on a basis of leadership, scholarship and work in extra-curricular activities.

Biggest Religious Emphasis Weeks ever held on the campus was completed recently. More speakers were present, more students took part, more results.

With the arrival of the speakers came the necessity of finding a place for the speakers to stay while on the campus.

Taking note of the background sketch of Rev. Rex Knowles—letterman in track, football and basketball while at Yale university—REW committeemen decided to house him in Jefferson hall with the athletes.

One of the boys greeted him at Jefferson with: "You know there's one thing about having you stay here—we're going to have to stop saying 'Damn!'"

Forgetting his position for the moment, and yielding to the situation, Knowles retorted: "The hell you are!"

Telling about this later, he said he'd

never use the word again, but at the time he thought it was necessary.

Students were faced recently with a situation so unusual that they failed to react with anything resembling normalcy. The AWS executive council inaugurated a new committee, dubbed the Standards Committee, which was to deal with campus problems of all sorts. The first and final step of the committee toward the alleviation of student worries was a questionnaire asking what could be done toward bettering the position of women on the campus. High hopes were held for the questionnaire. Many bright answers were expected. But, the project was junked when the answers were tabulated and it was learned that the weightiest problem referred to the council was the proposed raising of quadrangle mirrors three inches.

A few quizzal looks were going around the Alpha Gamma Delta house just before the Christmas holidays. It seems the Alpha Gams had been asked to give their Variety Show act at a Christmas party at Robinson-Hester halls. Yeah, sure, the Alpha Gams would do it, but was the Robinson-Hester social chairman sure the Oklahoma City Baptist orphans would enjoy this type of show? The brief costumes worn in the Gay Nineties dance were hardly the thing that 7-year olds would appreciate! Well, it turned out that the dancing act by the girls was a definite contribution to the party. It was designed to draw the shy boys upstairs down to the party to entertain the orphans imported for the day. It worked. The party was a tremendous success the chairman reported.

Miss Johnell Preston, Alpha Chi Omega representative, was the girl selected by the three campus ROTC units as their honorary cadet colonel. She was crowned by Col. R. L. Denig at the annual military ball.

Miss Preston's selection came after weeks of campaigning and convertible-riding on the drill field.

Her opponents in the final race were Miss Jere Johnson, Delta Delta Delta, Ann Burrows, Chi Omega, Peggy Hart, Alpha Delta Pi, Ernestine Smith, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Jackie Fizer, Alpha Gamma Delta.

Johnson Dies

Tragedy and the Christmas holidays will always be associated for the Johnson family. On December 26, 1950, Eddie Johnson, '50bs, son of E. B. Johnson, '24ba, Amarillo, Texas, was killed in a plane accident (Sooner Magazine, February, 1951). A year to the day his cousin, Graham B. Johnson, Jr., '51bus, 22-year-old law junior, Norman, was returning to his home after attending a fraternity dance and breakfast in Oklahoma City. On a sharp turn four miles west of Norman, the car Johnson was driving went out of control and overturned. Two days later Johnson was dead.

Johnson, son of Graham, Sr., '19ba, Norman, had been recently elected to *Who's Who in American College and Universities*—a reflection of his prominence at the University.

He was president of his social fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and was treasurer of the Interfraternity Council.

The web of coincidence was woven a bit tighter for the Johnson family with the second accident. Eddie had been killed on his father's birthday and now Graham had received the fatal injuries on the same day.

Among the alumni survivors of both Johnsons are M. T. Johnson, '17ba, Amarillo (uncle) and Arlene Johnson LeFlore, '22ba, Tulsa, Mrs. Ina Johnson Kidd, '12, Norman, and Mrs. Froma Johnson Updegraff, '21fa, San Francisco (aunts). Graham's sister, Jere, University senior, also survives him.

Something for the Times

How Important? Is religion a vital part of campus life? University counselors and student leaders point to the intensified interest shown in this year's REW (Religious Emphasis Week) held December 2 through 6.

The program, reaching approximately 5,000 students, marked the most successful and widely covered Religious Emphasis held on the campus.

Fourteen speakers and counselors, presenting many phases of religious points of interest, spoke to university students, faculty members and Norman townspeople during the 5-day religious program.

Carrying out the REW theme "A Religion For Our Times," the speakers discussed basic problems which students face on campus, both personal and social. Forty-four seminars were held for students and faculty members during REW. Special lectures were given in 90 classrooms. Bull sessions were held in 42 organized houses.

Jeannine Little, arts and science senior from Knowles (see Sooner Salutes) headed

this year's program. She was awarded the 1951 President's Annual Religious Leadership award.

The Morale Factor

Shorter Week. Non-academic employees below the supervisory level in the University started a 40-hour work week January 1.

The new work plan was authorized by the University Board of Regents at its December meeting. According to the procedure approved by the board, all University offices will remain open as usual on Saturday morning, the supervisory employees to be in charge where possible.

Inauguration of the 40-hour week is a morale building move by the University since it is impossible to give salary increases



GRAHAM B. JOHNSON, JR.
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to meet rising costs of living, it was explained. It is expected that the shorter work week may be a contributing factor in holding University employees who might otherwise be attracted to higher-paying positions when the Navy reactivates its training center this month.

More Jobs. Graduates of the University this year won't have to worry about keeping the wolf away from the door—just the draft board.

Prospects of finding a job are unusually bright, according to Frank A. Ives, director of placement. "Fully 75 per cent of the January graduates in technical fields already have made commitments with private industries or government agencies," Ives said.

Because competition for technically skilled graduates is so terrific, due to the military preparedness program, employee

recruiters have begun to pour on the coal. Recruiters are arriving earlier than ever so they won't be caught short.

Extent of the demand for trained young men and women is indicated in the number of firms which have sent representatives to O.U. since the autumn term started. The O.U. employment service has arranged interviews for seniors with 58 companies. The College of Engineering reports 144 companies from October up to the Christmas holidays, while the School of Geology has had officials from 20 firms on the campus recently.

Fewer Students. The flags were flying, the bands were playing and the Aggies were yelling down Stillwater way. For the first time in Aggieland history their enrollment outnumbered the Sooners.

The A.&M. total is 7697, a loss of 819 from last year. However, O.U. lost 1,690 from last year to pare its present total to 7,505.

It's All Right. First round of the bout between the University and private housing went to O.U. The right for the University to require students to live in University-owned housing was upheld by a three-judge federal district court last December.

Judge W. R. Wallace, '10, writing the opinion of the court, said the regulations issued by the University were not unreasonable.

An appeal is expected in the case.

The Morehouse Industries, Inc., of Los Angeles, has set up a \$1,000 fellowship to be granted annually at the University in the graduate field of mechanical engineering.

The fellowship will be known as the Morehouse Industries Fellowship on Colloid Melting of Greases. The research to be done under the terms of the fellowship will be investigation of the production of greases by colloid milling, the use of colloid milling in obtaining better dispersion of soap in greases, and the use of colloid mills in the pre-milling of components of grease prior to cooking.

The first fellowship will be granted the beginning of the second semester of the current year.

Larsh Gets Leave. The Board of Regents, in their December meeting granted Dr. Howard W. Larsh, O.U. plant sciences director, a leave of absence from his University duties effective June 1.

Larsh will start working again with the U. S. Public Health Service. He was employed with the U. S. unit last summer in Kansas City, and will continue research with the department when he returns this summer.