

What were we like?

—Some Sooners remember

PASSING judgment on today's collegian is greatly simplified by time and proximity. But time has a way of slipping by and recalling exactly what you were like becomes increasingly difficult. Five alumni newspapermen were given the assignment of tracing the evolution of the Sooner student during the past 50 years—from the pioneering days of early O.U., through the roaring '20s, the depression struggle, the war years and the return of the GIs. The class chroniclers are Fred Tarman, '10ba, editor-publisher of *The Norman Transcript* since 1930; Texan Dorrance Roderick, '22ba, publisher of *The El Paso Times* since 1929; Charles Engleman, '33ba, who became editor-publisher of *The Clinton Daily News* in 1940; Edward K. Livermore, '40ba, who occupies that position with the *Sapulpa Herald*, and Robert Peterson, '49ba, '51ma, son of the O.U. journalism professor of the same name and editor of the *Durant Daily Democrat*. As practiced observers of the passing scene, they lend an air of authority to their capsule views of their own college generations. As former campus leaders who have demonstrated their interest in the welfare of the University, they bring to their task an objectivity tempered by affection.

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ROLL CALL of alumni newsmakers

1906-18

Mrs. Nell Goodrich DeGolyer, '06bm, '07ba, presented a bust of her husband, Everette Lee DeGolyer, '11ba, famed Dallas petroleum geologist who died in 1956, at the dedication of the Everette Lee DeGolyer Elementary School in Dallas.

Dr. Charles R. Hulen, '09med, Ardmore physician and specialist in cancer research, retired in January at the age of 80.

Clay DeFord, '18ba, Johnson County, Missouri, civic leader, has been appointed director of alumni relations at the University of Kansas City. Previously he was in the real estate business in Johnson County. He was public relations director and assistant professor of journalism at Pittsburg State College, Pittsburg, Kansas, from 1941 to 1953 and in 1954 was director of adult education at Washburn University, Topeka. Since September he had been teaching school and completing his thesis for a doctor's degree from O.U.

DEATH: Clarence Lyndon Whitley, '16ma, Norman, died February 26 at his home. Whitley, a retired school teacher, was a member of Phi Delta Phi, honorary educational fraternity, Masonic Lodge, IOOF and McFarlin Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Ada, of the home; a son, James V., Duncan, and a sister, Mrs. Calista Harris, Brownwood, Texas.

1920-25

R. B. Knight, '20ba, '26ma, Holdenville, began a world tour April 24 that will end June 20. Included in the tour will be a Rotary convention in Tokyo, Japan. Knight, retired social science teacher, is secretary-treasurer of the Holdenville Rotary Club, active in the American Legion, chairman of the city planning commission and, with his wife, Lucy, works with the Boy Scouts.

Sam A. Snyder, '21, and Mrs. Snyder (Burla Hoskinson, '24h.ec) live in Hennessey, Oklahoma, where Snyder is owner and manager of Snyder's Ben Franklin Store.

Charles B. Duffy, '22Law, and Mrs. Duffy (Vala Gladys Solf, '19-'22), Ponca City, recently spent a month's vacation in Mexico. They toured Mexico City, Acapulco and visited the National University of Mexico.

Byron Dawson, '25bs, Clinton implement dealer, is the new president of the Oklahoma Hardware and Implement Association. Dawson has been a Clinton businessman for the past 35 years and has operated the Clinton Implement Company since 1934.

1926

Louise Fain, '26ba, is teaching conversational Spanish in six elementary schools of the Tulsa public school system. Her classes are part of an experiment which offers Spanish and French from grades five through twelve.

M. Ruth Hatchett, '26ba, '40ma, is assistant professor of English at Southeastern State College, Durant.

Virginia Katie Sage, '26ba, is city librarian of the Anadarko Public Library. She was appointed to the position in 1957 after retiring from 33 years in the teaching profession.

DEATH: Marshall W. Gregory, '26m.ed, director of research and statistics of the Oklahoma Educational Association since 1951, died February 25 in Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City. Gregory had taught school seven years in Osage, Dewey, Creek, and Stephens counties. He worked for the Oklahoma state department of education 16 years, serving part of this time as certified public accountant to Wolf and Company. His other activities in education include authoring the idea for the four-mill county levy for schools and writing the bill for state aid to schools in 1935. Survivors are his wife (Lola Nichols, '26ba), three daughters and two sisters.

1928-29

John A. Brett, '28Law, member of the state court of criminal appeals since 1946, has been voted an honorary laws degree by the trustees of Okla-

homa Baptist University, Shawnee. The honorary degree is the only one awarded by O.B.U. this year. Brett's wife is Norma Jo Dougherty, '22ba.

