ONE hundred twenty former students and former faculty members of the University of Oklahoma gathered in Washington, D.C., the night of November 11 to pay their respects to Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, and Mrs. Bizzell, and to enjoy a dinner program devoted to Sooner affairs.

The dinner meeting was held at the Lafayette Hotel in Washington, with Paul A. Walker, '21law, as toastmaster. Mr. Walker is a member of the Federal Communications Commission and is chairman of the O.U. Alumni Advisory Council in Washington.

Principal address of the evening was given by Dr. Bizzell, who reported progress of the Oklahoma football team for the benefit of rabid Sooner fans in the capital city, and then discussed a number of the more important problems facing higher education in America, and the University of Oklahoma in particular.

"In spite of the dilemma presented by increasing enrolment and decreasing appropriations, I have deep faith in the future growth and enriched services of the University of Oklahoma," he told the Washington alumni.

In conclusion, he urged the persons in the audience to attend the University’s semi-centennial celebration to be held in 1942.

Congressman Wesley E. Disney of Oklahoma spoke briefly on the program, bringing greetings from others in the Oklahoma congressional delegation. Since the other members of Congress had returned home at the close of the special session, they were unable to attend. Their regrets were read by Mr. Walker.

The program included showing of color films of campus scenes, with Lynden Mannen, '27, '38ma, former member of the O. U. government faculty, serving as commentator to point out familiar landmarks and explain the scenes.

A considerable part of the evening was devoted to visiting and exchanging reminiscences.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. John Hervey who came from Philadelphia especially for the occasion, and five persons who came from Baltimore. Mr. Hervey is dean of the law school at Temple University.

Members of the O.U. Alumni Advisory Council in Washington, in addition to Chairman Walker, are Lynden Mannen, '27, '38ma; Roy St. Louis, '151aw; Tully Nettleton, '23; and Jack Fischer, '32.

Those present at the dinner included:

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell, Dr. Bizzell, Paul A. Walker, Mrs. Walker, Welley E. Disney, Mrs. Disney, and Roy St. Lewis. The other picture gives a general view of the crowd. Easily recognizable in the foreground are Mr. and Mrs. Tully Nettleton, Mr. and Mrs. John Hervey, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Groseclose, and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Deming.
ministration; James Hugh Nelson, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey; J. B. James Hugh Nelson (Betty Lou Massingale, '33); Tully Nettleton, '23, Washington representative, Christian Science Monitor; and Mrs. Nettleton (Ruth Syringe, '26); Edgar R. Oppenheim; George B. (Deak) Parker, '08, editor-in-chief of Scraps-Howard newspapers; and Mrs. Parker (Adela Leon- is, '06), former member of O. U. English fac- ulty; Mrs. Gertrude Sidener Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. George R. Phillips; Miss M. E. Pool, secre- tary to Senator Elmer Thomas; Irwin Magnus Ristine, '06, Kingsfisher, Bureau of Education, and Mrs. Ristine; Mary Rolle, '35ed, Social Security Board; Roy St. Lewis, '15law, attorney and president of the Oklahoma State Society of Washington, D. C.; Dr. J. T. Sanders, '15, De- partment of Agriculture; Helen Slentz, '32ma, National Resources Board; Philip Smith and Mrs. Smith (Anne Williams, '32); Edna C. Sloan; Roderick Smith; Mrs. Ruth Winn Spence- r, '27, Department of Agriculture; Dr. C. W. Thornthwaite, former geography faculty mem- ber at O. U. now in the Soil Conservation Ser- vice, and Mrs. Thornthwaite; Paul A. Walker, '12law, member Federal Communications Com- mission, and Mrs. Walker (Myra E. Williams, '12ex), former assistant to Dr. J. W. Sturgis, professor of Latin; Cleda L. Welge, '34, De- partment of Agriculture; Robert E. Wood, '20, '31ma, Bureau of the Budgets and R. R. Zimmer- man, Home Owners Loan Corporation.

Opera debut
A dark-eyed Chickasaw Indian girl known as Tessie Mobley, '24ex, to her Sooner friends, made her debut with the Chicago City Opera Company November 11, singing the title role of the opera Aida. She is known professionally as Mobley Lushanya, having been named Lushanya, "Bird That Sings," by her tribe when she was a young girl.

