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THE ENTRANCE TOWER OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, WHICH WILL BE DEDICATED FEBRUARY 21 AND 22. THE BUILDING COST A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS AND PERHAPS IS AMERICA'S FINEST LIBRARY BUILDING.
FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 1. Basketball, Oklahoma vs. Missouri, Field house.
February 2. Basketball, Oklahoma vs. Missouri, Field house.
February 1. Phi Kappa Psi house dance.
Delta Upsilon dance, College shop. University glee club concert, auditorium.
February 7. Sigma Chi dance, College Shop. Kappa Alpha house dance.
February 12. The Playhouse presents three studio plays: The Slave with Two Faces, The Underdog, His Sainted Grandmother.
February 15. Phi Kappa Sigma house dance. Sigma Mu Sigma dance, Teepee. AlphaTau Omega dance, College shop.
February 22. Sigma Nu dance, College shop. Library dedication.
February 24. Basketball and wrestling Oklahoma vs. Kansas Agricultural and Mechanical College, Field house.
February 28. Pi Kappa Phi dance, College shop. Phi Delta Theta house dance.

Our changing varsity

REGENT BOWMAN

George Bowman of Kingfisher, an attorney, is a new member of the Oklahoma board of regents, having been named by Governor Holloway to succeed W. E. Utterbach, who resigned on being made a member of the new Oklahoma State Bar commission. Mr Bowman was a member of the first board of regents appointed under the revised regent plan effective in 1919. He was Democratic national committeeman during President Wilson’s administration.

LAW EXAMS?

Whether graduates of the school of law should be required to take the state bar examination (from which they have been exempt in the past) has aroused considerable interest among prospective lawyers and legislators at the university. Under the new rule of the Oklahoma State Bar association, the student must take the examinations, and there has been considerable discussion pro and con, a sample of which was the letter by Mr Ralls reprinted in the January The Sooner Magazine. Students who have begun their law study by June 23, 1930, are exempt from the bar examination, however. Hope has been expressed by friends of the law school that exemption for law graduates may be obtained.

A SMALL CITY

Some idea of the value of the university to the city of Norman may be gained by the fact that there are 1,223 persons on the payroll of the university at Norman and in the state. Of this number, 302 are instructors, seven are United States army officers, others are engaged in manual occupations, etc. A total of 172 students are employed in this number by the university. Altogether, the list of employees makes a small-sized city, not to mention the more than 5,000 students in residence.

FACULTY

Dr. Roy Temple House, editor of Books Abroad and head of the modern languages department, and Prof. Oscar B. Jacobson, head of the school of art, were both given places in Biografica, a biographical dictionary published in New York and Paris by the French Press bureau.

Dr. Maurice G. Smith, head of the department of anthropology, was named a member of the council of the American Anthropological association at its meeting at Poughkeepsie, New York, during the Christmas holidays.

Leonard Good, ’27 art, an instructor in Oklahoma City schools, has been named instructor in art in the university school of art, to succeed the late Laurence Pickett Williams.

Prof. Oscar J. Lehrer, director of the university orchestra and himself a composer of note, was elected national president of Kappa Kappa Psi, honorary musical fraternity, at the biennial national convention in Oklahoma City recently.

Prof. John H. Casey, member of the school of journalism faculty, has returned from six months spent in graduate work at Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. Prof. Buford O. Brown of Stanford, who exchanged with Professor Casey, has returned to Stanford. Professor Casey is working on a history of the National Editorial association.
Prof. H. H. Herbert, director of the school of journalism, was elected secretary-treasurer of the American Association of Teachers of Journalism at the national meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 2. The university has asked for the 1931 convention to be held in Norman.

GIFTS TO EDUCATION

Mrs Martin J. Insull of Chicago has founded and endowed with $25,000, in honor of her husband, a scholarship at the Cornell university college of engineering, of which Mr Insull was an alumnus.

Mr Walter P. Chrysler, the automobile manufacturer, has given Dartmouth college the series of photoplays, The Chronicles of America, valued at $10,000.

The will of the late Dr. R. Melville Cramer, Dartmouth graduate of 1877, leaves to Dartmouth $185,000 for a fellowship fund.

W. G. Skelly, Tulsa oil millionaire, gives the University of Tulsa $100,000, while the Skelly Oil Co. gives the same university $22,500 endowment for the school of petroleum engineering.

THREE SOLDIERS

Three soldiers meticulously avoided argument in an argument in the Faculty club forum January 15, when veterans of German and American armies talked over the World War as pictured in Remarque's remarkable novel, All Quiet on the Western Front.

