Committees Study Carillon Bells

Two committees from Oklahoma City and Fort Worth were appointed in early May to supply to the management of the Oklahoma Memorial Union their criticisms and recommendations on the possibility of installing carillon bells in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building.

The Oklahoma City committee was under the direction of Dick Virtue, '48ba, president of the Oklahoma City club of the Alumni Association. Virtue appointed Ted Soule, '48law, to inspect a set of electronic bells installed in Taft Stadium.

In a report to Virtue, Soule said, "Not being a musician or a music physician I am not in a position to be a qualified critic of the musical merit of the installation other than to say the tones seem to be very pleasing and melodious."

Another Oklahoma City group inspected the carillon bells in the Apco Tower. This group was composed of Jack E. Wilson, '39ba, '42law, chairman of the group, Grover D. Strother, '20ba, Edgar R. Oppenheimer, '35-36, and Colonel H. Nelson, '29journ.

Their report to Mr. Virtue said, "We were favorably impressed with the tonal quality and roundness of pitch of the 21-note instrument. The bells were auditioned from the Apco Tower itself, from a point approximately two blocks away, and from a point approximately two miles away. In each instance the amplification was clear and undistorted."

This group also suggested that a committee of alumni residing near Princeton University should be appointed to inspect that university's 61-note set of Carillon Bells. In addition, Princeton has a conventional Carillon of the cast bell type. Such a committee, they say would have the advantage of hearing not only a 61-note set similar to that proposed for O.U. but would be in a position to compare its performance with the cast bells.

The Fort Worth committee inspected the carillon bells of the First Baptist Church in Fort Worth on May 24. This committee was composed of Harold G. Gray, '38ba, chairman, Betty Jean Ingram, '46kee, Dorothy N. Stewart, '43mn, ed., Luther H. White, '46ba, and J. B. Whisenant, '41.

This committee unanimously agreed that the bells should be installed on the Oklahoma University campus. Their report stated:

"We are all agreed that the installation is a very worth while project for the building program for the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building. The bells, we feel, would serve as an inspiration to the student body on the campus, and the wide possibilities for the use of this installation are very appealing. We all truly enjoyed the concert by Dr. McCurdy, and we had the pleasure of meeting this artist and he very kindly gave us a demonstration of the installation following his concert. . . . We, therefore, as a committee of the Alumni of the city of Fort Worth do recommend the installation of the master carillon be included in the building program of the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building."

He Kept His Eyes Open

Wesley L. Nunn, '17, Chicago, advertising manager of Standard Oil Company (Indiana), was the subject recently, of a Pathfinder article which was devoted to Nunn's keynote address delivered at the National Advertisers Convention late in March.

The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma for April, 1949, also carried an article written by Nunn entitled, "So . . . You Want To Be An Advertising Man?"

He has been advertising manager for Standard Oil of Indiana since July, 1936, and is one of the top advertising men in the nation. His story for Kappa Sigma was designed to aid in the selection of careers for young men of that fraternity.

Nunn's comments for Kappa Sigma says, "You are very wise in wanting to be an advertising man."

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Eleven Are Lady Doctors

On June 6 the “powder puff” class graduated from the University of Oklahoma medical school.

They’re called the “powder puff” class because 11 women, constituting close to 20 percent of the full class, stepped up to receive their sheepskins making them full-fledged doctors. Usually the medics graduate two or three women but never before have they graduated 11.

The reason for this odd procedure can be found if you count back through the long years demanded in a medical education. Back eight years it was 1941 and a strange name, Pearl Harbor, began to appear in the news. That meant that the men students had to leave, but the O.U. women stuck it out.

This year’s graduating women were accepted for medical school in late 1944 and started their studies in July, 1945, just a few weeks before the atom bomb ended the war. This makes the “powder puff” class the last accepted before the war ended.

Now these 11 are ready to enliven the hospitals with a little of the woman’s touch.

The 11 are: Ruth Mershon, Mayhill, New Mexico; Reita Meyer, Tulsa; Jean Chambers, Oklahoma City; Ella Hasencir Murray, Oklahoma City; Ella Eager, Stillwater; Alice Gambill, Pawhuska; Jessie Lee Morris Snoddy, Wewauneka; Marie Thaxton Lane, Oklahoma City; Pat Turk Schlosser, Oklahoma City; Nancy Ryan Craig, Oklahoma City and Lillian Hoke, Lebanon, Missouri.

