



ONE SOONER LASS who was mighty lucky is Joanne Trappe, English junior, Oklahoma City. During her summer recess, while on vacation, she was treated as "Queen for a Day," and it lasted for a week. She, and a girl friend, were chosen "Tourists of the Week" while they were visiting in Wilmington, North Carolina . . . It's all in the book.

# Covering the Campus

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**The author holds a wake for the late Covered Wagon and records its obituary**

The annual hum of pre-Homecoming activity began with students laying plans for bigger and better house decorations to enter in the campus-wide competition.

This year perhaps more time and effort will be spent on the decorations since the Homecoming Varieties, the campus talent show which usually precedes Homecoming day, will be eliminated this year.

Alums who return for the big day will be treated to the spectacle of the game between Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Something else that will be missing from the collegiate scene, is O.U.'s humor magazine, *The Covered Wagon*, which has been discontinued for the year.

The publications board voted at its final meeting last spring to suspend the magazine for the 1952-53 school year on the

basis of its loss of revenue for the last two years.

*The Covered Wagon* was a successor of the *Whirlwind*, a juicy humor magazine, which the late Sam Cobean, '37, once edited. Cobean later became cartoonist for the *New Yorker* and had cartoons in *Colliers* and the *Saturday Evening Post*.

Ray Parr, '32ba, now feature writer on the *Daily Oklahoman*, wrote humorous stories for the *Whirlwind*. The magazine was strictly cartoons, jokes and humorous stories.

Bill Moore, '32ba, editor in 1931, declared the policy of the *Whirlwind* to be more school spirit, more clubs—since the *Daily* was opposed to more campus organizations—better coffee and hot water in the dormitories.

Like all college humor magazines, the

*Whirlwind* had a cyclonic career. Sponsors thought when it passed out of its *Whirlwind* state in 1935 and slowed down to the slow pace of a *Covered Wagon* the magazine would calm down, but it couldn't shake its original character.

The editor and associate editor of the *Whirlwind*, who were roommates at a fraternity house, were suspended for a year from the University. The associate editor went east to school and eventually became editor of the Santa Fe *New Mexican*.

The *Covered Wagon* of 1937 was filled with comments of the Dallas game, which hasn't changed since then. A 1943 issue of the *Wagon* was a take-off on *Time*. It was called *Slime*, the *Wagon Loose* magazine.

The last move to streamline the *Wagon*

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loomed in front of him. His two children jumped to safety, but when Schmitt jumped he landed in the path of the engine.

The Schmitt's had left Norman for a summer vacation. Schmitt was to take over the chairmanship of the Anthropology Department this year.

He first came to the University in 1947 after having received his Ph.D from the University of Chicago.

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was to turn it into a picture magazine, which couldn't pay for itself.

Budget troubles also have affected the library, and according to letters appearing in the *Oklahoma Daily*, students are none too happy with the new policy of closing O.U.'s libraries on weekends. Dr. Arthur McAnally, '33ba, '35Lib.sci., '36ma, director of libraries, explained that the reduction in hours of library service was made solely for financial reasons.

He pointed out that since the University is operating on a smaller budget and the University libraries have less money than they did last year, library hours have had to take a cut along with all other library activities.

McAnally said that in reducing the hours the library was open, the cut was made

where it was believed it would hurt the least. He then added that the general library building usually was used much less on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons than at other times, consequently those hours were eliminated.

The library has always closed the Saturday afternoons when there were home football games, and it was expected that eliminating Saturday classes probably would reduce the amount of library use during that afternoon.

But regardless of the reasons, O.U. students, especially those who work during the week, dislike the idea of not being able to use the library on weekends.

But perhaps there will be more money for all if O.U.'s budget request is accepted.

University Regents have tentatively approved a request for approximately \$6,650,000 in state funds for operating budgets each year of the 1953-55 biennium.

Details will be announced after conferences with representatives of the state Regents of Higher Education, which presents the consolidated request for all state-supported colleges to the legislature.

The tentative request covers preliminary estimates of need for the Norman campus, the School of Medicine, University Hos-

pitals and the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

The amount represents an increase of 23 per cent over the estimated expenditure of state funds for 1952-53, President Cross said.

It is estimated that \$4,100,000 will be available from fee income and other sources to supplement the state funds. This will give the University a total average operating budget of \$10,750,000 for each year of the biennium.

Cross said principal budget needs on the Norman campus include:

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1. A substantial increase in faculty salaries.
2. More funds to meet rising costs of operation and maintenance.
3. A substantial increase in funds for public services rendered through the extension program and organized units.

The tentative budget assumes that the legislature will adopt a program formulated by legislative council committees to make it possible for the University hospitals to earn about 80 per cent of their operating costs by billing welfare agencies for per diem of hospital services to indigent persons and dependent children.

The School of Medicine will need a budget increase because the enrolment will average 390 students for the 1953-55 biennium as compared to 350 this biennium.

A substantial increase in the Geological Survey budget will be requested in order to accelerate utilization of Oklahoma mineral resources for industrial programs.

"The university has the surveying, research and development, and marketing specialists necessary to promote an intensive program of industrialization if sufficient funds can be made available," Cross said.

Most of O.U.'s fraternity members are unhappy with the new decision made by the Intramural Council on the intramural status of pledges.

Now that all freshmen are required to live in dormitories, it was decided that the dorm unity could be furthered by having fraternity pledges play in groups from their dorm rather than with their fraternity.

Paul V. Keen, chairman of the intramural department, stated that intramural sports have been found to be the biggest unifying influence on the campus. He gave three reasons for the new intramural plan.

1. As a matter of unity for the house in which the freshmen live.
2. For better administration of the house and the students.
3. The University administration felt that it would be better for the morale of the house.

In connection with the decision, President Cross said that it was the purpose of the freshmen housing to give an all-University viewpoint to the freshmen.

The student senate expressed its disapproval of the plan by passing a recommendation to allow freshman fraternity pledges to participate in intramural sports with their fraternities.

Their recommendation will be sent through the dean of students to the Intramural Council administrative committee.

A lending library of case books and law text books has been established by parents

and friends in memory of Graham B. Johnson, Jr., '51bus.

A room on the first floor of the O.U. law building has been set aside for the library, according to Earl Sneed, Jr., '34ba, '37Law, dean of the College of Law.

Any student in need of assistance may borrow books from the library for the courses in which he is enrolled, and he may keep them as long as necessary.

Johnson, son of Graham B., '19ba, and Mrs. Johnson, Norman, died December 28,

1951, following an automobile accident.

The library will be supervised by members of the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity of which Johnson was a member.

Each volume contains a book plate explaining the library and providing a place where each borrower may write his name.

While in school, Johnson was active in the IFC, Phi Alpha Delta, the Canterbury club, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the NROTC, and was listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

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