V.F.W. Plans Get Underway

In the early days of January, 1946, a number of veterans at the University of Oklahoma demanding the exclusive companionship of men who speak the language of overseas veterans decided that their collective desires could best be hastened by the formation of a Veterans of Foreign Wars post at the University. Their petition for a charter was approved by National Headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on February 5. Thus, the University of Oklahoma Post 5856 of the Veterans Foreign Wars came into existence and has been meeting ever since on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month in 101 Monnet Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The principal organizer of the Post, the colorful former Navy officer, James F. Bennett, junior law student who hails from Stillwater, was elected the first commander. Bennett’s tenure of office ended the second week in March, the time at which all Veterans of Foreign Wars officials, obtaining for the forthcoming year, when James S. McNelly, Jr., junior law student whose legal residence is Broken Arrow, was given a vote of confidence by the forty-three members of the organization. Under McNelly’s command the membership of the post has more than trebled as the total membership has advanced to one hundred and sixty one.

During the Spring semester the Veterans of Foreign Wars post prepared a resolution seeking the retention of some measure of price control on housing and food in the event of the death of O.P.A. in June. The resolution was adopted by the principal posts of the state and transmitted to the Veterans of Foreign Wars’ lobbyists in Washington, D.C. Action taken by the post caused the administration of the University to consider the problems of veterans who had not received a subsistence check from the government.

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As the hot, tiresome summer months rolled by the post forwarded to National Headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars a resolution asking for an increase of ten dollars per month in all veterans’ subsistence allowance. Too, the Post co-operated with other organizations in the work of the University Campus Consumers’ Council. Early in the summer the need of a full-time Special Service Officer at Oklahoma University to handle the many and varied problems of all veterans enrolled in the University was felt and efforts were made to fulfill that need. This was accomplished when the Post from the State Department forwarded to the University to work with the officers of the post in the capacity of a full-time Service Officer, counseling and advising all veterans in regard to any problem that they presented.

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O.U. Gets Latin-American Accent

College life has taken on a Latin-American accent at the University this fall.

Thirty-eight Latin-American students from 12 different countries are enrolled at the University, the largest number ever registered.

Venezuela leads the group with 11 students, followed by Mexico, which has five; Peru, five; Costa Rica, three; Brazil, three; Bolivia, two; Panama, two; Puerto Rico, two; Costa Rica, two; Nicaragua, one; Guatemala, one; and Ecuador, one.

Five women are among the foreign students. A majority of the group is enrolled in the College of Engineering.
Legion Launches Fall Program

From its modest beginning a year ago, the Thomas C. Reynolds Post No. 303 of the American Legion has grown into a bustling organization with many notable accomplishments to its credit. An ambitious program of service to campus veterans in the year 1946-47 has been outlined and is underway as this issue of the Sooner Magazine goes to press.

Clee Fitzgerald, Denver arts and science student, who recently was installed as post commander, has outlined a service program for the coming year which includes a fund raising campaign for a veterans' children playground to be established in the new prefabricated housing unit area. The Thomas C. Reynolds Post also has acquired contracts for student ushers and program salesmen for all football games at Owen stadium this year. The later activity will enable about 300 veterans to attend games free in addition to salaries and commissions paid them.

A vigorous membership drive is underway which is expected to treble the first year's enrollment of 350 members.

"Our program of supplying such assistance as aid to veterans in housing, obtaining terminal leave pay, sponsoring social functions, maintaining a vigorous fight for continued price controls and related matters will be the basis on which we expect to grow in membership and recognition," Fitzgerald said.

An outstanding accomplishment of the campus Legion post in the past year of its activity under the leadership of Ed Ferguson, post commander, was the submission of a resolution calling for an increase in veterans' subsistence allowances. The resolution was processed through regular Legion channels and ultimately was introduced in its original form to Congress by the legislative branch of the American Legion.

Veterans on the campus also were aided by an emergency loan fund, tutorial services, and an employment service—all of which were made available through the initiative of the campus post.