J-School Gets Scholarships

Scholarships totalling $7,000 annually have been established for University journalism students by a foundation established by the late Eugene D. McMahon, ‘15 ba, Texas industrialist and onetime Lawton newspaper manager, and his mother, trustees of the foundation announced recently.

“The grants will be made starting with the fall term 1949,” Winchel Barber, ’37 ba, ’38 ma, chairman of the board of trustees, said.

“Scholarship winners will be chosen by an O.U. journalism school faculty committee,” Barber added.

The scholarships will be available to male students who are planning to study journalism with specialized work in economics and taxation. Funds will be divided each year as follows:

Ten $200 scholarships to outstanding Oklahoma high school graduates; five $200 scholarships to college sophomores; five $200 scholarships to college juniors; a senior scholarship to the amount of $1,000 and a graduate fellowship totaling $2,000.

The scholarship program is reportedly the largest project undertaken by the Perpetual Charitable Corporation since its founding in 1940.

Aid to capable young men who could become articulate leaders able to grasp and clearly state the major problems of government and finance had long been an ambition of McMahon.

He had envisioned the scholarships as a means of assisting outstanding Oklahoma students and through their eventual leadership, all Sooner state residents.

McMahon and his mother, Mrs. E. P. McMahon, established the foundation as a memorial to the late E. P. McMahon. After Eugene’s death in 1945, Mrs. McMahon continued the work in memory of both husband and son.

Dr. Fayette Copeland, director of the school of
journalism, said of the scholarships, “they are the finest thing to happen to the journalism school in many years.”

“They will be the means of bringing worthy students into the school,” said of the scholarships, “they are the means of bringing worthy students into the school for professional training in many years.”

Eugene D. McMahon was born in Kansas but six years later moved to Lawton in 1901 with his parents. He spent his early years to come.

After graduating from the University, he became business manager of the Lawton News, holding that position until World War I. After the war, he engaged in the oil business in Texas and located in San Antonio.

Mrs. McMahon, a pioneer Lawton resident, maintains active membership on the board of trustees. Other members are Barber, John Shoemaker, S. M. ed, Lawrence Keegan, Charles Blechhoe, Mrs. Sara Ross Porter and Neal Shepold, 18, member of the University Board of Regents, all of Lawton.

New Housing Regulation Set

Regulations requiring University of Oklahoma students to live in university-operated housing units, to the extent that such facilities are available on the main campus, will go into effect the fall semester, President Cross has announced.

The regulations, established by the board of regents, apply to all under-graduate students, both single and married, with certain exceptions.

Students not affected are those: (a) already living in university-operated units; (b) living with parents or other relatives in Norman; (c) commuting from a place of residence outside Norman; (d) working for room in lieu of paying rent; (e) living in fraternities, sororities or approved student cooperative houses; and (f) those who are married and own and occupy their own homes.

However, all freshman women will be required to live in university housing regardless of whether they are pledged or sororities, it was pointed out.

Dr. Cross explained two fundamental reasons for requiring undergraduates to live in OU-operated units to the extent of their availability:

(1) Many colleges and universities have come to the conclusion that the most favorable environment for social development, democratic living and stimulation of interests in good scholarship is to be found in university-operated housing units, particularly for students in their freshman year.

(2) In order to provide adequate housing for all freshman students, it has been necessary for the board of regents to borrow money by issuance of bonds. To do this kind of financing, it has been necessary for the board of regents to pledge itself to establish regulations for student housing that will insure as nearly as possible 100 per cent occupancy of the units constructed or acquired with the proceeds of bond issues.

New Curfew Set for Women

University of Oklahoma women students will have their nightlife curtailed somewhat next fall.

President George L. Cross announced earlier Saturday and Friday nights curfew hours. Closing hours for Friday and Saturday nights have been set.

Summer holds no fear for these lovelies. They left for camping duties at Glacier National Park shortly after this picture was taken. They are Marnie Eddleman, arts and science sophomore, Ardmore; Barbara Beaird, University College, Norman; and Mary Anne Panner, arts and science senior, Shawnee.

The Ice Box’s Full of Fish

Development of small farm ponds in Oklahoma on a self-supporting basis will be the object of a course that will originate next fall at the University of Oklahoma.

“Fish are excellent as food. They have a higher protein than most meats. If the university’s research produces information that can be put into practical usage by the State Game and Fish Department, there’s no reason why every small farmer owning a pond can’t have his ice box full of fish the year round,” says Carl D. Riggs, instructor in zoological science.