The Chicago Tribune review of the opera started with the paragraph: "A world that has learned not to be surprised at anything took in its stride last night the spect- able of an American Indian girl singing the title role in Verdi's Aida in the Civic Opera house."

The reviewer went on to say, "A slim, dark, attractive young woman, she won her audience last night by the quiet charm of her manner and by the passion and sincerity of her singing."

After attending the University of Ok- lahoma and Christian College in Colum- bia, Missouri, Lushanya went to Berlin to study music, and entered a tryout for a scholarship at the State Academy of Music there.

From the Berlin Academy she won an- other scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music, Santa Cecilia, in Rome. She studied there for one year.

In 1936 Mobley Lushanya returned to New York to coach with Ettore Verna, and went back to Italy in 1937 to make her debut in Triest as Aida. Here she had an outstanding success, which brought her invitations to sing in other major houses in Italy.

Buttram heads association
The new president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America is Frank Buttram, '10, '12ma, of Oklahoma City. He was elected by the members of this organization of independent oil pro- ducers in convention in Fort Worth, Texas, in October.

President of the Buttram Petroleum Corporation since its beginning in 1920, Mr. Buttram has served the I.P.A.A. as vice president from the date of its inception a decade ago. As president, he suc- ceeds Charles Roesser, of Fort Worth, who held the position for four years.

The purpose of the I.P.A.A. has been to secure united action by oil producers not associated with the major national companies. It has been acclaimed as bene- ficial to the entire oil industry, and at times has been regarded as spokesman for the industry.

Buttram has been active in Oklahoma City civic affairs and was elected president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce last January. He is a former member of the University Board of Re- gents and was a leader in the Stadium-Union campaign.

Assistant attorney general
Peyton Ford, '34law, has been made a full-fledged assistant attorney general in the office of Mac Q. Williamson, state at- torney general, Oklahoma City. Mr. Ford had been working in the office since June, 1939.

Before joining the attorney general's staff, he was attorney for the State Indus- trial Commission. His work included the drafting of bills for presentation in the State Senate.

Mr. Ford formerly lived at Sayre, Okla- homa. He is a member of Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Law class reunions
Three law classes have had reunions this Fall, on football weekends. The Law Class of 1930 has set some kind of record, hav- ing held a reunion every year since graduation. This group met for a luncheon session in the Pine Room of the Union at noon Homecoming Day, November 4. Approximately thirty persons attended. Members of the law faculty were guests. Leonard Sible, Oklahoma City attorney who was president of the class, presided. Plans were made for a three-day reunion to be held the weekend of Homecoming in 1940, which will be the tenth annual meeting of the group. Henry S. Griffing, Oklahoma City, was appointed chairman of a committee to make arrangements.

The Law Class of '33 held a reunion the evening of November 3 in the Black Hotel at Oklahoma City.

The '29 Law Class selected the weekend of the Southern Methodist University foot- ball game to hold a Friday night reunion in Oklahoma City.

Medical alumni elect officers
At the second annual dinner of the Uni- versity of Oklahoma Medical School Alum- ni Association last month, three new of- ficers were elected. Dr. Ralph McGill, '20, '22med, of Tulsa, is the new president; Dr. J. William Finch, '29, '31med, Hobart, vice president; and Dr. A. M. Young III, '35, '37med, Oklahoma City, secretary-treasurer.

The dinner was held in Oklahoma City November 1 in connection with the Okla- homa City Clinic Conference.

Dr. McGill, who is a member of the staffs of Morningside and St. John's Hos- pitals in Tulsa, has specialized in surgery. He is a fellow in the American College of
Dr. F. R. Hassler, '37med, director of the Pottawatomie County Health Unit at Shawnee, has been elected chairman of the Oklahoma Public Health Association.

Mortar Board alumnae organize
Alumnae members of Mortar Board held a reunion breakfast in the Union Building the morning of Homecoming Day, November 4, and formed a permanent organization.

Mrs. Dave R. McKown (Florence Monnet, '22), of Oklahoma City, was elected president. Mrs. Paul Thurston Powell (Lucille Hinshaw, '38fa, '39mfa), of Norman, was named secretary-treasurer, and Miss Elizabeth Bearly, '33, Oklahoma City was elected historian.

