

Covering The Campus

The past month brought to O.U. a plea for relieving graduating seniors of final exams, word that Parkview Apartments could be rented for prices students can afford, several academic awards, and among other things a lost skunk.

The Student Senate, taking up a banner previously defeated, voted unanimously to exempt seniors, who are graduating, from finals. This, senators said, would move up the date for graduation ceremonies and would lift from the crowded minds of students leaving the University concern over "that one last quiz."

In a random poll, students backed up the senators, but faculty members opposed, one stating that only some "small colleges" permitted their graduates-to-be to skip the last tests.

Students countered with statements that Michigan State and Oklahoma A&M already are operating in this way.

The measure will now go to President Cross who is expected to refer it to the Faculty Senate for consideration. This group several years ago turned down a similar proposal.

On the lighter side, the *Oklahoma Daily* in black headlines, cheered the administration's announcement that all students with a 3.00 out of a possible 4.00 grade average could skip finals.

The story applauded the administration for its action and quoted several people including Professor Lirpa Loof, who said he would give his classes a large quiz shortly before semester's end to determine the standings. Students of course praised the plan.

But in the last paragraph, the story declared, "If all you jokers have read this far, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy April Fool's Day. This story has no actual truth and is only a pleasant dream."

April 1 had come again.

On a more serious line, the *Daily* announced that O.U. would receive more than one fourth of the total funds allocated by the Board of Regents for Higher Education in 1954-55. O.U. is set to get \$4,195,550—the same amount as for the 1953-54 fiscal year—out of \$16,517,693. The overall figure for the state is about \$35,000 more than for 1953-54.

Subject of campus interest during March was exemption of graduating seniors from final exams—item was focused sharply in an April fool story that caught unsuspecting students flat-footed.



SUZIE RILEY, Oklahoma City, (left) was selected as Engineers' Queen and Miss O.U. in recent elections. With her are two rival queen candidates—Mary Ellen Hipp and Joyce Prichard.

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vital faculty, research and testing materials that are being improved and enlarged, and a feeling that the job is getting bigger all the time. What was good enough yesterday is not today. For after all, "You must understand that the problem of the College of Education is not to keep up. Its job is to be in front."

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Also financial, it was reported that housing costs for Parkview could be lowered next year because of a \$6,400,000 bond issue approved by the O.U. Board of Regents. Under this, the next six generations of students (four years each) will pay for all O.U. housing facilities through one bond issue, including besides Parkview, Wilson Center, Sooner City, Residential Hall, Cross Center, Women's Quadrangle and the Commissary.

Students maintain now that on the whole rents at Parkview are out of their pocket-book range and are looking toward a decrease in rents. The University purchased the units last month.

More recent was news that Dr. Sherman P. Lawton, professor of speech, said his family either had lost or had stolen from them a black and white deodorized skunk named Herbert.

Commenting about the pet which he had purchased from a zoo, Dr. Lawton said, "It is entirely possible that someone took Herbert. It is inconceivable that a skunk would be smart enough to escape from his cage, returning the boards of the cage back to their original position after he got out."

Briefly eyeing the past month on campus, Otis Gallas, engineering senior from Kermit, Texas, was named St. Pat during Engineering Week and Suzie Reily, Oklahoma City, won the title of Engine Queen . . . Students were warned that coeds have a new hobby, collecting cuff links from unsuspecting dates . . . Air Force and Army ROTC units were inspected by government teams and, unofficially, made good showings . . . Pi Lambda Phi fraternity, with a 2.754 grade average, and Phi Delta Theta sorority, with 2.389, won first place scholarship honors for the first semester among Greek houses. Kappa Sigma fraternity won the award for the greatest improvement . . . Students held a Frontier Days celebration April 8 and 9 at "Sooner Gulch" (see Under Cover) . . . And Journalism Day, April 7, brought to the campus four outstanding newspapermen as speakers, James C. Nance, publisher of the *Purcell Register*; R. P. Matthews, publisher of the *Sapulpa Herald*; Walter Harrison, publisher of the *Britton North Star*, and Otis Sullivant, political columnist for the *Daily Oklahoman*.

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