The university is already inaugurating a study of fish and marine life at Lake Texoma. Graduate students in zoology will make the large pond study, directed by Riggs. The State Game and Fish Department and U.S. Army Engineers are strongly assisting the project.

“The are a great number of small ponds on farms and ranches of Oklahoma.” Riggs says, “If we can introduce fish into them and teach the farmer how to care for them, and for the pond, it should be of great advantage to the farmer.”

“The problem is to convince the pond owner that the fish in his pond represent a crop that must be harvested just like he harvests wheat. He should seine or catch the bulk of the crop but leave enough fish to keep the pond re-stocked. Many owners of small ponds try to hoard their fish, but this is harmful.”

“You have to fertilize a pond just like you do a field. Fish will grow twice as well in water that has been fertilized. The pond-owner’s only expense is scooping out the pond and putting the fish in. The pond can be fertilized with barnyard manure.”

“We want to find out what causes the depopulation of small farm ponds. There are lots of theories on that question but nothing has ever been proved. That’s the purpose of our new course.”

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During the depression years, one of the chief methods of attending college was by working one way through. With Veteran's subsistence under the G.I. bill, war surpluses in a financial way, and prevailing prosperity, the process of earning an education has not seemed so formidable to many postwar students.

There are many exceptions, of course, and perhaps one of the best is Eugenia Trapp, arts and sciences sophomore, from Blackwell.

Eugenia's college story begins shortly after she entered Blackwell high school in the fall of 1946. She was beginning her senior year. The idea of attending college had presented itself, she says, previously, but the desire to further her education and particularly choosing the school were mainly attributable to Mrs. Alpha Burger Skirving, '31bs., '36med. Mrs. Skirving talked O.U. in practical terms and before she knew it, Eugenia was sold.

Okay, so what. Financial difficulties had to be overcome. Only the desire was planted. Later in the year the Rev. Grant Mason and Dr. O. D. Austbo began to take a hand. What about a Rotary Club scholarship, they said. Eugenia was salutatorian of her class and active in extracurricular activities. Wouldn't she be a logical student to receive a scholarship. On commencement evening, after she had delivered her salutatory address which she remembers as having been punctuated by the explosion of firecrackers lit by town wags, the Rotary Club of Blackwell conferred on her a $150 scholarship, she said.

Eugenia estimates that during the 1948-49 school year her total income from summer savings, school employment and the Mother's Association scholarship approximated a $535.00 sum. Her aid from outside sources was fixed at approximately $175.00.

Does Eugenia think that financing her education is quite a burden? If she does it never shows in her attitude. She's 5-feet-2-inches, and about as deft a mixture of charm and bounce as Beety Hutton. When she was asked to sit for a photo for Sooner Magazine, the staff of the alumni office had to make themselves scarce to avoid bringing on the laugh that's as contagious as measles.

Does she have a driving ambition to be a career girl or is marriage the ultimate answer? Eugenia became serious when asked a similar question. "I may get married, but if it's before I graduate, I'm going to finish my degree," she said.

You can't find many takers for a bet that she won't.

Law Seniors Attend Institute

Approximately 125 law school seniors had the opportunity of meeting and getting acquainted with prominent members of the Oklahoma Bar and Bench at the Oklahoma Bar Association's Legal Institute on Pre-Trial Conferences at Wewoka April 8. The meeting was sponsored by the Seminole County Bar Association.

For the seniors it was an exciting and valuable experience. They were guests of the County Bar group at a reception at the Alridge Hotel following the institute in the afternoon. In the evening, the Seminole County Bar again played host at a banquet at the same hotel with Dean W. Page Keeton of the University School of Law; Justice Earl Welch, '11, state supreme court judge; and William S. Hamilton, president of the Oklahoma Bar Association; addressing the group. Bob Harry, law senior president from Ralston, expressed the visitors' appreciation.

Upon arrival the senior group and six faculty members were greeted by Earl Davis, 30Law, Wewoka, president of the Seminole County Bar Association; Howard Tumility, chairman of the state bar's Committee on Continuing Legal Education, and By Hamilton. Hicks Epton, '32Law, vice president of the state association, was instrumental in helping plan and organize the institute.

The pre-trial conference and demonstration was well on her way. But where could a much needed scholarship be obtained for her sophomore work.

The Mother's Association stepped in. Eugenia was awarded their $100 scholarship and she started the second lap. She continued working for the alumni office, was pledged to El Moji, honorary arts fraternity, took part in the Red Cross and March of Dimes campaigns, and served on the student committee for Religious Emphasis week.

