

distinguished institution of higher learning in America.

Each one of us who is a member of the administrative staff or the faculty of the University at this time can only hope that the contributions which we are now making will parallel in significance the contributions made by those selfless servants of the institution during its early days.

If we can build as many peaks of excellence during our years of service as our predecessors built during theirs, we shall be humbly grateful, even though those who are to guide the destinies of the University when it celebrates its centennial in 1992 or its 120th year, sixty years hence, may laugh a little at our backwardness and naivete and perhaps even at the quietness and orderliness of our student body of 1952, as we have laughed today with respect to the student body of 1892.

Let me hasten to add that no one I know among the faculty or the administrative staff of the institution feels that we are now doing as good a job as can be done to build a better University of Oklahoma. The minutes of the faculty meetings of the various departments, schools, and colleges, and the minutes of the multifarious committees of the institution regularly reveal the earnest and constant search on the part of the administration and faculty for better ways of accomplishing the dual purposes for which the University exists.

These purposes, in my opinion, are to teach the young men and women of this state, and those who come to us from out-of-state, to adjust to the best in our environment and to improve the worst of it. Let me say parenthetically that there seems to be an incorrect notion abroad in the minds of many that the function of education, and particularly the function of colleges and universities, is the sole one of teaching students to adapt themselves to their environment. To be sure, adaptation is important. It leads to orderliness and stability, both of which are essential to the progress of any society. But the second purpose of a university is even more important; namely, to teach students to challenge every premise, every idea, and every concept which has been developed down through the centuries regarding man and his universe. This is the only way in which civilization can progress and men can be free. In the language of the academician, the purpose of a university is to seek Truth.

To you graduates of tonight who are helping the University write the concluding chapter of sixty rich years of service to the State of Oklahoma and the nation, I offer my heartiest congratulations. A few of the more distinguished among you will

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Enrolment and a return to studies provide better evidence than the weatherman that

There Goes Summer

Summer officially will be put to rest for a bumper crop of O.U. freshmen September 8 when the University's gears mesh with freshman orientation. For two days the newcomers to campus life will hear the purposes of higher education at the University from administrative spokesmen and will inspect the campus informally. Two days later, enrolment is slated to begin. Classwork for both freshmen and upperclassmen starts September 15.

From pre-school enrolment (established this year to ease the way for freshman enrollees), the estimate of new freshmen took a steady climb. Part of the increase was due to veterans who wanted to take advantage of benefits of the new GI bill for Korean War veterans. Part was attributable to new housing accommodations available for freshman men.

Cross Center, swank men's quadrangle,

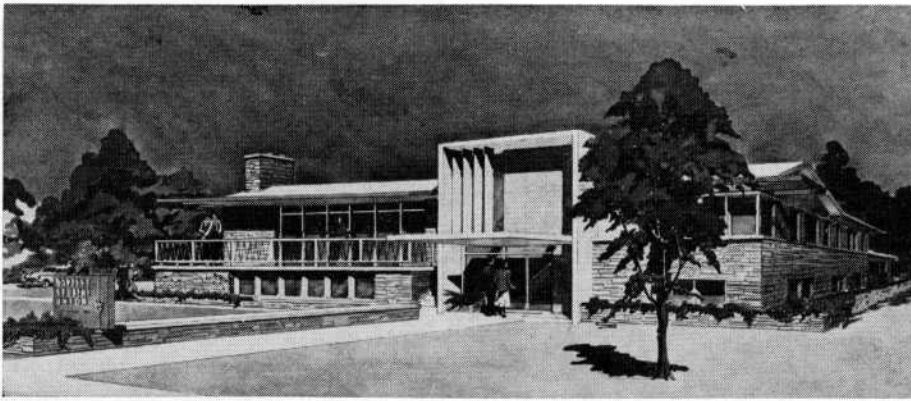
is ready for fall opening. A close copy of the Women's Quadrangle, Cross Center will house most of O.U.'s freshman men. It will ease the way for a University regulation requiring all freshman men to live in University housing this fall regardless of Greek affiliation. Freshman girls came under a similar ruling when the Women's Quad opened.

Housing is not the only drawing card for new enrollees. Two major fields of instruction have new homes. The College of Education and the School of Home Economics were ready to begin the fall semester in new quarters.

Dean John Rackley, '31ba, '35ma, of the College of Education, was understandably proud of education's new building. "The maximum consideration was given to the comfort of the student-teacher and the building is designed so that the maximum



FRESHMEN WILL GET the housing break of their lives when they enroll for the fall term. Ready for occupancy is the new and plush Cross Center, men's quadrangle. Located just south of Niemann apartments, the new quadrangle will provide the finest freshman housing in the nation.