At the recent state convention of the Legion, the Thomas C. Reynolds Post delegation was successful in gaining favorable action on resolutions which it sponsored. One of the two resolutions introduced by the post, pertaining to the calling of a constitutional convention for the purpose of amending and revising the state constitution, was adopted by the convention.

Other officers of the campus post recently installed were: John G. Sullivan, Adjutant, and Floyd F. Hathcoat, Sergeant-at-Arms.

75 Teach Through Mails

Seventy-five faculty members are working with students through correspondence study department in addition to their campus teaching, Miss Lucy Tandy, director of correspondence study, said recently.

W. S. Campbell, with 265 students enrolled in professional writing, has the largest number of correspondence students. Miss Catherine Holman, D. L. Barnes, Wyatt Marris, Dr. M. O. Wilson, Dr. C. E. Sprigger and Dr. E. F. Meacham also have a large correspondence enrollment.

Many students who lack only a few hours for graduation are holding jobs and working out their requirements by correspondence. Teachers who need advanced college courses in order to hold their certificates, returned veterans who cannot enroll until next semester and students having a conflict in campus classes are also enrolled in correspondence study.

A copy of the first publication to call itself a magazine, "Gentlemen's Magazine" which appeared for the first time in England in 1731, is on file in the University of Oklahoma library.

O.U. J School Sets Record

An all-time record of 401 majors in journalism at the University was reported by Stewart Harral, director of the School of Journalism.

With the return of former servicemen, the school's enrollment for the first time in several years shows men outnumbering women students. The number of men enrolled is 228 compared with 173 women.

The enrollment total includes 151 freshmen who listed major as journalism although they are not admitted to the School of Journalism until they reach their sophomore year.

Next to the freshman class, the sophomore class is the largest in the school. The sophomore enrollment consists of 97 students, the junior enrollment of 89 students and the senior enrollment of 56 students. There are eight graduate students working on master's degrees.

The School of Journalism ranks third in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University in the number of students enrolled in a major subject.

Students studying premedicine courses rank first, with 527 listing this field as their major. The School of Geology with 404 majors outnumbers the School of Journalism by only three students.

In spite of the increased teaching load, the School of Journalism has been able to take care of the increased enrollment with the loss of one faculty member, Harral says.

Mrs. Ruth Smith Ferris, special assistant professor of journalism, resigned during the summer to join the staff of radio station KWHW at Altus. Classes she formerly taught have been distributed among other faculty members.

Harral said the problem of large classes has been solved by opening up new sections, particularly in the beginning courses and courses required of all students in the school. In addition, classes formerly offered one semester are now being offered both semesters of the school year.

This has meant an increased teaching load on the part of faculty members, but it was the only way possible to handle the large enrollment, Harral said.

One of the chief problems has been the lack of classroom space in the Press Building. The building has only two classrooms, and it has been necessary to schedule classes in other buildings and even in the advertising office of the Oklahoma Daily, student newspaper.

Over 5,000 volumes of first editions and rare books are included in the treasure room of the University of Oklahoma library.

Alumnus Plans New Magazine

Wayland Boles, '31journ, former publisher of The Ranger in Oklahoma City, has announced the establishment of a new monthly magazine to be called Scene—the Magazine of the Southwest, at Dallas, Texas.

The first issue of the magazine will appear about December 1, Boles said.

Co-publisher with Boles of the magazine is his wife, Clyda Boles, who helped him in developing a nationally marketed school sold last year to a Dallas corporation for a reported $500,000.

The new magazine will be a slick-paper publication containing fiction, articles and pictures.

Boles said the new magazine will be printed in several colors on heavy enamel paper and will feature stories and pictures on Southwestern personalities.

He has planned to open branch offices with contributing editors in the principal cities of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Arkansas and Louisiana.

He announced that the first objective will be the establishment of offices in Dallas, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Little Rock and New Orleans.

Established writers and Southwest unknowns will be printed, Boles said.

He operated the Boles Printing Co. in Oklahoma City and in 1932 established a smart monthly magazine, the Bandwagon, which was published for several years.