Allen W. Rigsby, '29ba, '29Law, former Oklahoma City lawyer, has been promoted to the rank of major general in the Air Force. General Rigsby has been assigned as staff judge advocate at headquarters, air materiel command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He was the first professor of law and head of the department of law at the U. S. Air Force Academy. His wife is the former Freda Williams, '27ba.

Henry B. Wilson, '29eng, formerly president of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey's organization in Spain, has been named head of the company's government relations office in Washington, D. C.

DEATH: Dr. John H. Lamb, '28ba, '32bs, '32med, Oklahoma City physician, died February 23 at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Lamb, 55, was a partner in the Lain, Lamb and Jones Clinic. He was chairman of the department of dermatology at the University of Oklahoma medical school and was one of the founders of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, research organization in cause and treatment of cancer. He is past president of the Symphony Society and a symphony orchestra backer. Surviving are his wife (Margaret Lain, '29), two daughters, Nancy Lamb, a student at O.U., and Mrs. Dolly Flesher, all of Oklahoma City, and a brother, William Frederick.

1930-34

Ralph R. Carver, '33ph.c, '34pharm, formerly

of Pawnee, is now operating the Carver Drug Store, Skiatook. Carver and his wife (Emily M. Hughes, '30fa) have a daughter, Margaretta, a music student at Tulsa University.

Tom Roach, '31pharm, is the owner and operator of the Roach Drug Company in the First National Building, Oklahoma City. He and Mrs. Roach (Helen Hough, '35ba) have a daughter, Lou Ann, an English major at O.U., and three younger sons.

DEATHS: Andrew J. Smith, '30ba, died February 14 in a Shawnee hospital. Smith was principal at Dale and Centerville before his retirement in 1944. Survivors are his wife, Alva; a daughter, Mrs. Ted Fox, Oklahoma City; a son, Clifford E. Smith, '46ba, '48ms, Bartlesville, and four grandchildren, Paul Fox, freshman at O.U.; Frances Fox, senior at Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York; Barbara Jean Fox and Lealla Smith.

Dan Hansen, '34, El Reno, Oklahoma, died in February at a South Pasadena, California, hospital. Survivors are his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Ann, 15.

1936-39

Ben C. Adams, Jr., '36eng, is vice president of operations for the Gas Service Company, Kansas City, Missouri. His son, Ben Adams, III, is a freshman at O.U. and his daughter, Betsy, graduated from the University of Missouri this year.

Ralph Kent Bogart, '36Law, is a partner in the insurance firm of DeSelms, Bogart and Hall, Tulsa. The firm was recently chosen to represent Oklahoma in the Insurance Service Association of America, comprised of insurance firms in the United States,

Canada, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

James E. Byers, '36eng, recently moved from Tulsa to Oklahoma City where he is product sales manager for Black, Sivalls, and Bryson, Incorporated. His family includes his wife, Oreta, and two sons, ages 19 and 13.

R. Wendell Tomberlin, '38ed, professor of metal design in the O.U. art school, has recent works displayed at the Art Museum of the University of Oklahoma. His works have been included in many designer-craftsman exhibits and are in public and private collections. Tomberlin has his master of art degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art and has done graduate work at the Paris branch of the Parsons School of Design. His wife is the former Irma Rayen, '58m.lib.sci.

Elaine Walker Ledbetter, '39bs, is the author of the book, *Triumphant Moment*, published in February by the Naylor Company of San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Ledbetter, head of the science department of Pampa High School, Pampa, Texas, appeared on the program of the National Science Teachers Association's national convention in 1959 and chaired a session in the 1961 national convention held in Chicago March 25-29. She is now serving her second consecutive term as president of the Science Teachers Association of Texas.

DEATH: David E. Spencer, '38m.ed, Broken Arrow, died March 2 following his retirement as director of public welfare in Coal County.

1940

Ned V. Brookes, '40eng, was the advisor of El Paso County's observance of National Engineers' week February 19-25. Brookes is general field en-

What were we like in 1910?

By FRED TARMAN, '10ba

The average college student in 1910 was in some ways more serious-minded yet at the same time more carefree than his counterpart of today.

His worries were close to home. There were no "cold wars," communists, huge national debts or inflation to concern him, but a majority of the students worked their way through school, at least in part. Getting money to pay room and board and student fees was tough for many.

So students milked cows, pressed clothes, worked as janitors, dug ditches and chopped and picked cotton, among many other things, to stay in school. Some even dropped out for a year at a time to teach school.