Denouncing Allied propaganda as more vicious and untrue than anything attempted by the German press, Lieutenant Johannes Malthaner, commander of a company before Verdun and now graduate assistant in German, declared that no Belgian babies were butchered, no lurid atrocities committed by Prussian troops. The grim horror of Remarque's book he corroborated with memories of nightmare months in the trenches, of the German battle against overwhelming odds, of three years in a French prison camp. The glory of war Malthaner dismissed with a single statement: "I got my Iron Cross. It cost me 85 lives, 50 wounded and three years in prison. War has no more glamour for me."

Carefully avoiding controversy, Major E. P. Parker, commander of an American artillery regiment in France and commandant of the university R. O. T. C., limited his remarks to a compliment for German military efficiency, a brief criticism of the novel, and an able defense of army disciplinary methods. "Discipline is that thing which makes a soldier go ahead like an automaton... it is the basis of all warfare," he said.

W. A. Willibrand, member of an American ambulance unit and modern languages professor, edged yet further from controversy, giving a comprehensive survey of post-war literature.

Dr. Roy T. House, head of the modern languages department and member of Hoover's staff in Belgium during the war, acted as master of ceremonies and reviewed Remarque's novel in both original and translated versions.

SIGMA XI COMING

Sigma Xi, mandarin among scientific societies, granted the petition of the University of Oklahoma club at the December meeting. "A great honor," declared President Bizzell. Installation will be in April or May, probably.

FOR POSTOFFICE

Inspired by a bill introduced in congress by Representative Stone, ex '01, to provide $500,000 for a postoffice building for Norman and $100,000 for a site, five Norman representatives visited Washington the week beginning January 6, to present figures aiding in securing the appropriation. The delegation consisted of R. W. Hutto, '10 arts-sc., president of the Norman chamber of commerce, Harvey Cobb, R. V. Downing, Richard H. Cloyd, '23 law, and Frank S. Cleckler, '21 bus., secretary of the alumni association.

ALASKA IN OKLAHOMA

Sun-accustomed Sooners had a taste of Alaska starting January 7 and continuing through January 18, on which latter day the mercury sank to eight degrees below zero, equaling the previous low for January in Norman. Almost continuous snow, sleet and wind made the cold spell notable. Blizzards cost money—thousands of dollars were lost by Norman merchants because of virtually impassable streets, while Walter W. Kraft, superintendent of utilities, spent hundreds of dollars clearing sidewalks and streets. Seven inches of snow and sleet fell in the first onslaught, while on January 17, two inches of snow fell, driven by a severe norther.

TIL WE MEET AGAIN

A unique bit of modeling decorating a Norman front yard in the university section. The hands that modeled this may some day do nobler work in marble. The talent displayed should be cultivated and not lost to the world of art through neglect and disuse.

DONE IN SNOW

BY

DERALD SWINEFORD, '31

ARTS, ENID.
UPPER—NEW PHI KAPPA SIGMA HOME. LOWER—NEW LAMBDA CHI ALPHA HOME
The prospects of his candidacy are gaining much attention in Democratic political circles.

HIS potential candidacy is the latest to develop to any proportion and it threatens to prove a real factor in the Democratic lineup when the candidates go to the post for the first primary.

The Buttram talk is received in various ways, depending on the respective political camps. On the Al Smith side many of the leaders declare him to be a candidate of the anti-Smith faction or a part of it.

In parts of the anti-Smith camp, where his candidacy is of concern, Buttram is listed as a neutral and outside of the Smith-anti-Smith fight of the party in 1928.

Buttram's friends point to him as a possible candidate outside of the political lineups of former campaigns.

One of the chief boosters in the Buttram boom is Hubert L. Bolen, one of the old Robert L. Owen school, and leader of the anti-Smith movement. His activity in kindling a Buttram fire has brought counter charges against the oil man.

Buttram declares he was not mixed in the factional fight, and, while Bolen is for him, he has only talked to Bolen once about his prospective candidacy.

Friends of Buttram count on support from the section of the voters that want to get away from "has beens" and the political organization that dominates state politics. They declare he will receive a bulk of the independent vote, and become a real factor for businessmen to support.

Buttram is a native Oklahoman. He is a graduate of Central State Teachers college at Edmond and the University of Oklahoma. He would have the advantage of his being an alumnus of those two institutions. He would have support from what is termed the "church group" in summing up voters, and newspaper support already has been voiced in sections.

Messrs Buttram and Pullen are the first university alumni to be mentioned in the governor's race.
WHAT PINE FOSTERED

The Associated Press reports from State College, Pennsylvania:

Bricks so numerous that two of them would about make the wall of a small bungalow were forecast Monday in the announcement of the discovery of a new building material at Pennsylvania state college. The announcement says that with this new material bricks may be made twenty feet long, five feet wide and six to eight inches thick.

The material is a vitrified clay substance produced by Prof. Joseph B. Shaw and Myril C. Shaw of the ceramic department. The research was supplied by United States Senator W. B. Pine of Oklahoma and the objective was to discover a new road paving substance.

