

Since his undergraduate days, T. R. Benedum, '28Law, Norman attorney, has been a sincere friend of the University. In March his devotion was rewarded by his election to head the University's Board of Regents for the next year.

Appointed to the Regents in 1947, Benedum had already proved his capacity to serve his alma mater. In 1943 he had been elected president of O.U.'s Alumni Association. His fine record prompted his reelection in 1944.

Extremely civic minded, Benedum has served on the Oklahoma Committee for Mental Hygiene and is a past president of the Norman Rotary Club. He has been a member of the Legal Advisory Committee of the Oklahoma Savings and Loan Association, chairman of the Legal Institute and County Bar Organizations committees of the State Bar Association, and is a member of the American and Oklahoma Bar Associations. His memberships cover a number of local, state, and national organizations.

Last year he was elected vice president of the Regents and will conclude his seven



T. R. BENEDUM
... Service at the Highest Level

years of service on the Board at the end of his presidency.

To T. R. Benedum for services past, and services yet to come, a brisk—*Sooner Salute!*

Capturing the feature spot of the BMOC-BWOC dinner March 3, was the presentation of the 1953 Letzeiser medal awards to six top seniors.

Ruth Ann Tyler, psychology and personnel major from Shawnee, won the women's gold medal. Ruth sports a 3.745 over-all average (4.0 would be a perfect record) and has served as Mortar Board president and vice president of Alpha Lambda Delta, honorary scholastic fraternity.

Ruth is also president of her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma and was one of the most outstanding freshman and one of the 10 outstanding sophomore women at the University. She is listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, *Student Leaders of America*, and has been selected as BWOC (Big Woman on Campus) twice. She was the past chairman of the University's Career Conference and is a member of Panhellenic.

Charles Lane, gold medal winner in the men's division, is a freshman law student from Norman. He has served as president of the southwest region of the Independent

The Sooner Salutes

Leaving the University this year, James I. Miller, '52ba, leaves in his wake an outstanding record of academic achievements. His career at the University was climaxed recently when he was selected to receive the 1953-54 Rotary Foundation Fellowship for advanced study, which consists of the privilege of attending the University of Oxford, England with all expenses paid by the Rotary International Foundation Fund.

A top student in Okmulgee highschool, he was awarded the honor of outstanding man in his senior class. Honors he has amassed while in Soonerland are *Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities* (1950-'51), member of Pe-et, winner of a Letzeiser award (1951-'52), Dad's Day award for the Most Outstanding Senior Man in the University (1951-'52), and he was one of 40 persons in the country who received honorable mention in the selection of the Ten Outstanding Student Leaders in U. S. Colleges made by Leader Publications last year.

At present a graduate student at the University, Miller plans to continue his study of English literature abroad.



JAMES MILLER
... Proof of Excellence

To a progressive young Sooner, a wish for Bon Voyage, and a hearty—*Sooner Salute.*

T. R. Benedum
James I. Miller
Letzeiser Winners

Students Association. Lane, who holds down a 3.725 grade average, has been awarded five scholarships while at the University and has won several speech awards at college contests. He has served as president of the Speech Activities club and is a student senator. Lane is a member of Pe-et, League of Young Democrats and Xi Mu, honorary pre-law fraternity.

Other medal winners were: Carolyn Weckel, journalism senior from Wichita, Kansas, silver medal; Judy Ryder, pre-med from Oklahoma City, bronze medal; Robert Fred Jones, engineering senior from Windyville, Missouri, silver medal, and Bill Spohrer, journalism senior from Drummond, bronze medal.

The *Sooner* salutes the University's six outstanding seniors.