WNAD's overly realistic presentation of "The Crisis," a radio drama designed to give the listener an idea of what he might be hearing on his radio if a communist inspired plot to overthrow the government should take place.

The story was written from an original idea by Doug Carruth and several of the players. To give the program the atmosphere of a coast-to-coast hook-up, station director Hugh Mix used three studios. With repeated studio changes, accompanying mike switch clicks and deliberate pauses, the effect was authentic enough to convince some listeners that it was genuine.

After the communists had successfully "overthrown" the government, a voice proclaiming the new regime was heard from "district five of the People's Republic" with headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Director Mix said that announcement was made at the beginning and end of the broadcast to emphasize that the program was purely fictitious. "Apparently," Mix said, "the people who became confused heard only part of the broadcast."

The radio program and the ensuing excitement were reminiscent of the Orson Welles program in 1938 when a broadcast of a fictitious invasion of the world by men from Mars set off a nation-wide panic.

But even more excitement was in store for the campus during Engineer's week. The week started smoothly enough; rivalry between the engineers and lawyers mainly limited to the wearing of green shirts by the engineers and the retaliatory wearing of black string ties by the lawyers.

Though everything seemed quiet, campus police kept a nightly vigil during the week at the engine building and at the law barn. On Wednesday morning, students were surprised to see small black owls painted in conspicuous places on the campus sidewalks. In a letter to the Oklahoma Daily a secret organization of lawyers, calling their group "The Black Owl Inn," took credit for the paintings.

Engineers were quick to get their revenge, and the next morning, each black owl on the sidewalks sported a green head.

But the real excitement began the day before the Engine dance when Queen Ernie Smith failed to show up to be photographed. The Engineers' suspicions grew into anger when Ernie failed to return to her sorority house that evening.

All day Friday there was still no sign of Queen Ernie. There was talk of calling the coronation off, of crowning someone else in her place, of getting a posse out to find her.

After much anxious waiting and many frayed nerves on the part of the engineers,

Wrestlers Repeat as National Champions

Repeating its triumph of a year ago, the Sooner wrestling team retained the national championship at the NCAA tournament held at Fort Collins, Colorado, March 28-29.

In duplicating its feats, the team also won by the same point margin—one. Last year Oklahoma A. and M. was nudged 25-24. This time the wrestlers were even harder pressed. The final results: Oklahoma 22, Iowa Teachers, 21, and Oklahoma A. and M. 20.

Tommy Evans at 147 paced the victorious squad. His work in the tournament, including two pins, gained him the national title in his weight and selection as the tourney's outstanding performer. Billy Borders at 123, also brought home a national title. Oklahoma won four titles—two national champs, team win and outstanding performer.

Backing up the two champs with fine performances and adding important points were Don Reece, who was runnerup in the 130 class, Harold Reece, third place finisher at 137, and Joe Butler, who took fourth at 191.

The meet win sustained the wrestling victory string which now covers two complete seasons.

Next on the wrestling agenda were Olympic tryouts. It seems a safe bet to predict that both national champs will make the squad.
Indianapolis Alumni Club held an organizational meeting March 18. The Indiana group included: (standing) Dr. Douglas Wilson, ’47 med, A. R. Patterson, ’50 eng, Don Stroud, ’43 eng, Sam Austin, ’50 eng, George Gibson, ’34 ba, Martin Massbach, ’50 eng, and Bill Aycock, ’39 bus. Seated are Mrs. Betty Willco Wilson, ’44 soc wk, Mrs. La Verne Patterson, ’48-50, Mrs. Don Stroud, Mrs. Glowine Herth Austin, ’49 ba, Mrs. Frances Miller Wickizen, ’20 mus, and Mrs. Marilla Missbach, ’48-50.

date for their spring banquet. The date is set for the 10th of May.

The following report was received from club officials:

“Despite torrential rains... well over 50 members of the O.U. alumni club... bid farewell to Clee, ’49 ba, ’51 aw, and Jennie Locke Fitzgerald, ’40 ba, ’41 Lib sci, February 6 at a ‘surprise’ party in their honor at the Arlington, Virginia, home of Col. John Embry, ’27 Law, and Mrs. Embry. . . .


