

Under Cover

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Fall's campus canopy is being spread. The trees, that every botany student knows intimately, are changing color and shape as their leaves brighten and then fall, leaving them with their bows showing.

Enrolment lines, cut down by a new pre-advisement policy but still in existence, give the campus a lived on look. Pick up the chatter, "Who'd you get in Ec 10," "What're you majoring in," "Are you going to Dallas."

Fall at the University means a return to studies, to interrupted romances and to football. But fall does not provide a clean break with the summer. The heat of the preceding months lingers on. So do remembrances of things past.

The summer for the editor was an unusually stimulating one. The major stimulant was provided by a trip to Sun Valley to attend the American Alumni Council's national convention. The editors of many major institutions were there to learn new techniques in editing and makeup from experts. How valuable the training was can be determined by the magazine under this cover and those that will be spawned in the month's ahead.

At the convention, the results of the

American Alumni Council's magazine contest were announced. Out of an editor's ego, nervousness and panic were born as the contest's director began to read the list of credits. And miracles of miracles, the *Sooner Magazine* was not omitted. For the manner in which we write and present faculty news, the judges awarded us a first place award. On this page you will find the citation that accompanied the prize.

Universal Escort. Many times graduates or former students of the University do not make news in the normal sense, but, because of their close association with those in the news, provide an interesting feature item.

Through the nature of his assignment, one of the closest associations was recorded by Congressional Medal of Honor winner Richard M. McCool, Jr., '41ba, Norman. Lieutenant McCool was selected as the escort for Miss Universe, Armi Kuusela, at her coronation ball in Long Beach. McCool's description of the luscious Finn, "Completely unaffected, very beautiful and very cute."

Another former student's association with presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson brought her attention from the press. Mrs. Elsie Gibbs Knobloch, '26, Thibodaux, Louisiana, was employed in the office of the secretary of the Navy, the late Frank Knox, when Stevenson was his assistant. For three months she was assigned as Stevenson's personal secretary. Her description of the Illinois governor, "Democratic, approachable, pleasant, hard-working and dedicated to whatever job is at hand."

Many Sooners will remember the name

of Dr. Charles Mathias, '25ba, '27bs, '29med, of Tulare, California. Sports fans should know by now from the name and location that the good doctor probably is related to 2-time Olympic decathlon champ, Bob Mathias. As a matter of fact he is the father of the young man who recently won the Olympic decathlon for the second time. Bob is a student at Stanford where he is a football and track star.

A faculty member who made news, if a bit off the beaten track, was Dr. E. E. Dale, '11ba. Dr. Dale set some kind of a record by being the honored guest at a banquet held on the Oklahoma A.&M. campus. Few men who have been so prominently associated with the University can claim the tribute Dr. Dale received from the Aggies. He received testimonial letters from many of those present. One Aggie wrote the Chinese phrase, "O lai ling djao ah,"—"I come to sit at your feet and absorb of your radiating wisdom."

And so the summer made its reluctant exit. On way to new jobs or in town for visits and meetings, many Sooners stopped by the Alumni Office to say hello. Two distinguished brothers and active participants in the alumni program called at different times. They were Herschell Emery, '43, Nashville, and Walter Emery, '34Law, Washington, D. C. (see "Sooner Sketch").

John Johnson, Charles Roper, Russell Porter and Jack Heaney, all of the class of 1950 and all journalism graduates, dropped by to see if the editor was doing his job along the lines his training dictated. Johnson, recently married and even more recently a member of the United Press staff

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