Under those conditions students were serious about their studies and appreciated the education they were getting.

But they also were carefree in leisure hours. They engaged in class fights, argued about government ownership of

railroads and prohibition in debating societies, played at politics in Democratic and Republican Clubs and engaged in pranks that left no lasting scars but for which they were called on the carpet and threatened with expulsion.

Members of the Class of 1910, for example, dragged a cow to the third floor of the old Science Hall one Halloween, buried the 1906 Memorial Rock and built the Spoonholder without school permission one dark, rainy night a few weeks before graduation.

They were intensely loyal to the University and demonstrated it by holding noisy "shirt tail" parades before every football game, and afterward as well, if the Sooners won.

Nearly everyone carried an O.U. pennant to every game and waved it frantically after yelling "Hi Rickety" and singing "Boomer Sooner."

To one, however, who for more than 50



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years has watched students come and go, win high honors or flunk out, and seek new outlets for their energy and enthusiasm, perhaps a student is just a student after all.

What were we like in 1920?

By DORRANCE RODERICK, '22ba

With an assist from dusty volumes of *Sooners* of the roaring early twenties plus a fairly adequate memory, recollections of college days 40 years ago became real fun and this chance to be a ham historian, most pleasurable.

Now as to the good old days—the girls today couldn't be prettier than the campus belles of grandpap's era, even with the questionable advantage of the 1961 Zulu-Orphan Annie hairdo of the moderns. As for the men, they were a choice looking lot in them days before the peeled onion gave way to the crew cut.

Four decades ago, when good old O.U. had one-fifth the present enrolment, extra-curricular activities ran full blast day and night, and it is a miracle that some of our classmates aren't still on the campus. Heaven forbid that the academic standards were ever lowered to make room for more. Students had to be versatile in these activities to find time to expose themselves to the faculty at all.

Bennie Owen's footballers won a fair share of glory in gridiron competition, which didn't just start with the golden age of Bud Wilkinson, of whom we have

heard. A 230-pound tackle sang like John McCormack, not Elvis and Frankie. One glee club great made the Met, while another turned out the book for the classic operetta, "Oklahoma!" Two contemporaries landed in the U. S. Senate and one became president of the University, and all-in-all so many have distinguished themselves in business and professional life that the early faculty must come in for a well-deserved cheer.

Which brings us to that hard-working, understanding, human yet intelligent faculty. They were terrific and persistent in constantly hammering knowledge into the material at hand. We particularly knew the journalism faculty—all three of them. To a freshman they were middle-aged—meaning between 25 and 30. Yet, four decades later they are still devotedly on the job and are bound to have learned a lot from the brilliant students they worked on.

Oklahoma was a great university in 1920. It is now and will be ever greater. The spirit of genuine friendship and interest in fellow students was outstanding then and has continued through the years



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The El Paso Times

in an intense loyalty to the school.

The current crop of undergrads should know that this feeling prevails among those of us who have decorated the campus in bygone years. 1962 will bring forth a 40th anniversary class reunion, when we hopefully feel that the smell of Chanel No. 5 will predominate over Sloan's liniment and a good time will be had by all.

gineer for the Portland Cement Association in the El Paso, Texas, district. He was an engineer and construction superintendent for Hughes Development Company in Pampa, Texas, for nine years and city engineer at Borger, Texas, before joining Portland in 1957.

O. T. McCall, '40bus, president of the Norman board of education, has been elected to a second five-year term on the board. McCall, grocer and a life-long resident of Norman, is a former city commissioner.

William E. McIntosh, Jr., '40geol, '49pharm, is manager of Eli Lilly and Company operations in Argentina and Brazil. McIntosh, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, was area director before occupying his present position.

Mrs. Grace J. Penney, '40ed, '53ma, specialist in educational materials of O.U.'s audio-visual department, is the author of the children's book, *Moki*, recently nominated for the Sequoyah Book award.

1941-42

The Reverend F. G. Fulkerson, '41soc.wk, '46 m.soc.wk, formerly at St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City, is now in Muskogee.

Herbert A. Koch, '41eng, Worland, Wyoming, is president of Petroleum Service, Incorporated, dealers in oil well acidizing, fracturing and related

service. Koch and his wife, Jody, recently completed a trip to New Orleans, British Honduras, Guatemala City and Mexico City. They have two children, Kathryn, 14, and Marilyn, 11.

Loy W. Wilson, '41m.ed, Oklahoma City, with Firestone Tire and Rubber Company since 1952, is presently sales manager in charge of tires, batteries and accessories for oil company sales in a 13-state area. He and his wife have three children.

