

# Covering the Campus

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A final round of activities by the senior class wound up their stay at the University. The annual Senior day was marked with the traditional faculty-senior baseball game, the presentation of Letzeiser awards, and of course, free cuts for seniors.

Jeannine Little, Knowles, and Willie Paul, Pauls Valley, received the gold Letzeiser medals at the Senior Awards luncheon. Silver medal winners are Rosemary Magner, Lawton, and Jim Miller, Okmulgee. Dorothy Darrough, Oklahoma City, and Bill Price, Norman, received the bronze medals. Winners of the Art School Letzeiser medals are John Freed, John Swearingen and Terence Baggett.

Those students who will return to the campus next year will be happy to find a remodeled Holmberg Hall, fine arts building. The University Board of Regents voted on May 14 to accept as complete the remodeling job. The renovated auditorium will make possible the return of the University Celebrity Series next fall. Eleanor Steber, Jan Pierce, the Robert Shaw choral, and the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo head a suggested list of star performers.

The University Board of Regents has also approved four new appointments as heads of departments. Dr. Karl Schmitt will replace Dr. Robert E. Bell in the anthropology department; Dr. Bernard O. Heston succeeds Dr. Kenneth E. Crook in chemistry; Dr. Robert A. Howard will replace Dr. William Schriever in the physics department, and Dr. Lawrence M. Rohrbaugh will replace Dr. Howard W. Larsh while he is on a one-year leave of absence.

The regents accepted as complete buildings two and three in the men's housing project. The men's quad, Cross Center, is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy next fall. University officials have that "just in time" feeling with the steady influx of navy personnel.

The number of available rental houses and apartments has already shrunk considerably. The Norman Chamber of Commerce and the University expect the housing situation to be critical next fall.

In order to ease the housing situation, the single unit prefabs in Sooner City are

being rented to Navy personnel. Next fall, however, plans call for using the prefabs to fill the requirements of married students first.

Single men will not be allowed to continue living in prefabs. With Cross Center, Wilson Center, Residential Halls and Whitehand Hall, it is planned to have enough dormitory space for single male students.

The housing problem and male students' attempts to dodge the regulation will no longer be a worry to one man. At least not at this University.

O. D. Roberts, O.U.'s counselor of men has resigned his job in order to accept a position at Purdue university. There he will assume the duties as assistant dean of men.

Roberts came to the University in March, 1948, from Oak Park, Illinois, where he served as counselor and teacher in the high-

school. His successor has not been named as yet.

The closing days of the spring semester were not without their excitement. Imitating the riotous "panty raids" which occurred on campuses throughout the nation this spring, O.U. students proved once again that they can do anything bigger and better when they put their mind to it.

Almost 3,000 male students, tipped off by anonymous organizers, congregated in front of the Women's Quadrangle at about 7:00 p.m. on May 21. Spurred on by reports of doings in other colleges, a few organizers, and what has been called "spring madness," the howling mob charged toward the quad in their lust for lace.

Quadrangle residents had gathered in front of their houses to watch the goings on. They were pushed aside, and the men entered the houses, ran up all three flights



Officers of the O.U. Mother's Association were elected at their May 3 Mother's Day meeting. They are Mrs. Vivian Campbell Shaw, '23ba, Shawnee; Mrs. J. D. Moon, Mangum, both vice presidents; Mrs. Lois Maple Perry, '26h.ec, Tulsa, president; Mrs. Harriet Holland, '49ba, Norman, secretary-treasurer. Second row, Mrs. C. L. Rhodes, Tulsa; Mrs. Hoyt Ostrander, Okmulgee, Mrs. E. S. Champlin, Enid, Mrs. Mary Noble Tolbert, '28ba, Oklahoma City, all district vice presidents; and Mrs. Lucile Couch Paschal, '23mus, of Amarillo, Texas, the out-of-state vice president.

of stairs and filched lingerie from the rooms which hadn't been locked.

After a few dousings from girls on the top floor armed with buckets of water, and a few verbal barrages from none-too-happy housemothers, the raiders moved on to the sorority houses.

There the panty raiding scenes were repeated with one exception. The crowd was met at the door of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority house by the housemother who invited the flabbergasted group in for coffee and doughnuts. A few accepted and spent the remainder of the evening peacefully playing bridge.

In the meantime, one group of girls pulled a retaliatory raid on Jefferson Hall, athletes' dorm. The girls stormed through the building collecting shorts and other souvenirs.

The police, who had just watched carefully and made little attempt to stop the raid, decided that things had gone too far. When a crowd began closing in on them in front of the Tri-Delt house, the first of the many tear gas bombs used that evening was fired. City police, campus police and state troopers all took part before the fray was over.

Actual dispersal of the crowd was done with a hose truck from the Norman Fire department. Firemen drove up and down in front of the mob squirting them with water. Even Dr. Cross, who had just arrived on the scene, was not exempt from a slight dousing.

Sporadic raiding attempts occurred until about 11 p.m. Sixteen men were picked up and jailed, charged with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace. The University is making a full investigation of the riot.

