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Engineer's Week, Now or Never Days, a political gathering, Dads' Day and an outstanding musician make campus news

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Engineering students are making plans for what to them is the most important week of the year. Engineers' week, set for March 16 through 22, promises to be the same eventful, green-hued seven days that has made it one of O.U.'s most colorful traditions.

Clint Atkins, engineering senior from Fort Stockton, Texas, as head of the Engineers' club will serve as co-ordinator of the week's activities. Engine students are already making mental note of possible queen candidates, and plans are being formed for the annual variety show.

And while on the subject of special weeks in March, there is another that can't be left out: Now or Never week, the time when O.U. coeds open the door, help the gentleman on with his coat—and foot the bill.

1953 Now or Never days will open March 6 with a "backward dance" at which the gals will play host to the boys. A female "stag" line will be on hand to drag the shy males out of corners.

The whole reversed dating situation will end March 13 with the presentation of the Sooner Scandals variety show.

Sooner Scandals Director Don Lane, a junior in law from Pampa, Texas, ran into some difficulties this year when it came time to find a place to hold the Scandals. Neither Holmberg Hall nor the Union Auditorium are large enough to hold the audience, and the large building on the South Base, previously used, seemed out of the picture now that the Navy has taken the area over again.

But a plan was worked out that apparently has everyone happy. The cast will present a special performance of the Scandals March 12 in the South Base building for naval personnel only, and will get to use the building the following night for presentation of the show to students.

Sooner Scandals will probably offer some welcome relaxation for some of the young politicians on the campus.

The O.U. chapter of the League of Young Democrats managed to land the organization's state convention for Norman, February 20 and 21.

An all-star political cast was slated for

the convention. Slated for talks were Senators Mike Monroney, '24ba, and Robert S. Kerr, '16, Congressmen John Jarman, Jr., Victor Wickersham, Carl Albert, '31ba, Ed Edmondson, '40ba, and Tom Steed.

Sooners next year will have the opportunity to hear a different kind of star, Jascha Heifetz, internationally-famed violinist, when he comes to O.U. as part of the University Celebrity Series.

Heifetz was signed at \$6,000 for a two-day booking for January, 1954. The musician's fee is the largest ever paid for an O.U. Celebrity Series performance.

An impressive program is also being planned for O.U. fathers who visit the campus next fall for Dads' Day. Two days, October 16-17, have been set aside for the fathers instead of one day as in the past.

The tentative program includes a banquet on Friday night, October 16, open-house the following Saturday morning, a

football game with Kansas in the afternoon and a variety show that night.

As usual, the fathers will pay a registration fee which will go into the Dads' Day scholarship fund. The goal set for next fall is \$9,000, a \$4,000 increase over last year's amount.

An increase in the armed forces was provided by the University of Oklahoma with 59 new officers coming out of the mid-term graduating class.

The Army Reserve Corps gained 29 new second lieutenants after commissioning ceremonies in which the entire O.U. ROTC unit participated. Six Navy ROTC graduates who received Marine commissions will report to Quantico, Virginia for further training. Four others receiving commissions in the Navy.

The Air Force ROTC contributed the largest group out of the fall semester graduates going into the service. Twenty-eight new Air Force officers received their gold bars in commissioning ceremonies held on the campus.

And in the meantime, 125 ROTC juniors were being lined up and shot.

Shot for tetanus, typhoid, and smallpox, that is. The cadets received the inoculations at the infirmary in preparation for a six-week camp this summer. This year's summer training for the military science group is expected to begin about June 20 and last through the end of July.



DEAN W. H. CARSON, College of Engineering, and Bob Winneberger, Aeronautical Engineering student, stand behind a "flying saucer" invented by Winneberger. This "saucer" unveiled at Aeronautical Engineering Building dedication February 3, belied its adjective and failed to fly. A smaller "saucer," also designed by Winneberger, did make a successful flight.