

Joan Finkenbinder, a young lady with interests far beyond her textbooks, and Robert E. Robertson, who cared for his three-year-old son while studying, received O.U.'s coveted title as the Outstanding Freshmen of 1952-53. Both at year's end held grade averages of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0.

Joan, who came to O.U. from Clinton, received the Rita and Savoie Lottinville Prize for Freshman Women, along with a check for \$250 that comprises the award. In addition to pounding her books to reach the near-perfect grade average, Joan performed the demanding duties of student president of her dormitory so well that she was elected to lead the Women's Quadrangle this year. Joan became a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, honorary freshman scholastic organization, and played in the University Band.

Robert, who was presented the Pe-et Outstanding Freshman Award in addition to the \$250 Lottinville Prize for Freshman men, is a veteran of nearly four years with the Air Force. He is married to Patricia Simonson, from his former home town of Monmouth, Illinois (they have adopted Oklahoma and plan to live here permanently). Patricia works at Tinker Field.

Robert had two rugged problems to buck when he decided to complete his education as an accountant: he had been away from studying four years, and, because of Pa-



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tricia's absence from home during the day, was baby sitter for their son, David, when not in classes.

To these young people, who have set a high mark for future freshmen: congratulations—and a hearty *Sooner* Salute.

The Sooner Salutes

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“He has the temperament and ability to handle the most difficult administrative problems in a friendly and agreeable way, and his fine background in university affairs at the policy level has made it possible for him to assume his new responsibilities rapidly and effectively.”

Written by an associate, this is an evaluation of Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, who came from the University of Mississippi to O.U. this year as executive vice president, replacing Carl M. Franklin, now a professor of law at the University of Southern California.

A tall, genial Southerner, Dr. McCarter is married and has three children. He holds a Ph.D. in American Literature, and will serve here as a professor of English in addition to other duties. He is an “irregular participant” in golf.

Rising rapidly in educational circles, Dr. McCarter started instructing at Mississippi in the middle 1930's, advancing from an assistant professorship to dean of the faculty by 1947, where he remained until accepting his position here.

Dr. McCarter received his A.B. and Ph.D. degrees from his home university, taking his master's at the University of Wisconsin. The co-author of a textbook and author of numerous articles, he is a member of such groups as the South Central Modern Language Association and Sigma Upsilon, honorary creative writing fraternity, and has served as council vice president of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

To Dr. McCarter, who brings to Oklahoma a soft drawl and great administrative ability, the *Sooner* offers a welcome Salute.