Francis Stillely, '52journal, member of the staff of the Associated Press, New York, was winner of a human-interest story contest. The story concerned a Valentine party given a doctor by 38 of his young heart patients. Stillely is former editor of the *Shawnee Morning News and Star*.

MARRIAGE: Jean Clark Shouse, '42ed, formerly of Muskogee, and Edward Berry, Jr., '47bus, '49Law, Hominy, were married February 18 in the First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have established their home in Stillwater.

1945-46

Dr. Ray M. Hurd, '45ba, vice president and project director for Texas Research Associates in Houston, Texas, was the speaker at the central Oklahoma section of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers' March 6 meeting. His topic for the Oklahoma City meeting was "Corrosion Inhibition."

Dudley Darr, '56bs, Bartlesville, is a senior in the osteopathic school in Kansas City, Missouri, where he is studying to be an osteopathic surgeon.

Dr. John F. DeJarnette, Jr., '46bs, '48med, is a general practitioner in Ponca City. He and his wife, Madalyn, have four children, Jaclyn, 11, John III, 7; Marilyn, 6, and Tom, 4.

DEATH: James C. Williamson, '45, Oklahoma City, died January 29. Williamson, 66, native of Texas, was also an alumnus of Columbia University.

1947

Dr. Constance Raab Erwin, '47bs, '51med, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, recently passed her specialty board examinations in radiology. Both she and her husband, Dr. Chesley P. Erwin, '42ba, '51med, pathologist, are in full-time practice in Elm Grove.

James P. Jobe, '47bs, '51med, El Reno physician, recently made a 10-day trip to Mexico with his wife and two children, Karen, 12, and Jared, 10. They visited Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Taxco and Guadalajara.

Sidney P. Upsher, '47ba, '48Law, Oklahoma City attorney, has been appointed to the five-member Oklahoma alcoholic beverage control board. Upsher, native of Oklahoma City, is secretary and general counsel to Lee Way Truck Lines.

BIRTH: Donald H. Canfield, '47eng, '48geol,

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Tulsa, and his wife Shirley, a graduate of the University of Arkansas, have announced the birth of a son, William Calvert, on March 11. Canfield has been division landman for Helmerich and Payne, Incorporated, since 1956. The Canfields' daughter, Carew, is 2½.

1948-50

John D. Albright, '48eng, assistant chief engineer of Cities Service Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, was the speaker at the O.U. Petroleum Engineers' March 7 meeting.

B. L. Sharp, '49ed, has been appointed sales representative for pipeline coatings and related products of Pittsburg Chemical Company in a five-state area which includes Oklahoma. Sharp, formerly a salesman for Standard Pipeprotection, Incorporated, of St. Louis, Missouri, and right-of-way representative for Southwestern Public Service Company, has his headquarters in Tulsa. Before entering business he was a coach and teacher in the Guymon public school system.

Del Davis, '50pharm, has moved from Wichita Falls, Texas, to Ft. Worth, Texas.

BIRTH: Thomas C. Lout, '49pharm, and Mrs. Lout have chosen the name James Brian for their son born January 10. They have three other children, Becky Sue, 10, Thomas Mark, 8, and Randall Keith, 2.

DEATH: William L. Card, '48Law, died January 21 in Medford, Texas, at the age of 40.

1951

John R. Anderson, '51ba, Gail, Texas, now operates a ranch in Borden County, Texas. He and Mrs. Anderson, the former Barbara Clayton, Roswell, New Mexico, have four children, Sarah, Mary, John and Martha.

Ben Blackstock, '51journ, secretary-manager of the Oklahoma Press Association since 1952, is a member of the 1961 committee for National Newspaper Week. He had previously worked as journalism instructor at Central State College, Edmond, and as *Henryetta Free-Lance* advertising manager.

J. W. Caffey, '51bus, recently moved from Pampa, Texas, to Wichita Falls, where he is district manager for American Iron and Machine Works Company.

Jack F. Coley, '51eng, was transferred in September from Tulsa to Houston, Texas, where he is in the engineering department of Texaco, Incorporated. Coley, with Texaco since 1954, previously worked for Girdler Corporation, Louisville, Kentucky, and Arthur G. McKee, Tulsa. He and his wife, Elsie, have three children, Cindy, 11, Candy, 8, and Rick, 6.

Leslie Wilson Hervey, '51ba, Oklahoma City, is personnel and industrial relations manager for the Continental Baking Company. He is also chairman of the Greater Oklahoma City Personnel Association.

Carlton Poling, '51bus, '52ed, '54ma, Oklahoma City, is superintendent of the new Western Heights school district in Oklahoma County.