But as always the uncertainty of the financial future was staring her in the face. Where was aid to come from for September, 1949. At the senior day activities in the latter part of April, the answer was forthcoming. Miss Eugenia Trapp had been awarded the Delta Delta Delta scholarship, the speaker said, which carried a stipend of $450. The bars were down for another year.

In the autumn of 1947 Eugenia enrolled in University college and started work at the alumni records office. She became a member of the O.U. a capella choir, was named one of the ten outstanding freshman women by Mortar Board, was elected secretary of Alpha Lambda Delta, honorary freshman women's organization, and kept her grades in the 'A' and 'B' category. She was
conducted by A. P. Murrah, '28 Law, Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court, who substituted at the last moment for U. S. District Judge Bower Broaddus who was unable to attend.

The pre-trial conference is a discussion of the issues of a case by plaintiff and defendant prior to the actual trial wherein effort is made to settle as many issues as possible thereby saving trial time and expense. Recently this device has become more important in the State and for lawyers and embryo lawyers because of a state supreme court rule which established the procedure for the use of conferences in district courts.

Law School faculty present at the institute were Earl Sneed, '34ba, '37 Law; Earl Warren, '366a, '38 Law; Maurice Merrill, '19ba, '22 Law; Dale Vleit, '38 Law, and Dean Keeton.

50 Service Awards Announced

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Each recipient, who will receive $75, will be required to perform four hours of service each week.

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Applications and records of candidates should be sent to Paul MacMinn, dean of students.

New High Degree Offered

More graduate student psychologies are on the way at the University. State regents for higher education have approved a program leading to a doctor's degree in psychology. President Cross has announced.

The degree will be offered in general and clinical psychology and be the 11th in the number of Ph.D. degrees set up in the graduate college.

More courses of a higher level are planned in the expanded program. Library, laboratory and space facilities also are being enlarged. The psychology department's teaching staff now includes eight full-time members with doctor's degrees.

College Moves to Seven Cities

University education professors are doing double duty these days.

To enable more graduates to work toward higher degrees, they conduct evening "in-service" classes in seven state cities. About 300 persons are now enrolled in the graduate courses.

Students enrol for two to four credit hours and meet class one evening each week. They may receive up to eight hours of graduate requirements through in-service work.

Wilkinson Will Coach All-Stars

Bud Wilkinson, football coach and athletic director, was named recently to coach the college All-Stars for their game against the Philadelphia Eagles, National League titleholders, in Chicago, August 12.

Wilkinson, former Minnesota guard and quarterback, becomes the first former all-star player to return to the Soldier field classic in Chicago as head coach. He called signals for the 1947 collegiate unit which defeated the Green Bay Packers, 6-0, for the first All-Star victory over the National league football champions.

Wilkinson's appointment was announced by Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, which sponsors the All-Star game for the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc.

According to a report carried in the Daily Oklahoman, "At Norman . . . Wilkinson said he is delighted over the chance to coach the All-Stars.

"I've attended practically everyone of the All-Star games and had the pleasure of playing in one of them," he said. "It will be a real thrill to coach the team."

Wilkinson's Sugar Bowl champs were rated as the best Oklahoma team in the school's history. After losing their opener to Santa Clara, 20-17, the Sooners went undefeated. They set up scoring records, one of 43.4 points a game in Big Seven competition and one of 36 for the entire season.

Wilkinson's two-season record with Oklahoma stands at 17 wins, three losses, and a tie. His 1947 team shared the conference championship with Kansas but his 1948 team ran through conference play undefeated.

The tall, blond coach acquired singleswingback savvy from the University of Minnesota where he played guard for Bernie Bierman's 1934-35 teams and quarterback in 1936. Wilkinson picked up Tformation tactics from Missouri's Don Faurot, under whom he served as assistant at Iowa Pre-flight in 1943.

Wilkinson's offense revolves around the quarterback, but unlike most T operatives, his field general must be a running back to whisk handoffs along the scrimmage line, sweep the ends and manipulate cutbacks.

His system also calls for guards to pull out and run interference and involves spinners and half-spinners by the quarterback.

Wilkinson entered the coaching field immediately after his last game as a player in the 1937 All-Star game. He served seven and a half years as assistant in college and service football. In college, he tutored under Ossie Solem at Syracuse and at Minnesota under Dr. George Hauser, Bierman's wartime replacement. In the navy, he served with Faurot and Jim Tatum.

The non-football phase of his navy hitch involved service as a hangar deck officer on the air-