PICTURED IS ARCHITECTS' drawing of the future O.U. Baptist Student Center. To be located on Boyd street just west of President Cross' residence, the new structure will cost an estimated \$200,000. Officials expect to have the building put in service by September, 1953.

parking meter charges. The no permit, parking meter plan does not affect faculty and staff members who will continue to purchase parking permits. Physically handicapped students may secure permission to use the most convenient parking areas available.

The new counselor of men, who was named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of O. D. Roberts, is Dr. Jodie C. Smith, '48m.ed, '50d.ed. Dr. Smith is returning to O.U. after a military leave of absence. Roberts resigned to accept a position at Purdue.

All was not sweetness and light during the hot, dry summer. Two events, closely related through circumstances, interrupted the July lull.

First, the editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* resigned "under pressure" and second, a professor was fired following an investigation of his Communist sympathies.

study and concentration is not only possible but relatively easy. It is designed for our weather and our part of the country. Instead of being a slave to the weather, we believe that the weather will now serve us."

Students in the School of Home Economics will find their new building an eye-catching, pink brick structure with blue-green, heat resistant windows. The unusual windows were designed to bring in breezes in such a way that dress patterns and class notes won't blow away, but are functional for air-conditioning and ventilation.

A college and a school received the highest accreditation marks available to them during the summer. O.U.'s College of Pharmacy and School of Architecture took the honors.

The College of Pharmacy received an "A" rating by the examining board of the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. The board commended President Cross for his deep interest and strong support of the college and Dean Ralph Clark for his efforts to maintain creditable standards of student achievement and build a superior instructional staff. The board added that "students in pharmacy at O.U. have the advantage of a cultural environment of a good state university."

Recognition for its outstanding work went to the School of Architecture, also. Internationally-famed for its originality of methods and excellence of its graduates, the School of Architecture received full national accreditation by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. The notice of approval for a 5-year period came as the result of an inspection during the spring by a committee from the National Board.

Two major changes affecting undergraduate life will be in force when the new school year gets underway. Parking permits, long a student aggravator and administrative headache, will no longer be required of all student car operators. And a

new counselor of men will greet the students this fall.

Parking lots will be available to students in areas near classroom buildings and those wishing to park on campus streets, heretofore restricted areas, may do so by paying



NEW EDUCATION BUILDING, designed to harness sun, wind and light for the benefit of student-teachers, will be occupied for the first time this fall. Dean John R. Rackley, '31ba, '35ma, seems happy with the School of Education's new quarters. Vertical and horizontal triangular shaped baffles of dead-white concrete are the dominating features of the new structure.

Calendar of University Events

Sept. 10 to Oct. 10

- Sept. 8-11 Freshman Orientation
10-13 Enrolment
11 College of Unionology
13-14 Curriculum Co-ordinating
Committee of Secondary
School Principals' Associ-
ation
15 Class Work begins
26 Denver Alumni Party
27 Colorado-O.U. football game,
Boulder
- Oct. 2-4 School Health Conference
3-4 Plumbing Conference
4 Pittsburgh football game,
Norman
8-10 1952 Airport Management
and Operation Conference
10 Dallas Alumni dinner-dance

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Charles Murphy, *Daily* editor and journalism senior, was the first to go. His undoing was an editorial entitled, "Campus Witchhunt," and concerned itself with the investigation of the professor and the possible loss of academic freedom.

In the editorial Murphy gave his opinions as to the cause of the probe into the professor's background. From the fact that Governor Johnston Murray requested the investigation, Murphy ventured onto the thin ice of surmise and possibility.

The editor stated his contention that the investigation was brought about due to "a mental cleft between the University and the Governor of Oklahoma."

On the day the editorial appeared, July 10, Murphy met with President Cross and Dr. Fayette Copeland, '19ba, director of the School of Journalism. Immediately following the conference, Murphy resigned. He stated later in an interview that he resigned under pressure.

After the conference, Dr. Cross said "most of the facts included in the editorial were inaccurate, probably unintentionally so, but nevertheless, inaccurate." Murphy said, "I feel these inaccuracies were irrelevant and excusable. I resigned under pressure, and I do not retract anything."

Part of the matter that Murphy was unwilling to retract was the contention that the campus reception given Governor Murray during his campaign for Governor two years ago was responsible for the "mental cleft" between O.U. and the Governor. (Governor Murray said, "I have read this young man's editorial, which is far from flattering. . . . I know the boy was misinformed.")

Murphy believed that the campaign re-

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Dean Edgar D. Meacham died June 28. His record as an educator and an administrator was an excellent one. And, as a man in a man's society,

He Stood Tall

BY EUGENIA KAUFMAN, '17ba, '22ma

It was early morning of the twenty-eighth of June. The Oklahoma sunshine slanted smilingly across the campus Dean Meacham loved, and overhead the sky was high and blue.