MARRIAGE: LaVona Sue Davis and Joe D. Harris, '51, were married April 2 in the Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa. They will make their home in Tulsa.

1952-53

M. F. Clardy, '52pharm, recently moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he will be the assistant manager of a Walgreen Store in a new shopping center.

Jacklyn Sue Faulkner, '52fa, '56m.ed, is teaching at Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico.

John E. Schwenker, '52eng, communications techniques research engineer with Bell Telephone Laboratories, was the speaker at a recent meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers' Oklahoma City section. Schwenker, a Tulsan, joined Bell laboratories' technical staff in 1952, participated in a three-year training program, and was assigned to research in data transmission systems and time division switching. Since 1958 he has worked with magnetic films for use as memory and logic devices.

Murray Cohen, '53pharm, '59Law, Oklahoma City lawyer, spoke on "Pharmacy Law" at a meeting of the Pharmaceutical Association student branch at O.U.

Charles E. Lane, '53ba, '58Law, Oklahoma City attorney, has been appointed Oklahoma County chairman of National Library Week, April 16-22.

1954-55

Richard E. Harkins, '54journ, '58ma, is editor of the International DeMolay *Cordon*, official magazine publication of the Order of DeMolay. It is a bi-monthly publication with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

Clarence B. Simmons, Jr., '54bus, is the manager of S. G. Holmes and Sons men's clothing store located in Utica Square, Tulsa.

BIRTHS: Ben Steen, '54pharm, and Mrs. Steen are the parents of a daughter, Becky Lynn, born November 11.

Al Echols, '55pharm, and Mrs. Echols, Shawnee, have announced the birth of a son, Kurt Alton, on January 28.

PRESUMED DEAD: Navy Lt. Jimmie L. Rupp, '54bus, of San Jose, California, is presumed dead after having been reported missing on a flight over the west Pacific February 15. He was serving aboard the *USS Lexington*. Survivors are his wife, Joy; two sons, Jimmie Don and Johnny Dale; a daughter, Jo Ann, all of the home; a brother, Merle T., Temple City, California, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rupp, Oklahoma City.

1956

Louis Alexander, '56eng, and his wife (Patricia Ann Babb, '56m.ed) have moved from Texas to Purcell, where Alexander is production engineer in that district for Humble Oil Company. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have two daughters, Carol, 3, and Sharon, 1.

Dean Cosgrove, '56bus, accepted in October the position of staff accountant with Mid-America Pipeline Company, Tulsa. He was formerly employed by Price Waterhouse and Company of Tulsa. His wife is the former Jueretta Brannon, and they have three children, Kim, 5; Craig, 3, and Drew, 1.

Wanda Joyce George, '56ed, '58m.ed, is now teaching at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. She was formerly a voice instructor at the University of Wichita.

Barry Van Sandt, '56geol, Oklahoma City, was one of the 20 chosen from the United States, Canada and Venezuela to attend the Pan American Petroleum Reservoir School held in February in Tulsa. He recently passed the state board of registration for professional engineers.

What were we like in 1930?

By CHARLES ENGLEMAN, '33ba

We did about the same things on the O.U. campus in the early '30s as students are doing now, but perhaps in a more subdued manner. There was less drinking because of economic reasons (beer was uncanned and sub-rosa), more walking because of the no-car rule and the avoidable expense of vehicular transportation, and few snobs because nearly everybody else was broke, too!

Winning a football game was an event, not a habit. Students and alumni still believed, naively, that a winning season was one in which we won more football games than we lost. Nebraska, dominating the Big Six gridirons, was aided and abetted in subduing student spirit by teams modern O.U. collegians seldom have to worry about—Oklahoma A. and M., Missouri, Texas, and even Kansas State.

A Ruf-Nek could be described as a bearded upperclassman, wearing a red flannel shirt and carrying a large, decorated paddle. Members of that club didn't shave between football victories, which occurred infrequently. Their paddles were used to require freshman attendance at games.

Forgetting to wear that silly, bill-less, red knit freshman cap, and having to return to my room to get it, caused me to be a few minutes late to a football game at Owen Stadium one day. That brought on an enforced dash down the cinder track between two long lines of paddle-wielding Ruf-Neks, displaying their power and marksmanship to the assembled multitude. I watched the game with the "standing-room-only" crowd that day, with several parts of my anatomy, including the face, matching the color of that freshman cap.

