The Sooner Salutes

Port Robertson

The chief pilot of O.U.’s “Gorgeous Georges”, Port Robertson, ’37ba, is again performing feats above and beyond those prophesied by his press notices. Winning matches has become about as commonplace to “Big Red’s” groan artists as cockleburs on a shaggy dog.

Robertson’s main criteria is hard physical condition—the trademark of his Sooner teams.

A wrestler of reputation himself (advanced to NCAA finals in 1937), Robertson is well educated in the school of experience. He blossomed forth into coaching stardom after only one semester of highschool coaching. Although Oklahoma had abandoned wrestling for several years prior to his arrival, in five seasons of coaching at the University Robertson’s tusslers won Big Seven championships three times and were second the other two years.

His ’51 team swept nine dual meets and carried off the Big Seven title and NCAA crown. Defending those records, this year Robertson’s matmen have racked up eight dual meets with no losses, and are again bidding for the NCAA crown.

Nadine Norton

If there was such an award as “Busiest Sooner Student” it would be presented without reluctance to Nadine Norton. No other would have as just a claim to the title as the activity-minded Oklahoma City Miss. This semester she assumed another big chunk of responsibility to add to her long list of college activities—the senior class presidency.

Nadine stepped into this prime position when the former prexy, Harvey Bryant, ’52bs, left between semesters. Concerning her administrative policy Nadine stated she planned to do two things, “Unify the class and do more for seniors.” Doing more for the seniors means another attempt at gaining official permission to eliminate finals for seniors, which in the past has been a popular, but unrewarding fight.

As for post graduate plans, Nadine is graduating with a major in English and her teacher’s certificate.

Nadine began collecting honors at O.U. in 1949 when she was named the outstanding freshman girl. That was just a good beginning, but one that she has maintained through her college career. She received the Dad’s Day Award in October—the highest award a senior may be given.

Russell Black

For over a year Russell Black, ’42ba, has been assisting Uncle Sam perforate the “Iron Curtain” by working as an announcer-producer for the Voice of America program.

The core of his program structure is news and commentary. Other than these categories the Voice’s operation is of an educational nature, including features and documentaries on American institutions and life. In addition they transmit a number of regular network shows, after they have been denatured (stripped of commercials).

The Voice is a big outfit. Some 1300 people are in its 22 New York studios. Knocking down the language barrier, the Voice broadcasts in some 60 languages besides English.

While at the University Black was an announcer for WNAD and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. After his graduation he was affiliated with WKY and KOCY in Oklahoma City and as a senior announcer with NBC in New York.

For his share in fighting the War of Words, the Sooner salutes Russell Black.
The Union food services have gone on a 7-day week.

For the first time since the Union was opened in September, visitors to the campus and students and faculty members will have the opportunity of eating their Sunday meals in the Southwest's Showplace.

To make the 7-day schedule possible, the Cafeteria will open for Sunday lunch to supplement dinner service available in the plush, inexpensive Ming Room.

All Union services are being expanded to meet an increased demand. During a peak week the Union will be asked to handle as many as 100 groups, some requiring most of the Union's facilities as they make it the headquarters for a conference or convention.

As the Union continues to attract more visitors, the facilities will continue to be enlarged. The new Union is a showplace that puts service first.

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