Boles began developing the wax formula several years ago, working with chemists. In 1941 he decided to launch the product on the national market, and within about four years he developed his enterprise until it brought $500,000 when purchased last November by a group of Dallas businessmen. Boles is chairman of the board manufacturing the product.

The staff of the new magazine includes Miss Catherine Casey, daughter of John H. Casey, professor of journalism at the University, Miss Casey is a graduate of Vassar College and worked on the staff of Harper's Bazaar until early this year.

Dr. Lloyd E. Swearingen, University professor of chemistry, served more than four years in the chemical warfare service of World War II. He was chemical officer and chief liaison officer of headquarters XV corps from Normandy to Austria. He was a colonel at the time of his discharge.
B.A. degree in 1902, he joined the faculty as instructor in history and principal of the preparatory school and has been here ever since.

By attending summer sessions, Dr. Gittinger earned an A.M. degree from the University of Chicago in 1906, a Ph.D. at the University of California in 1916. In 1929 the University of Tulsa honored him with a doctor of laws degree.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the Oklahoma Education Association, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the American Historical Association and the Masonic Lodge. Dr. Gittinger served as a member of the Norman City Council from 1906 to 1910, was chairman of the Cleveland County Council of Defense in World War I. He was treasurer, trustee and elder of the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Gittinger stayed around the admissions office to break in Dr. J. E. Fellows, former registrar at the University of Tulsa, who replaced him, but now he may be found in his office in the Business Administration Building.

The line for English history forms to the right.

J. B. Freeman Succeeds Malone

John B. Freeman, '42bs, has been appointed director of Short Courses and Conferences, to succeed John F. Malone, effective September 1.

Mr. Freeman has been active in University student and alumni affairs for a number of years.

While in the University, Mr. Freeman was a member of the I. M. A. executive council, national corresponding secretary of the National Independent Students Association, president of Pi Omega Nu, Boy Scout service fraternity, member of student affairs committee, and a member of Checkmate, honorary leadership fraternity.

He has recently been associated with Curtis Publishing Co., and was formerly employed by Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, and Douglas Aircraft Co., Tulsa.

MacMinn Heads Student Affairs

Paul MacMinn, counselor of men at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, has been named director of student affairs at the University. Mr. MacMinn succeeds Dr. Glenn C. Couch, who for the last two years has served as director of student affairs and as dean of the University College, Dr. Couch will continue as dean of the University College. Mr. MacMinn also will hold an associate professorship of psychology.

On the campus long enough to get a birdseye view of the Sooner scene, Mr. MacMinn has already given the campus and the University system his "seal of approval." The good housekeeping that goes with it will be part of the new director's job.

A native of Pennsylvania and the son of a Methodist minister, Mr. MacMinn was once interested in the ministry. He attended Garrett Theological Seminary at Evanston before deciding that his main interest lay in psychology and student affairs.

He was graduated from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and later received a master's degree in psychology at Northwestern University. At the present time, he is working on a doctorate in the same field. Temporarily located on the ground floor of Old Science Hall, Mr. MacMinn is very pleased with the situation and hopes "to work up in the institution."

Four years in the adjutant general's office as a military psychologist will be a valuable asset to the director of student affairs in his association with veteran organizations.

As a major in the psychological side of World War II, Mr. MacMinn did inspection work for C-1 and visited more than 300 Army camps during his service.

An ardent sports fan, Mr. MacMinn was happy to see the Sooner team's powerful line function well in the football games played thus far. He also follows up national and local tennis, golf, basketball, swimming, track and softball.

Mr. MacMinn is married and the father of two children, Robert, 8, and Ann, 5.
O.U.'s Glidewell-Woodall combination includes (left to right) Mrs. Norman Woodall, formerly Lora Lee Glidewell; Norman Woodall; Loyal A. Woodall; Joan Woodall, Robert Glidewell; Webb Glidewell, '19ba; and Betty Lou Glidewell.