Girls wore long skirts and funny hats; bobby-sox and bop hadn't been invented,



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and married students were a rarity (economics again). Men students who didn't work for a living, as well as attend classes, were in the minority. Many of them wore GI military pants to class in order to save wear and tear on the second-hand clothes they bought from Morris Tennenbaum.

We had all types of students—brilliant, diligent, average, dilatory and dull—but education was available to those willing to pay the price of absorbing it. Some did and some didn't, in varying degrees.

You could have a date with an attractive coed for a dime—the price of two cokes at the Varsity Corner—and enjoy a real-life rendition of Pinky Tomlin's "Ob-

ject of My Affections" thrown in for free. And walking her home—the long way—wasn't too bad a substitute for a moonlight ride in a convertible—especially in the springtime.

The principal purpose of attending campus dances was to dance, although there may have been divergent activities during the short intermissions. Long stag lines in the center of the dance floor—so thrilling to the popular coeds—had not disappeared from the scene. Curfews sounded earlier than now.

The student body, smaller and more isolated from city life by lack of available transportation, was conducive to a friendly atmosphere. After being on the campus a year or two, you knew nearly everybody and called most students by name. After being there four years, you felt a nagging sadness at leaving.

You felt uncertainty, too, for most of those leaving—except for the sought-after graduates of the engineering school—were concerned about their acceptance into the big, unfriendly, troubled outside world. Those fears were not unfounded!

In most fields of activity a college degree didn't help because there were no available jobs, period! So we poached from relatives, took what menial, meager jobs we could find and kept trying. We displayed some initiative, endurance and willingness to compete. Now we appreciate prosperity, as compared to those depression days, more than those who didn't have to earn it.

Students of that era now occupy top places in business, law, engineering, government and other fields. They must believe that life at O.U. was beneficial to them, for they're sending or have sent their children to college—many of them to the University of Oklahoma.

William F. Seitz, Jr., '56bus, Dallas, Texas, was promoted March 20 to assistant branch manager in charge of the Southland Center office of Goodbody and Company, stock brokerage firm.

MARRIAGE: Patricia Carol Johnson and Kenneth R. Couch, '56geol, were married February 1. The couple's home is in Gainesville, Texas, where Couch is a geologist and general manager of Couch Oil Company.

BIRTHS: Bill Eugene Covin, '56eng, and Mrs. Covin (Patsy Graham, '56h.ec) have announced the birth of a son, Lon Graham, born February 10 in Concord Hospital, Concord, California. They also

have a daughter, Keli, 2½.

Hugh Ralph Herron, '59eng, and Mrs. Herron (Jane Harvey, '56pharm) are the parents of a son, Harvey Keith, born September 5. They have two other sons, Stanley Dean, 3½, and Douglas, 2. The family recently moved from Edmonton to Calgary, Canada, where Herron is division engineer with Security Engineering.

Ted M. Phillips, '56, and Mrs. Phillips (Nancy Lec Chaney, '56) Seminole, are the parents of a son, Ted Steven, born February 25 in Seminole Municipal Hospital. Phillips is associate publisher and advertising director of *The Seminole Producer*.

Dr. A. R. Rody and Mrs. Rody (Margaret Dykes, '56ba) have chosen the name Richard Brent for their son born February 19 in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Oklahoma City. Dr. Rody recently opened his dental practice in Oklahoma City.

Lt. Robert E. L. Talley, '56, and Mrs. Talley (the former Kay Donna Smith, '56) are the parents of twins born January 17 in Frankfurt, Germany. The twins, Quinn Charles Clark and Karen Elizabeth Smith, have two older brothers, Mark Tillman Lattner, 6, and Craig Wendel Branch 2. Lieutenant and Mrs. Talley are now making their

What were we like in 1940?

By ED LIVERMORE, '40ba

What were members of the Class of '40 like? They were of the same breed of cats that are jumping through the hoops at O.U. these days. Just a different crowd. That's all.

They suffered with a mediocre football team, with money problems and with indecision as to where to seek opportunity, just as faces the graduate of '61. Competition in classes was not so keen, and just as well, since the pre-war college student wasn't wrapped up in rocket-shooting, the higher sciences or grade points, as is his counterpart today. The males faced the problem of going into service on a volunteer basis in order to get military obligations out of the way; the females had to choose between following their mates off to some service installation or waiting a year for Johnny to come marching home. By September, 1940, it appeared neither course held more than false hopes.

Jobs for graduates were more scarce in '40 than in '61, and so were the fringe benefits. Yet, even though pride had to be swallowed at times, everyone who wanted to work seemed to find the opportunity. And those who chose not to toil, as their complements of '61, managed to get by, but not in such grandiose fashion.

