Second Generation of Sooners

THE University of Oklahoma, long thought of as a very young institution, is growing up.

The fiftieth anniversary, to be celebrated soon, will mark a half century of growth and achievement. Less spectacular, but perhaps just as significant, is the fact that a second generation of Sooners is now attending the University in considerable numbers.

With the help of the registry office, The Sooner Magazine distributed to each student this year a card to be filled out if either of the student’s parents ever attended the University of Oklahoma.

The survey revealed that a total of 217 students now enrolled in the University have at least one parent who also attended the institution. In other words, three and half per cent of all the students in the University are second-generation Sooners, getting their college education on the same campus where their mother or their father or in many cases both parents, received their higher education.

A solid background of tradition and family interest is growing up. More and more it will become the natural thing to do to attend O. U. because it is a family custom.

Oklahoma young people in the past have scattered far and wide to go to school, and it is reasonable to assume that many did so because their dads and mothers graduated in the colleges and universities of other states.

Now, however, the University of Oklahoma has about 14,000 graduates, and some 55,000 former students. The sons and daughters of these Sooners are more likely to come to Norman than to go elsewhere to be educated.

One of the most impressive facts revealed by the survey is that some members of every graduating class the University has had since 1896 have children now enrolled in the University. The somewhat startling information that graduates as recent as those of 1936 and 1937 have children in school is easily explained.

Many parents coming to Norman to live while their children attend the University find it an excellent opportunity to finish their college education and get degrees. Thus parents may graduate just a year or two ahead of their children.

However, as might be expected, the graduating classes of about twenty years ago have a strong lead in the number of children now in school at O. U. The class of ’17 leads with 27, and the class of ’16 is second with a total of 17.

The survey shows that the 217 second-generation Sooners enrolled in the University may be divided as follows:

- Both parents attended O. U. ........... 73
- Father only attended O. U. ........... 97
- Mother only attended O. U. ........... 47
- Total .................................. 217

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Some of the miscellaneous facts disclosed by the survey are:

Seven all-O. U. couples have sent two children each to the University this year.

Four men graduates whose wives are not Sooners have two children each in the University, and one woman graduate whose husband is not a Sooner has two children in school now.

Students Whose Parents Both Are Former Sooners


John W. Gittinger, Norman, son of Roy Gittinger, ’02, and Frances Price Gittinger, ’34.


Mary Ben Richardson, Superior, Wyoming, daughter of W. H. Richardson, ’07ex, and Lela Curtis Rogers Richardson, ’06ex.

Elizabeth Brooke Morris, Oklahoma City, daughter of T. G. Morris, ’08, and Wildah Brie Morris, ’33.

McFerron Gittinger, Tulsa, son of Clement O. Gittinger, ’08, and Elva Ellen McFerron Gittinger, ’09.


Charles Ambrister, Norman, son of S. G. Ambrister, ’08, and Etta Hutchins Ambrister, ’06. And Emma Beth Ambrister, daughter of same couple.

Andrew Dee Pickard, Norman, son of Claud W. Pickard, ’09, and Avo Berry Pickard, ’10. And Addie Lee Pickard, daughter of same couple.


Bill Ecker, Tulsa, son of Charles R. Ecker, ’10, and Jewel Ecker, ’26ex.


J. Gordon Welch, Anslers, son of Justice Carl Welch, ’11, and Irene Johnston Welch, ’11.

Phil Porter, Tulsa, son of Earle S. Porter, ’11, and Mary Pearl Goodrich Porter, ’11.


Mrs. Beth C. Robertson, Norman, daughter of W. W. Cadleberry, ’11, and Mamie Bryant Cadleberry, ’17ex.


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Bette Lou Clark, Ponca City, daughter of Glenn C. Clark, ’13, and Vera Gordon Clark, ’13.

Lois Wails, Okmulgee, daughter of Charles E. Wails, ’14, and Blanche South Wails, ’16.


Katherine Bretch, Oklahoma City, daughter of Donald M. Bretch, ’14, and Beatrice von Keller Bretch, ’12.


Charles F. Steele, Okmulgee, son of Charles B. Steele, ’16 and Alice Penn Steele, ’16ex.


Gene Clark Cunningham, Oklahoma City, son of C. M. Cunningham, ’16, and Chloris Horn Cunningham, ’16ex.

Dorothy Floyd, Norman, daughter of R. H. Floyd, ’16, and Agnes Chase Floyd, ’16.

Lucia Jane Clark, Tulsa, daughter of Randall W. Clark, ’16, and Lucile Pendleton Clark, ’16ex.

H. B. Caldwell, Jr., Oklahoma City, son of Harlutt B. Caldwell, ’17, and Ethel Ione Turner Caldwell, ’17.


Frances Orr Northcutt, Oklahoma City, daughter of Marion J. Northcutt, ’17, and Ella Vera Jones Northcutt, ’16.

Mary McLaury, Snyder, daughter of Finley McLaury, ’17, and Nelda Jarrett McLaury, ’18ex.

Lillian Ethel Harris, Helena, daughter of George G. Harris, ’17, and Lillian Ethel White Harris, ’16.

Charles M. Brake, Norman, son of C. Arthur Brake, ’17, and Jane M. Brake, ’26ex.


Arthur A. Shead, Norman, son of A. C. Shead, ’18, and Blanche Belt Shead, ’10. And Rosemary Shead, daughter of same couple.

George Wadsack, Norman, son of G. E. Wadsack, ’18, and Esther Patton Wadsack, ’14ex.

Evaile Shultz, Norman, daughter of Bennie Shultz, ’18, and Audrey Fitch Shultz, ’17.

Earl A. Riley, Jr., Tulsa, son of E. A. Riley, ’18ex, and Adelina F. Clarke, ’17ex.


Ken Hansen, Marble City, son of Harvey C. Hansen, ’27ma, ’35ed, and Bessie M. Hansen, ’27ex.

Stanley Moore, Norman, son of Stanley Moore, ’28ex, and Bess Acree Moore, ’17.


Marcelotte Leake, Norman, daughter of Harold H. Leake, ’37, and Dorothy Van Dyke Leake, ’18ex.

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