BABIES, WHITE, BLACK, RED

Wrote John B. Gordon, "30 journ., business manager for The Sooner Magazine, to the editor of The Oklahoma City Times.

When I read about the Times' annual Christmas baby contest, which awards a prize to the first infant born on Christmas day, I was impressed with the cleverness of the stunt. Yet when one considers that the event is staged at this season of the year—a time of cheerfulness and good will toward all humanity, there is one clause in the contest rules which seems unjust.

I refer to the rule which specifies that the contest is open to white babies only.

Of course, when the population of the negro and other races in the city is compared with the white race it is easy to see that the pure majority gives the white race a decided advantage. That is, heavy odds are on the white side when the contest is held open to all.

Regardless of the point, however, I believe that here is one case when the whites should not demand an unfair advantage. Why not award this honor to the first child that God sees fit to send to our gaily ornamented city on Christmas day?

To which the Times editor replied:

Mr. Gordon is right. Our God knows no color line. Negroes, Indians, and Mexicans should be included when considering gifts for the first baby born on Christmas day each year. On Christmas, 1930, the first baby born in Oklahoma City, regardless of race, color or previous condition of servitude, will be awarded all honors.

THE REAL COLLEGE SPIRIT

To the Editor:

The November 16 Literary Digest has stimulated me to greater action this blistiery hot afternoon, while all about is still and I am lazy. States mail came today and one of the first things that my eyes lit upon was, "Is College Spirit the Bunk?" Only a few days ago I, too, had a letter calling me to a college reunion. Mine was that of a football team. "Bennie's first team of 1905 is having a reunion...not a member of that team is dead...you are a long way off but..." signed by Billie Cross, quarter back of that team. Bennie has been head coach these twenty-four years and I never fail to see him when near enough. Of the members of that team I have seen little, some of them I have not seen or heard directly from in twenty-two years, but there was something in me that made me want to see him. My alma mater, I, too, have managed to be at the Homecoming games my two furlough months to get there—twenty-one years from graduation, sixteen years foreign residence, a Y. M. C. A. secretary without wealth, my alumni dues keep pretty well paid and when in the U. S. A. I make it back to my Alma Mater to refresh my memory and to see that "something" has grown in me for the young manhood of this splendid city, that "something" has grown in me till it will be hard for me when the time comes to move on.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK M. LONG, '08.

A REPLY TO MR TOLBERT

To the Editor:

The only parts of the roasting that we got from Alumni Association President Raymond Tolbert, in the last issue of the Sooner Magazine, that we didn't thoroughly enjoy and agree with, was the excerpt which inferred that we were lacking in Sooner spirit and the one which suggested that he didn't understand his modern journalism.

Even at that, we are swelled up enough over knowing someone read it, to offset any ill feeling that we might have suffered.

The "drivel" that he mentioned was a weekly feature in the Oklahoma Daily in which we predicted the outcome of Big Six football games last fall. The particular one with which he took issue had to do with our prediction that the Sooners would lose to Kansas on Homecoming day.

If what we had to say about the matter had anything to do with the outcome of the game, in the first place, the thing that we are going to do is hit the editor up for a raise. If such is the case, we are being underpaid to say the least.

If a sports writer who had the reputation of knowing his stuff and deserved the reputation, had said the same thing that we said, it might have had a psychological effect on the Oklahoma team, but at that we doubt it as does the entire coaching staff.

A person would not have to have a certificate in journalism to know that it is against all the ethics of the profession as well as common sense to be "two-faced" about anything one says, much less writes. A newspaper story, even under a byline, is supposed to be unbiased. If we had predicted that Oklahoma would win against Kansas, when we thought differently, it would have been a lie on our part in addition to being a breach of newspaper ethics. It would have been an injustice to the public. (All four of them.)

Don't get the idea that we are upholding the student body in its less than poor demonstration of team support last fall. Besides wailing about it all year, we editorialized along that line a couple of times.

Mr. Tolbert has made a mountain out of a molehill by the article and aside from giving us something to write about, has done nothing but pay us a compliment which was not deserved. For this we thank him.

CLARENCE FROST, '30.

ENJOYS THE MAGAZINE

To the Editor:

I am enclosing a check for next year's dues and a subscription to The Sooner Magazine. I look forward to the coming of each copy of it. Best wishes for the New Year.

DORIS NESBITT.
Sports of all sorts

HOMECOMING

Mark this down in your date book:
February 8.

That done, come to Norman February 8 and watch Hugh McDermott's Sooner basketball team in action in the fieldhouse against Nebraska.

Mac's team hasn't had the same notable record this year that it had the last two; but all the more reason for your coming homecoming night to boost the team. Anyway, two years without a conference defeat is nothing to hide under a bushel. If you haven't done so already, order your ticket now.