The emphasis in '40 was more on personality than on brains, as that was a selling world. Character development courses were unheard of, yet the pre-war student was able to stumble into a drawing room as graciously as the '61 model. After twenty more years of probing into the chasm of college students minds, sociologists find, now as then, that people are basically the same. Even the present age of self-centerment and preoccupation fails to drain off all the desire and ambition that young people carry in their luggage as they go forth to meet a new world.



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home in Aschaffenburg, Germany, where Lieutenant Talley is serving with an N.A.T.O. artillery unit. Talley is a former assistant editor of the *Sooner Magazine*.

Mike Treps, '56ba, and Mrs. Treps, Pittsburg, Kansas, are the parents of a daughter, Robin Lynn, born May 27, 1960.

Clell Calvin Warriner, Jr., '56ms, '60ph.d, and Mrs. Warriner, Norman, are the parents of a daughter born March 9.

1957

MARRIAGE: Joan Richardson, '57ba, and Reggie Long, '59, were married February 17 in Norman. The couple's home is in Norman where Long is employed by the Norman police department and Mrs. Long is a physical therapist at the Cerebral Palsy Institute.

BIRTHS: Jack Cavanaugh and Mrs. Cavanaugh (Martha Graham, '57ed) have chosen the name, Lori Ann, for their daughter born March 14 in Sunrise Hospital, Las Vegas, Nevada. They also have a son, Tracy.

Gilbert Chancey and Mrs. Chancey (Harriett Marie Fleer, '57ed) have chosen the name Catherine Marie for their daughter born February 22 in St. John's Hospital, Tulsa. They also have a son, Christopher Franklin, 2. Chancey is a salesman for Jim Griffith Sales Company, Tulsa.

Don F. Duffield, '57bus, and Mrs. Duffield (Carole Ann McMillan, '57ba) have chosen the name Ann Elizabeth for their daughter born March 8. Duffield is employed by the First National Bank and Trust Company in Oklahoma City.

Edward S. Knezek, Jr., '57eng, and Mrs. Knezek are the parents of a daughter, Theresa Lynn, born February 7 in Fort Worth, Texas. They have an older daughter, Deborah Ann, 2½. Knezek is employed by Convair in Fort Worth.

DEATH: Oldham Wendyl Lummus, '57, died

February 24 in Norman Municipal Hospital, Norman. Lummus was an Oklahoma City electric supply salesman. Survivors are his wife (Ora Sue Childs), his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lummus, Madill, and four sisters.

1958

Mrs. Edwina Hunter Burkhalter, '58fa, is currently teaching piano and flute in Lockney, Texas, where her husband is the local band director. Last August Mr. and Mrs. Burkhalter completed a seven-country good-will tour of Europe and the Soviet Union with a special delegation of public school band directors.

Jimmy D. Dodson, '58bus, Merriam, Kansas, was recently awarded the certificate of certified

public accountant by the board of accountancy of the State of Kansas. He is with the firm of Arthur Young and Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

Dan H. Leininger, '58bus, native of Oklahoma City and formerly senior appraiser with the state highway department, is now associated with Burghart Investment Company, Oklahoma City.

BIRTHS: Gary E. Cox, '58bus, and Mrs. Cox (Lillian Morgan, '58journal) have chosen the name Edward Morgan for their son born December 27 in St. John's Hospital, Tulsa. Cox is tabulating supervisor for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Tulsa.

Don W. Fitzgerald, '58bus, and Mrs. Fitzgerald (SoRelle Land, '58), Overland Park, Kansas, announce the birth of a daughter, Kelly De-

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What were we like in 1950?

By BOB PETERSON, '49ba, '51ma

The Class of '50? We were a bunch of nuts—a curious mixture like was never seen before and will never be seen again.

A lot of us were “normal” college age. A lot were the last-gasp elements of World War 2 GIs finally finishing—it was the year the campus American Legion quit business.

Everybody brought a car to the campus. Doc Cross and the regents were building more parking lots than buildings. Instead of classroom buildings and Kellogg Centers, we were watching the Union addition go up and waiting to get into the new poolroom.

It was the time of the Korean war . . . of a “Just Plain Folks” political campaign (we had just come of voting age) . . . of the Supreme Court's first decision against segregation.