“Fitzgerald, who has been administrative assistant to Senator A. S. “Mike” Monroney, ’24 ba, since his election to the senate, resigned effective March 1 to enter the newly formed law office of Fitzgerald and (Preston) Moore, ’40 Law, in Stillwater. At O.U., among his many activities, Fitzgerald was athletic ticket manager and his wife Jenny worked in the library.”

Sports...

Another NCAA defending champ, the baseball team, was not happy to be duplicating its feats of a year ago. Last year the team lost its first six games but did an about face to be the best in the country.

The 1951 entry won the title on the strength of fine pitching. The 1952 squad has dropped its first four games in a row.

Unlike last year, and the reason for pessimism, the team does not have the same high-quality, front-line pitching staff. If they are to cause more than a ripple in the collegiate baseball sea this season, at least one of the team’s young pitchers will need to produce.

Oklahoma’s advance football ticket sale opened April 1. Season tickets for the four Owen Field games here with Pittsburgh, Kansas State (Band Day), Missouri (Dad’s Day), and Nebraska (Homecoming) went on sale then according to Kenneth Farris, business manager of athletics. The price is $14 plus a 25-cent handling charge for each order. Last year 14,960 season tickets were sold, an all-time record at Norman.

“Ninety per cent of them had been reordered by our December 3 deadline,” said Farris. “However, we still have plenty of season tickets left for fans who didn’t buy them last year and consequently didn’t qualify for our early re-order privilege.”

A 20,000-piece mailing went out in late March to all priority groups, Farris said.

Oklahoma meets Notre Dame November 8 at South Bend, Indiana, and because of the wide demand from Sooner followers, orders for this game will be filled on a strict priority basis as follows: (1) season ticket holders, (2) varsity lettermen, (3) paid alumni members. There is a limit of two tickets per customer and the price per ticket is $4.80, plus a 25-cent handling charge for each order.

“We doubt if we will receive enough Notre Dame tickets to accommodate all our priority patrons, consequently orders will be filled in order of the date they are received,” said Farris. “We regret that there is no hope for a customer who doesn’t fall in one of these three priorities unless, of course, he wants to buy season tickets to our 1952 home games, now on sale.’

Priority groups for the Texas-Oklahoma game October 11 at Dallas are (1) season ticket holders, (2) 1951 Texas game ticket purchasers, (3) varsity lettermen, (4) paid alumni members. The price is $4 with a 25-cent per order handling charges. New orders will be limited to two tickets each. And it is possible that all the priority groups can not be accommodated.

“If a patron within a priority group has his order rejected, we hope he will understand that it is because we do not receive enough tickets to fill all priority requests.”

Farris pointed out that separate checks are required for each of the Notre Dame and Texas games.

Single game reserved seats for Oklahoma’s four home games at $3.50 each plus the 25-cent per order handling charge and single game reservations for Oklahoma’s road games at Colorado, Kansas, Iowa State and Oklahoma A&M, also at $3.50 each plus the 25-cent per order handling charge also went on sale April 1.

Oklahoma’s 1952 football schedule:

Sept. 27 Colorado at Boulder.
Oct. 4 Pittsburgh at Norman.
Oct. 11 Texas at Dallas.
Oct. 18. Kansas at Lawrence.
Oct. 25 Kansas State at Norman (Band Day).
Nov. 1 Iowa State at Ames.
Nov. 8 Notre Dame at Notre Dame.
Nov. 15 Missouri at Norman (Dad’s Day).
Nov. 22 Nebraska at Norman (Homecoming).
Nov. 29 Oklahoma A&M at Stillwater.

LAW DAY

O.U.’s Law Day, scheduled for May 8, will be highlighted by the appearance of New Zealand’s ambassador to the U. S., Leslie K. Munro. He will deliver the principal address. Advance reservations are being urged for all out-of-town lawyers. They can be made through John B. Freeman, Director of Short Courses, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

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