Plans were made to have a Homecoming breakfast every year, and to meet in the Spring for an initiation breakfast. Proposed organization of local Mortar Board Alumnae clubs out over the State was discussed and it was announced that several local groups plan to organize.

A committee to contact the various Mortar Board classes was appointed as follows: Mrs. Bennie Shultz, '17; Mrs. Lynis Redwine Goodyear, '23; Mrs. Louise Wewerka Roff, '24; Alta Thomas, '27; Allece Locke, '31; Elizabeth Bearly, '33; Virginia Fisher, '34; Mildred Futotransky, '35; Suzanne Amazonite, '36; Mrs. Helen Ash Scheer, '38; and Helen Roane, '39.

Those who attended the breakfast also included Annette Whitehurst Herald, Tulsa; Gladys A. Barnes, Norman; Helen H. Hamill and Dora McFarland, of Norman, both past sponsors; Muriel Minnick, Norman; Mary Louise McElwee, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Mrs. Virginia Kramer Kulp, Oklahoma City; Maurine Huff Matney, Dallas, Texas; Nell Guthrie, Oklahoma City; Patsy Hodges, Norman; Della Brunster, Norman; Helen N. Mitchell, Guthrie; Helen Ruth Holbrook, Norman; Dixie Young, Norman; Mrs. Robert C. Tynan, Norman.

Mortar Board is a national honorary society for senior women. It was founded on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in 1925. Members are chosen annually from the junior class on the basis of leadership, scholarship and service.

Realtors hear alumnus
A former Oklahoman and a graduate of the University, George C. Smith, '08, industrial economist and assistant to the president of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad, was principal speaker recently at the convention of the Oklahoma Real Estate Association.

Those attending the meeting, held in Oklahoma City, heard Mr. Smith declare, "The southwest has ten per cent of the nation's population, but one-half of one per cent of its industrial production, excluding oil." Constant work is necessary, Mr. Smith advised, to bring about the desirable utilization of the human resources as well as of the abundant natural advantages in the state. No two-week campaign will do it, he declared.

Mr. Smith is recognized throughout the Southwest as an authority on industrial development. Most of his time is devoted to the stimulation of business and industrial development in the area served by his railroad.

Teacher is chosen queen
A University drama school graduate, Margaret Jane Swift, '38fa, Claremore schoolteacher who had the thrill of being elected queen of the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show at Kansas City.

Miss Swift was honored at a coronation ball managed by the well known party hostess, Elsa Maxwell. She was the guest of the American Royal and of the City of Kansas City throughout the following week. Screen tests, radio auditions and extensive newspaper and magazine publicity were given her.

"Everything is wonderful—except for one thing," she said, "I'm engaged to Harry Fair. But I have to have a different date for every function and I can't decide which one to ask him to."  

Mr. Fair, '39eng, is a chemical engineer with Phillips Petroleum Company in Kansas City.

Miss Swift has been a member of the Claremore High School faculty since graduating from the University. While on the campus she was an outstanding member of the University Players. She also belonged to Thalian, women's choral club, and Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Fast travel
A quick airplane trip from South America to Amarillo, Texas, was made recently by Jay Taylor, '36en, vice president of the Haliburton Oil Well Cementing Company. He boarded a Pan-American Clipper in a Caribbean port of Columbia at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning. He flew to Jamaica, to Cuba, stopping in Havana, then to Miami, Florida. By other airlines he was taken to Atlanta, then to Houston. From there he flew in his own plane to Duncan, Oklahoma, and home to Amarillo for dinner Saturday evening.

Mr. Taylor had been in Venezuela a month in the interests of his company. He stated on his return that the oil business is bringing prosperity to that country, and is aiding in the development of roads, modern water systems, and other improvements.

Mr. Taylor reported that the people of South America seem to dislike Hitler, but sympathize with the German people. In the present European struggle, their moral support is with the allies, he said.

Victim of Athenaia disaster
Fred William Tinney, '31ms, and his bride of only three months were among the victims of the Athenaia disaster, according to information received at the university last month. The couple were on their honeymoon, and Mr. Tinney had attended a genetics convention in Edinburgh, Scotland.

He had been with the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison for several years.