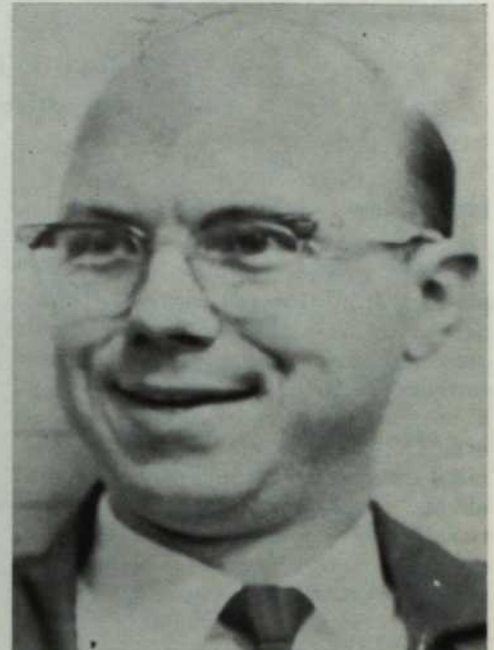
There were a lot of us—a record crowd sweltering through the commencement

exercise in the Field House. I suppose we had caused a lot of problems, like filling up the stadium to watch some guys like Darrell Royal, Jim Owens, Jim Weatherall and Leon Heath start a long winning streak for Bud.

Troubles? There weren't too many. The *Daily* campaigned for dog control in Sooner City, the Greeks and Independents fussed at each other, the profs fought with students for their attention and the deans worked on profs for whatever came into their minds.

The Class of '50 . . . not so different after all from the thousands who had gone before, except perhaps for size. We learned a little, played a lot, and found out that the “rights and privileges” line on the diploma means you're eligible to pay Alumni dues.

But above all, we got those diplomas. Isn't that what we went to college for?



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nise, born February 15 in St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri. Fitzgerald is with the sales department of Phillips Petroleum Company.

Lt. Ralph Reed, '59eng, and Mrs. Reed (Christine McClure, '58ed) are the parents of a son, Shawn David, born September 26 in Quantico, Virginia. Lieutenant Reed is now with the 11th Marines at Camp Pendleton, California.

1959

John H. Gardner, '56ba, '59med, will begin obstetrics-gynecology residency July 1 at the University Hospital, Oklahoma City.

Judy Mideke, '59fa, is the art director of Science and Arts Foundation's May 23 Oklahoma City Charity Horse Show. Miss Mideke recently completed a year's work toward her master's degree from the University of California.

MARRIAGES: Janet Carling, Parkstone, Dorset, England, and Don Lee Miller, '59fa, West Los Angeles, California, were married March 18 in Parkstone. Mr. and Mrs. Miller's home is in West Los Angeles where Miller is employed as a customer relations representative.

Sue Murrah, '59ba, Oklahoma City, and John R. McKee, '58bus, Lawton, were married March 3 in Crown Heights Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. They have established their home in Oklahoma City.

John Standford, '58med, and Mrs. Standford (Ildiko Karikas, '60pharm) now live in San Francisco, California, where Standford is serving his internship. They were married in August.

BIRTH: John Yack, '58fa, '59m.fa, and Mrs. Yack, Norman, are the parents of a daughter born February 24.

DEATH: Navy 2nd Lt. Russell Howard Floyd, '59bs, was killed in a severe storm on February 22, 1960. At the time he was stationed on the island of Adak, one of the Aleutian Islands. Lieutenant Floyd had received his commission upon graduation from O.U.

1960

Mary Kirkpatrick, '60journ, is program committee chairman of the May 23 Oklahoma City Charity Horse Show, directed by the Oklahoma City Horse Show Association and sponsored by the Science and Arts Foundation.

Lt. C. R. Sawyer, '60eng, is on maneuvers at Little Creek, Virginia, Marine Amphibious Training Center, after having been assigned to the Officer's Basic School, M.C.S., Quantico, Virginia.

Edward R. Sager, '60eng, Bixby, Oklahoma, was commissioned an ensign in the Navy after completing 16 weeks of pre-flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. He has been assigned to the Saufley Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station in Pensacola for primary flight training.

Army 2d Lt. Frank K. Williams, '60geol, Oklahoma City, recently completed the final training phase of the nine-month officer fixed-wing aviator course at Fort Rucker, Alabama. During this phase Lieutenant Williams qualified as an instrument pilot in accordance with federal aviation agency standards and applicable Army regulations.

MARRIAGES: Carole Lee Coast and Donald D. Minnix, '60eng, were married March 3 in the Rowsey Memorial Chapel, Muskogee. The couple's home is in Muskogee where Minnix is employed by a chemical company.

Martha Lou McGinnis, '60, and Albert Lee Williams, both of Tulsa, were married January 21 in Shamrock, Texas. The couple's home is in Amarillo, Texas, while Williams is a student at West Texas State College, Canyon, Texas.

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