



THREE STUDENTS prepare for ski trip to Colorado.

Covering the Campus

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University of Oklahoma students have once again gone through the sleepless, cramming period known as finals. Another fall semester has come to an end; a semester that saw an enrolment of 8,500, the installation of parking meters on the campus, a national election, and O.U. again in the top brackets of the nation's football great.

This semester's finals were made doubly unpleasant by an outbreak of influenza which hit the campus with the same devastating effect with which it struck the rest of the country.

The flu epidemic reached its peak the week before exams. Class absences mounted, ROTC drill was called off and Ellison Infirmary was crowded—at one time to its capacity. Gradually tapering off, the "upper respiratory infection" relaxed its hold in time for most students to make their finals, though some still bore traces of blood-shot eyes and flushed faces.

For some years now, Sooners have been taking a break between semesters by mak-

ing a quick trip to the Colorado Rockies and having a try at skiing. This year, the trip was organized by the Union Activities Board with an eye toward enabling more students to make the trip and at a reduced cost.

On January 27, about 75 students packed their mittens and long underwear and climbed aboard two chartered busses bound for Aspen, Colorado. The group, accompanied by Harry Kornbaum, '33, manager of the Rainbow Travel Service, and U.A.B. Director Mary Lou Stubbeman, '45bus, spent five days learning the finer points of winter sports.

Though few returned as ski experts, O.U. seems to have no shortage along that line. Two South American students, Isaias Paz and Helmut Delius, both from LaPaz, Bolivia, are former Bolivian national ski champions. Isaias won the championship in 1948 and Helmut succeeded him in 1949. Neither has found much opportunity for practice around Norman; both weather and terrain have teamed up against them.

February 2 not only marked the first day of classes of the spring semester but also the launching of the University's celebration of "The Tenth Year of a New Era." The program commemorated the 60 years of service of the University and the 10th year of the presidency of Dr. George L. Cross.

Two special events highlighting the occasion were the ground-breaking ceremonies for a student chapel, and a public lecture by Dr. Arthur Holly Compton, world-renowned physicist and chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Classes were dismissed at 11 p.m. February 2, designated Student Services Day, in order that students attend ground-breaking ceremonies. The new chapel, donated by the Fred Jones family of Oklahoma City in memory of Fred Jones, Jr., will be erected at the southwest corner of the South Oval.

The celebration also saw the dedication of a 12-foot "birthday candle" of native Oklahoma granite. The 60th Anniversary memorial stone, erected at the south end of the south oval, was donated to the University. Faculty and staff members raised \$1,200 in contributions to pay for the base, a plaque and landscaping.

The plaque, topped with a bronze figure adapted by Art Professor Joseph R. Taylor from the University Seal, bears an inscription written by O.U.'s David Ross Boyd professors and research leaders.

"This is our heritage," the legend reads, "the traditional Sooner spirit, born at the crossroads of frontier migration, with its faith in the common man, its optimism for the morrow, its respect for the open mind, and its reliance of Divine leadership. To it the faculty and staff of the University of Oklahoma rededicate themselves on the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of the Institution."

Tangible proof that O.U. is recalling its pioneer traditions was seen in the clothing worn on the opening day. Students came to class dressed in the western outfits and the frills and furbelows of the 1890's. Other events of the celebration included the dedication of Cross Center, the new men's dormitory, in honor of 16 O.U. alumni who lost their lives in military service, a book fair with thousands of volumes on exhibit, and special open houses and anniversary programs.

Sooners were especially proud of their University during the 60th Anniversary celebration. But every year, there are several times when school spirit just "busts out all over." That's whenever O.U. meets the Oklahoma Aggies in an athletic con-

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test. This year's basketball feud was no exception.

Oklahoma University basketball fans, enthusiastic over the teams' surprising six straight wins on the home court, were all loaded and waiting for the first game with the Oklahoma Aggies.

Having soundly trounced the Cowpoke wrestling team the night before, most Sooners were looking forward to defeating the top-flight cage team from Stillwater. There was only one fly in the ointment—they just didn't like those cow bells which Aggies bring to the game to urge the team on.

So the "O" club came up with an idea of its own. A "Tin Cup and Spoon" brigade was organized in order to provide enough noise to drown out the cow bells. "We'll let those farmers from up north know that every O.U. teasipper is backing the Big Red team," Joe Burke, "O" club president, said. Cup and spoon sets were hawked outside the Fieldhouse door before the game by the club.

However, the idea didn't get all the results desired. O.U. was beaten 70-59 and the tin cups were turned into weapons which some irate fans tossed at the referee when things didn't go just right.

But as Ruf-Nek pep club president Jim Kelm said, although the cup throwing incident was a sorry spectacle, the game was at least one at which Sooner fans made a fine display of school spirit.

Another fine display on the campus, but not in the fieldhouse, appeared on the front page of the *Oklahoma Daily* January 16 in the form of a Marilyn Monroe pin-up picture. Marilyn, one of the favorite subjects around the *Daily* office, turns up in the *Daily* every so often. This time it was with a feature story concerning her popularity around O.U. as a pin-up.

It was the next to last issue put out by Editor Bill Spohrer of Drummond, and Managing Editor Merrill Clute of Stockton, New York. The results of that story were told by Mary Goddard in the *Oklahoma City Times*:

"It's necessary to explain that Spohrer and Clute are a Damon and Pythias pair who would cut off their right arms for each other. They would also cut off their left arms to top each other in practical jokes.

"Clute slipped in a final paragraph, telling Sooners that the *Daily* had a large supply of those famous Monroe pin-up calendars. Applicants, he suggested, could have them free by contacting Spohrer.

"Unaware of the announcement and un-

equipped with calendars, Spohrer loafed down to the office Saturday morning to do some studying. He found the phone ringing and the hall full of Monroe fans all murmuring, Calendar . . . Calendar . . . You got some of those calendars. . . I'll need three . . . Calendar . . . Calendar."

"Spohrer fled to another office, locked the door, read the morning paper and shouted an anguished, 'Clute; oh that dog!' All morning he stayed in hiding, or paced the hall with hunched shoulders between calendar crowds.

"It was afternoon before he recovered enough to pitch the beautiful boomerang back to Clute. His stock answer ever since has been, 'No, we're all out. Merrill Clute was the one who got them, though, and he can probably tell you where to locate some more.'

"Monday, Clute was wearing the hunched shoulders and the hunted look. To the inquiries still streaming in, he muttered, 'Hotcakes, they went like hotcakes, all out.'"

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