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CAPTAIN FIELDS

Soonerland's new football captain is a six footer whom you have heard about before, Bob Fields of Ponca City. Captain Fields, elected by his teammates, played center last year without missing a minute's play.

Eighteen Sooners were awarded letters for football representation last fall. They are: Captain Frank Crider, Tom Churchill, Dick Marsh, Al Mayhew (all of whom have won letters three consecutive years), Weldon Gentry, Fenton Taylor, John Lee, Bob Fields, Curtis Berry, Earl Flint, Buster Mills, Clyde Kirk (all of whom have won two letters), Raymond Stanley, Hilary Lee, Guy Warren, Roy Nelson, Ernest Massad and Darrell Ewing.

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THE GREAT SHELBY

Bus Ham in the Daily Oklahoman has high praise for Parker Shelby, artist and trackman. Says Ham:

There were other great track men in the state during 1929 but none so consistently dominated all opposition in his event as did Parker Shelby, towering University of Oklahoma high jumper.

Shelby won first place in the national inter-collegiate, first in the Kansas, Drake, Southern Methodist and Texas relays, first in the Big Six indoor and outdoor meets.

His only defeat was in the K. C. A. C. indoor meet, in which Tom Poor, former University of Kansas athlete, nipped him out. Shelby later got a measure of revenge for that defeat by breaking one of Poor's records.

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NO BIFF

Noted Capt. Lawrence "Biff" Jones, coach of West Point, asked to be assigned to the school of fire at Fort Sill. Enthusiastic Sooners wired War Secretary Pat Hurley to assign him to the university R. O. T. C. Replied Oklahoma's Hurley that Biff was serious about his army career and wanted the school of fire.

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TOUGH BREAKS

Fighting doggedly to the last minute of play, Hugh V. McDermott's Sooner basketball team met its first conference defeat in 33 games January 11, when a team of Kansas long-range sharp-shooters invaded the Norman court to take a 34 to 22 victory. Kansas thereby saved its own all-time record of 34 straight conference wins.

For the first time in his career Captain Tom Churchill, playing with a sprained ankle, was held scoreless, and with the main-spring of their attack crippled the Oklahomans were never able to hit a winning stride.

The Kansas loss was the second for Oklahoma this year. An inspired Oklahoma Aggie quintet, playing on its own court, sent the Sooners home with the short end of a 28 to 22 score January 7. McDermott's team had previously defeated both the University of Texas and Southern Methodist University in two-game series, with close scores in all four matches.

The almost impossible task of filling gaps left by Bruce Drake at running guard and Clif Shearer at center has been McDermott's chief problem. Gordon Graalman and Jerry Jerome, sophomore centers, lack height to make invincible pivot men, and no candidate has been able to duplicate Drake's brilliant floor work. Three of last year's veterans, Churchill, Bill Noble and Laurence Meyer have been the nucleus for the Sooner team, with Melvin Culbertson and Harold Roberts fighting for the guard position, while Graalman and Jerome take turns at center. With Churchill out of the game, Charles Grady and Garland Emmons, speedy second string men, pulled the Sooner bacon out of the fire in the S. M. U. series.

Oklahoma will have a chance to avenge its defeat by Kansas when the Sooners invade Lawrence for the last conference game of the season February 15. Most important match on the home schedule is the Missouri game February 1. Other games on the Sooner schedule are: Iowa State at Norman, January 18. Nebraska at Norman, February 8. Oklahoma A. and M. at Norman, February 11.

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A WORTHY RECORD

In these days of athletic storm and stress, figures compiled by Registrar George Wadsack as to the number of athletes at Oklahoma who take degrees, are interesting.

Out of 222 men (excluding those now enrolled in the university) who have made Oklahoma letters since 1895, 140 or 63.6 per cent, completed their college work and received degrees.

Out of the remaining number, sixty-two left school in good standing and could re-enroll if they desired.

Only eighteen lettermen have been dropped by the university in thirty-four years for failure to do their work.

Thus two-thirds of the lettermen take degrees, while only a third of the average student body complete their work.

Clinic of our times—-the alumni university

The traveling theater

By Winifred Johnston

It is to be hoped that Southwestern trails broken centuries ago by Indian, friar, and cowboy may soon be followed by theaters-on-wheels. For the theater is taking to the road, and in this revival of the medieval pageant-wagon provincial America may well find its solution to the problem of theatrical isolation.

America has suffered much from theatrical tastes artificially fostered. Provincial America in particular has suffered from the high cost of theatrical dainties. Yet carnivals and circuses have known for many years that there are paying audiences in prairie towns and crossroad villages. For several years commercial companies playing the small towns of the Southwest have swelled profits by pro-