Everywhere on the campus small groups gathered as people heard almost incomprehensibly the news of the Dean's death, and everywhere the reaction was the same: a few seconds of stunned silence, followed by shocked exclamations of incredulity. Then came the bewildered questions: "Who could possibly take his place?" "What will we do?" "What about the College of Arts and Sciences?" "What will become of the Union Board?" "What—?"

Let us look at this man whom so many people have come to consider indispensable. Then we may find the answers to such of the questions as can be answered.

Edgar D. Meacham was born near Smithfield, Texas, on August 22, 1887. His family moved to the Cheyenne and Arapaho country in Oklahoma Territory in 1897. No railroad being available, they traveled overland, bringing with them their cattle and horses. They "homesteaded," near the present site of Clinton, a farm which is still owned by an older brother, Cecil.

From this pioneer background stem two of Dean Meacham's outstanding characteristics, his marked tendency to southwestern understatement, and his reverence for the importance of the individual.

When "the Meacham boys" went to the Southwestern State Normal School at Weatherford, Edgar and his younger brother, George, '20Law, enrolled in the same classes. In their first study session George read from the beginning Latin book a statement that the subject of a verb is in the nominative case. Staring blankly at his brother he asked: "What's 'nominative,' Ed?" With the quickness of wit which always characterized him, Ed returned the stare and countered with a question of his own, "What's a verb?"

With this cheerfully humorous start the pace quickened. Ed Meacham, as he was

universally called, completed four years work in three years, making an enviable record, and prepared himself to teach.

He was Superintendent of Schools at Lokeba in 1910-11. On December 3rd, 1910, he married Miss Ray Ferrell, '13ba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Appley Ferrell of Sedan, Kansas. They had been school mates at Southwestern, where her father had been Professor of Mathematics. (In addition to his wife, Dean Meacham is survived by a son, John Ferrell, '48eng, and a daughter, Martha Rae, '49bs.)

Dean Roy Gittinger, '02ba, recalls vividly the day in September, 1911, when "Ed and Ray" came to talk over their enrolment in the University with him.

That fall Edgar Meacham was the only first-year man on the squad to letter in football. (This was Bennie Owen's all-victorious 1911 team, many alumni will remember.)

Again the tempo quickened and he finished in three years, graduating with a major in mathematics in 1914. He had let-

DEAN E. D. MEACHAM

. . . His Loss Stunned the Campus



Signs of the Times

Lt. Joe C. McClendon, '51bus, Sulphur Springs, Texas, has been rotated home from Korea. While stationed in Korea, he was on duty with the 49th Field Artillery Battalion.

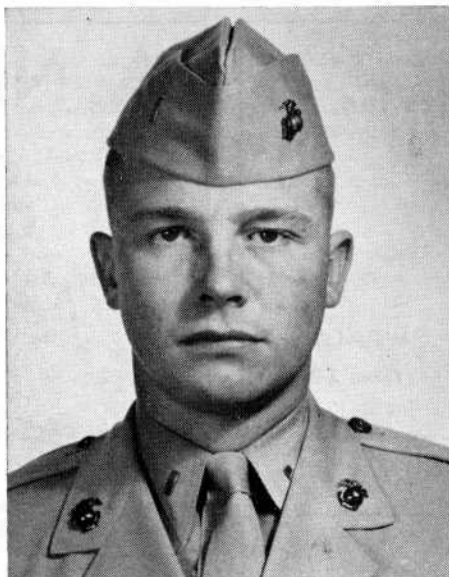
Col. John L. Smith, '36bus, formerly of Lexington, Oklahoma, U. S. Marine Corps, is on duty with the Treaty Organization, North Atlantic Standing Group, at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. Col. Smith is a Medal of Honor holder from World War II. The Smiths are living in Falls Church, Virginia, and have three children, Caroline, 7, John, Jr., 5, and Owen, 2.

Col. James Mills, '36eng, U. S. Marine Corps, formerly of Norman, is assistant director of public information at the Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, D. C. Col. and Mrs. Mills are living in Arlington, Virginia, with their two daughters, Margueritte, 10, and Dianne, 5.

Col. Noah P. Wood, Jr., '36bus, U. S. Marine Corps, formerly of Poteau, is in charge of the machine accounting branch at Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, D. C. Col. and Mrs. Wood, and their son, Forrest, 12, are living in Alexandria, Virginia.

Lt. Roger L. Hickok, '51journ, Shawnee, is attending the photo-officers school at Lowery Airforce Base, Colorado.