St. Louis Go to "Shady Side"
St. Louis, Missouri
September 16, 1946

Dear Mr. Beaird:

Sunday, September 16, the St. Louis chapter of the University of Oklahoma Alumni attended a picnic at the Rainwater clubhouse "Shady Side" on the Meramee River near Pacific, Missouri. Special guests were the children of the members. One of the most popular members of this younger set was Miss Helen Ruth Sayre, infant daughter of Robert M. Sayre, '26ba, and Mrs. Sayre. Born August 1, 1946, and therefore only six weeks old, this little miss has already acquired some of the more social graces. Even the attacks of our "specialty vicious brand of mosquitoes (with apologies to our Chamber of Commerce) brought few tears.

The various activities of the day included swimming, horse-back riding, hiking through the 85 acres adjoining the clubhouse, and "just sitting around and talking."

About 5:30 p.m. box lunches were spread out on the tables. There was no evidence of the reported food shortage.

We, the hosts, thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and hope it is the first of a long series.

The names of Harold I. Elbert, '42ba, '44law, attorney with Thompson-Mitchell-Thompson and Young, and Charles Eras, Jnr., '26ba, '47med, Veteran's Administration, Boatmen's Bank, have been entered on our list.

Sincerely,

Dorothy T. Rainwater, '40ba
Secretary-Treasurer.

Dennis Chosen to Attend Seminar

Frank L. Dennis, '29ba, assistant managing editor of the Washington Post, was one of 25 newspapermen selected by the American Press Institute of Columbia University to attend a 3-week seminar held on September 30 for managing and news editors.

The American Press Institute was established this year through contributions of some of the country's larger newspapers to provide a means of providing lectures and discussions of newspaper problems.

In college he served as editor of the Oklahoma Daily, student newspaper. His first job after leaving college was as a reporter on the Kansas City Star. Later he was a reporter for the Boston Herald, but returned to Kansas City after almost a year's work.

In 1931 Dennis returned to the Boston Herald, working first as a reporter and later as night city editor. While employed on the newspaper, he attended the Harvard Law School, receiving the bachelor of laws degree in 1935.

In 1936 Dennis joined the staff of the Daily Oklahoman as a copyreader. Later he held various posts on the Oklahoman and the Oklahoma City Times. He went to the Washington Post as assistant managing editor in 1939.

The Courts' "Storm Warning"

In reporting a recent "storm warning," Arnold Court, '38ba, who is now with the U.S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Court wrote that "an infant disturbance, weight seven pounds twelve ounces, type male, identified as David, was observed at 10:25 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, at Garfield Hospital, Washington, D.C., moving in all directions. This storm is expected to increase rapidly in size and energy, and by September 14 will be centered in Southeast Washington, disrupting all normal activities. Squalls of varying intensity are expected at irregular intervals."

Mr. Court recently was discharged from the Army as a lieutenant. He served 29 months in Alaska and the Aleutians as weather officer. Before entering the Army, Mr. Court served as meteorologist for the U.S. Antarctic expedition in 1940-41, while with the Byrd expedition, Mr. Court organized a "South Pole Special Club."

Summers Named Radio Supervisor

An expanded program and staff for Ohio State University's department of speech, Columbus, includes Harrison B. Summers, '21ma, manager of the public service division of the American Broadcasting Company, who will serve as professor of speech to supervise courses in radio.

Dr. Summers, native of Sanford, Illinois, has the bachelor's degree from Fairmont College, now the University of Wichita; the Master's from the University of Oklahoma, and the doctorate from the University of Missouri.

He taught at Park College and later at Kansas State College, where he was one of the first instructors in the nation to offer accredited college courses in radio broadcasting. While at Kansas State he was on the committee which did programming for KSAC, one of the pioneering educational stations, and he inaugurated state-wide radio audience surveys which were copied in other states.

Joining the National Broadcasting Company in 1939, he became eastern director of the public service division. At the organization of the Blue Network in 1942 he became its public service manager and he continued in that capacity when the "Blue" became the American Broadcasting Company. His son is in charge of research and promotion for WFFA, Dallas, Texas.

The college of engineering of the University of Oklahoma has a German made jet propulsion unit for study by aeronautical engineering students.

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