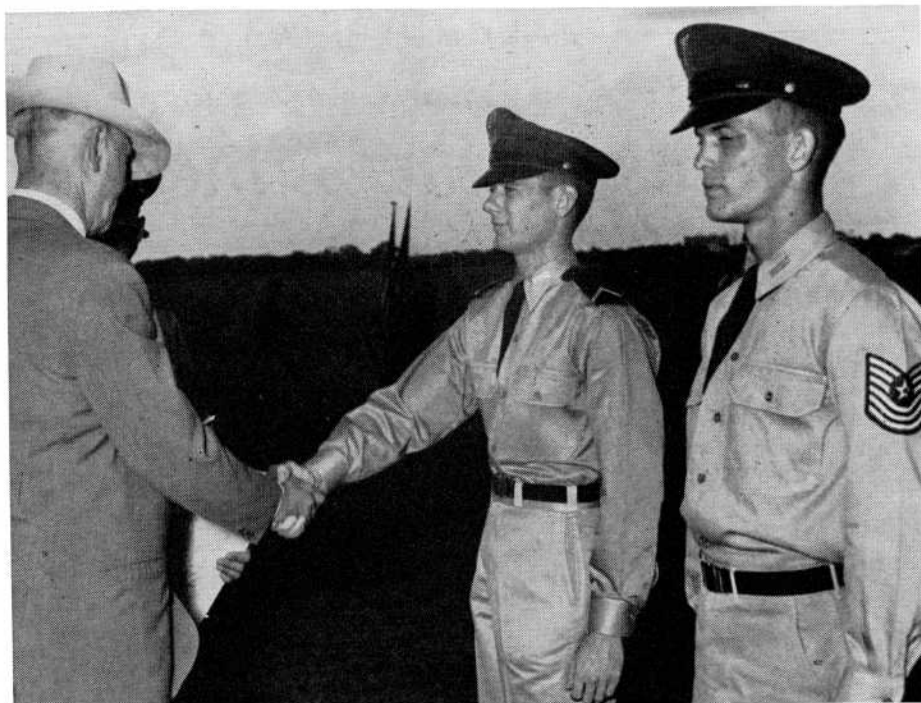
Last days of school in a quieter vein were marked with the graduation of approximately 1,700 students at the 60th annual commencement exercises.

Baccalaureate and commencement exercises were held in Owen Stadium June 1 and 2. President Cross delivered the commencement address.

Sooner alumni from 10 classes arrived on the campus June 1 to take part in a two-day reunion and to view the commencement exercises. Classes celebrating this year were 1902, 1907, 1912, 1917, 1918, 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942 and 1943.

After a year of somewhat futile attempts to enforce the strict car regulation rules, President Cross has announced the possibility of abandoning all car registration for both University staff members and students, with the exception of physically handicapped persons.

The prohibition of automobiles for freshmen and the decline in enrolment have



Two of Airforce ROTC's outstanding students are shown receiving recognition at Armed Forces Day in mid-May. Receiving his award is Bill Alley, '51bus, outstanding junior. Camera played hob with outstanding sophomore Homer Hulme's military appearance. Army, Navy and Airforce ROTC units paraded; presented awards.

helped to ease the burden of the campus parking problem. Cross indicated that the expense of registering cars and checking by campus police that was necessary, probably was not offset by the registration charges and the fines collected.

With the increasing number of students participating in the NROTC, AFROTC and ROTC programs, Armed Forces day at the University was a pretty important day this year.

A full schedule of activities, all military, made the day a colorful, variety-packed affair. Open house at the armory, north and south bases and drill exhibitions and a ceremonial review were designed to give students and visitors alike a view into the inner workings of the reserve officer training program.

Climaxing the ceremonial review, 225 ROTC seniors received their commissions and gold bars as second lieutenants in the U.S. army. The bars were pinned on them by their wives, mothers or sweethearts. Seniors in naval, air force and marine training received their commissions at exercises held shortly before graduation.

## Two Regents Named

Two new members to the University Board of Regents have been appointed by Gov. Johnston Murray. Joe W. McBride, '28bus, was named to a 7-year term and George F. Short, Oklahoma City, was

chosen to fill the unexpired term of the late Kent Shartel, Oklahoma City. Short's term runs until 1955.

For McBride, publisher of the *Anadarko Daily News*, it was a third term as regent. He was first appointed in 1936. McBride has twice been president of the board—first in 1943 (he was the youngest man ever to hold the presidency at the time) and again in 1950.

With the two appointments, the 7-member Board consists of Dr. Oscar White, '21bs, Oklahoma City, president; Tom R. Benedum, '28Law, Norman, vice president; Dave J. Morgan, Blackwell, Rayburn L. Foster, '16Law, Bartlesville; Quintin Little, Ardmore; McBride, and Short.

McBride came to the University with \$1.15 in the pockets of his trousers which did not match his coat, several pairs of extra socks, a banjo and a cornet slung over his shoulder. He also brought with him a lot of ambition. He worked his way through school by washing dishes for room and board, holding a concession for an electric slide machine carrying advertising, delivering newspapers, collecting for a cleaning shop, and by cornering the market on roller skates during a skating craze. He also worked part time in a shoe store. His work has paid rich dividends. He is now a partner in the Nance-McBride newspapers as well as editor publisher of the *Anadarko* paper. He is married to the former Clella LeMarr, '27ba.