

Old Trusty will boom at midnight and the campus will be swathed in a mellow green light March 16 as the Engineers begin their week-long St. Pat's celebration (March 16-20).

Alumni will need no campus calendar to know that the green shirts are celebrating. Events of former years that have made the week a University institution will be included in 1953's program with one major exception.

Any alumnus who remembers painting the Law Barn and other conflicts between the Lawyers and the Engineers will be somewhat disappointed. This integral part of the week's activities has been "discouraged" by administrative prerogative.

But the spirit remains that lifted the College of Engineering to a position among the top schools of the nation.

The Engine School has a long and distinguished record. Founded in 1909 by the late J. H. Felgar, who served as its dean until 1937, it has had but two deans. Dean W. H. Carson was appointed in 1937 to succeed Dean Felgar and still holds the deanship.

Since becoming a college, it has had two homes, also. The first Engineering Building was completed in 1909 and still stands (directly across from the Oklahoma Memorial Union). In 1925, the present Engineering Building was constructed and has been enlarged to handle major enrolment increases. Several schools within the college now have their own classroom facilities, but the administrative offices of the dean and most of the school chairmen have offices in the main building.

As a matter of historical record, the first Engineering degree was granted to Charles L. Kaupke, '09c.eng, Fresno, California. By the following spring, the graduating class had doubled.

The Engineers' tribute to St. Pat was started on the campus in 1915. It has grown in scope and for many years in intensity until spirits were becalmed by impartial administrators.

Part of the intensity came from an increased enrolment. Today the College's number of students ranks second among colleges on the campus. (Arts and Sciences out number the Engineers.)

Numbers by no means established the Engine School's reputation. The reverse was true. As its reputation grew from the success of its alumni, enrolment grew proportionately.

The College of Engineering is a proud school. One of the things it is proudest of is its School of Petroleum Engineering. One of the pioneers in the field, the School had led the nation for many years and can point to testimony from the petroleum industry as proof it is still at the top.

Pride is not restricted to P.E.'s. Every year the number of companies who come to the campus to interview prospective employees increases in size—adequate proof that the graduates of former years have established enviable records in their profession.

To all the students who have passed this way before and to the present student body and faculty of the College of Engineering, the *Sooner* offers its warmest salute!

## The Sooner Salutes

College of Engineering

and her students

Dean L. H. Snyder

and his committee

For a week (February 2-8) the University was "putting on the Ritz," commemorating sixty years of service by O.U. and the tenth year of the presidency of George L. Cross. Heading the planning committee for "The Tenth Year of a New Era" program was Dr. L. H. Snyder, dean of the Graduate College.

Snyder is known in the scientific realm as one of the world's foremost men in the field of genetics. He received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers and a master's, doctor's, and an honorary degree from Harvard. Dean Snyder was the first man to teach medical genetics in the United States and most of the present teachers in that field are his former pupils.

Snyder, who has the administrative tasks of directing organized research for the University and is a professor of zoology and medical genetics in addition to his deanship, doesn't let a full time schedule restrain him from a pursuit of popular music. Frequently, he casts aside academic

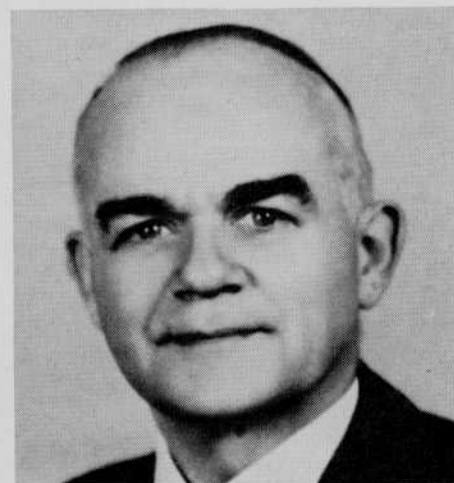
sedateness and launches full swing into a boogie beat on the piano while entertaining at the Faculty Club.

The Dean's record of accomplishments and honors in *Who's Who* runs to an impressive length. When he isn't studying genetics, or teaching, he is traveling. He is one of the most sought after speakers on the campus.

The success of the University's commemorative program can be attributed, without misgivings, to Dean Snyder and his committee. The committee who assisted with the planning were T. R. Benedum, '28 Law, Norman, member of the Board of Regents; R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, executive secretary, University of Oklahoma Alumni Association; Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, director of the University Press; Dr. Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, dean of the University College; Dr. George J. Goodman, professor of plant sciences, Walter Kraft, director of physical plant, and Carl M. Franklin, executive vice presi-

dent of the University.

To Dean Snyder, a man of means and many interests, and his committee, for a big job well performed, a sharp Sooner Salute!



DEAN L. H. SNYDER

... Director of O.U.'s Anniversary Week