Major James W. Darden, '41eng, Nor-



LT. HUGH R. BUMPAS, '51eng, U. S. Marines, has reported for duty at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. He had presiously been stationed at Camp Pendleton. He is formerly of Oklahoma City.

man, assistant professor of military science tactics at the University, graduated recently from the Army's General Staff Course at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Lt. Col. Ernest E. Brown, '32-'34, who is stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, recently participated in Operation Logex-52 at Camp Picket, Virginia.

Capt. Kenneth L. Youngblood, '50Law,

Lawton, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Korea. He was cited for his work as assistant judge advocate of the 3rd Infantry Division. Capt. Youngblood is now assigned to the 24th Division Headquarters in Japan.

Capt. Lawrence Stream, '49med, Norman, recently returned to the United States after serving as battalion surgeon of the 955th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea.

Lt. Col. Troy H. Shelby, '30-'34, Lawton, was graduated May 7 from the Army's General Staff Course at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The course was designed to prepare the students for duty on the general staff of a division and provide instruction in modern military developments.

Lt. Courtney D. Browning, '51bus, Oklahoma City, is training with the 1st Cavalry Division on the northern Japanese Island of Hokkaido.

Lt. Roland K. Arnold, '50ba, Duncan, was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight in Korea. Lt. Arnold is an aerial observer with the X Corps' 955th Field Artillery Battalion.

Harold B. Dane, '47ba, '49Law, Poteau, was recently promoted to the rank of captain while serving in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division.

Lt. (j.g.) Eldon B. Hatfield, '47bus, formerly of Oklahoma City, has been stationed in San Diego, California, following his recent return from service in Korea. His wife and two sons, James Frederick, 3, and Stephen Douglas, 2, are also residing in San Diego.

(Ed's Note: In the future, news of service men will be carried in the Roll Call section of the magazine. Many service news items are listed there this month. It will be easier to find the news you want to read since it is identified by years.)

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ception was the "only conceivable explanation for the "Witch Hunt that is presently being conducted at the University." The deposed editor saw a major part of his case collapse in a matter of hours. He stated in the editorial:

"The accused (professor being investigated) has been subjected to tape-recorded interviews by inquisitors of the state crime commission. He is not now and never has been a member of the Communist party."

Unknown to the editor, Richard Blanc, assistant professor of zoology, had cut much of Murphy's editorial ground from under him a few hours before the editorial went to press at 10 p. m. July 9. According to the University Regents, Blanc stated during a hearing July 9 that he "technical-



COLONEL SAMUEL K. BIRD, '24ba, head of the Marine Corps Disbursing Branch at Headquarters Marine Corps has been promoted to brigadier general. He is shown with his wife and Major General William P. T. Hill, '32ba, quartermaster general of the Marines, as they pin his new stars on his uniform. The promotion ceremonies took place in July. The Birds live in Arlington, Virginia. General Hill and his wife live at Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C.

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ly" had not been a member of the Com-
munist party but that he had considered
himself so at one time.

Blanc was not offered a contract for the
1952-53 year by the Regents. His dismissal
was announced by Dr. Oscar White, '21bs,
president of the Regents, after lengthy
hearings. Reasons for dismissal were set
forth in a 5-page resolution.

Blanc, on the University staff six years,
promptly termed the action unwarranted.
"In my view the conclusions reached by the
Regents are not warranted by the record,"
he said. "I am sending these materials to
the national office of the American Asso-
ciation of University Professors, which con-
cerns itself with violations of academic
freedom."

And so passed a quiet summer.

Under Cover . . .

in Oklahoma City, was on his way to Phil-
adelphia for another job assignment. Roper,
also of Oklahoma City's U.P. bureau, was
resigning and about ready to depart for his
home and work in Magnolia, Arkansas.
Heaney, a newly commissioned lieutenant
from Fort Knox O. C. S., was on a brief
leave before reporting to his new station.
Porter, a member of the *El Reno Tribune's*
advertising staff, had no move in sight. He
apparently liked his job and was staying
awhile.

In many ways the four represented the
younger graduates in every field. Some in
the army, some taking themselves a wife
and some shifting and sifting positions.

Cautious Kickoff. Two views of Big Red
gridiron possibilities are presented in the
sports section this month. One is definitely
optimistic (the editor's). The other cau-
tious and carefully considered (the
coach's). Something in both may help the
reader picture the type of team O.U. will
field this year.

One of the University's builders reached
the end of his duties in mid-summer. Dean
E. D. Meacham, '14ba, died of a heart at-
tack. His story of accomplishment as an
educator and more particularly as a man
is presented by a friend and long-time
teaching associate, Eugenia Kaufman, '17
ba, '22ma.

The University has just completed its
60th year of operation. A brief summary
of the accomplishments of this infant of the
academic world was presented at the Au-
gust 4 commencement by Vice President
Carl Mason Franklin. The speech is in-
cluded this month to remind alumni of the
tremendous strides the University has made
in its relatively brief life.