Information from shipboard acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Tinney indicates that the couple must have been in one of the two life boats that were destroyed in the rescue attempts. The ship sank after an explosion apparently caused by a torpedo.

At the University, Mr. Tinney was graduate assistant in botany in 1929, '30, and '31. He belonged to Phi Beta Sigma and Kappa Delta Pi, honorary educational organizations, and to Phi Sigma, national honorary biological society.

After leaving school, he began teaching at Malta, Montana, the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tinney.  

Sooner on network program
A radio program featuring several University of Oklahoma students is being originated weekly this fall by WKY, Oklahoma City, for more than eighty stations of the National Broadcasting Company network.

Frank Hughes, '37fa, '39m, mus, ed, Wil-
Lessons at Home and Abroad

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Liam Wright, '38fa, Don Garlick, '35fa, and Harold Knox, '28ex, along with other musicians, present to a national audience every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., central standard time, fifteen minutes of "Cameos of Melody."

The nucleus of the program is a string quartet made up of Mr. Wright and Mr. Knox, violinists, Mr. Garlick, celloist, and Mr. Allen, of the WKY staff, viola maestro. Mr. Hughes and Bobby Howard, another staff member, play the program's two pianos. Other artists on the broadcast are Duane Blake, bass violin, Tom Inmel, drums, Melvin Osbourne, guitar, Ken Wright, organ, and Lee Norton, baritone singer. Allan Clark directs.

Mr. Hughes and Mr. William Wright, both of whom are members of the fine arts faculty of the University, also broadcast with the WKY staff musicians on a local program of light classical selections three times weekly. It is sponsored by two Oklahoma City business firms.

During the past summer, Mr. Hughes, in addition to the latter program, played a two-piano program of old popular melodies with Mr. Howard. The fifteen-minute period was known as "Pianorama."

Another Sooner receiving attention within the WKY reception area is Polly Taylor, '35ex, of Oklahoma City. Her piano rhythms are heard each week on a dinner-time program entitled "Two Keyboards and a Console," with Mr. Ken Wright at the organ and another pianist to assist her.

Appointed NYA official

J. Andrew Holley, '20ex, has been appointed assistant administrator of National Youth Administration for Oklahoma. His appointment was effective November 1. He succeeds John Kessler, Edmond, who resigned.

Mr. Holley has been connected with the State Department of Education since 1926. In 1936 he was made director of curriculum.

Glider expert

Laurence D. Montgomery, '29, '30ms, is working in the General Motors Research Laboratory in Detroit, Michigan, and occasionally does special work for the famous "Boss Kettering," who is the director of the laboratory. His most recent laboratory product is a small microphone for measuring air flow with rapid pulsations.

_Owned an Aeronea C-3 themselves, Mr. Montgomery and his wife, Helen, are definitely air enthusiasts. Each has 130 solo hours of flying time. In addition, Mr. Montgomery has made 589 glider flights for a total of forty-eight hours.

Mrs. Montgomery has 276 glider flights to her credit, or twenty-eight hours. She holds the American duration record for

women: seven hours and twenty-two minutes.

The Montgomerys have a daughter, Mary Helen, born last summer.

Rogers takes Iowa position

A former Oklahoma newspaperman and University alumnus, Charles E. Rogers, '14, has resigned his position as the head of the department of industrial journalism at Kansas State College, Manhattan, to accept appointment as head of the department of technical journalism at Iowa State College, Ames.

He had been on the faculty of Kansas State since 1919, and departmental head since 1925.

In his new position at Iowa State, Mr. Rogers will also serve as editor of the publications for the agricultural experiment station and extension service of the college.

Mr. Rogers began journalistic work when he was attending the University by reporting for the Oklahoma Daily. He edited and served as business manager for the University of Oklahoma Magazine.

Nurses elect officers

Alumnae of the University School of Nursing elected as president of their association Miss Nelle Francis Cant, '33nurse, at their October meeting. Miss Cant is assistant supervisor of the operating room at the hospital.

Mrs. Effie Katherine Root, '33nurse, is retiring president.

Other officers selected include Mrs. Mattie King Bocock, '27nurse, first vice president; Miss Mary Jo Kelly, '35nurse, second vice president; Mrs. Thelma Beecham, secretary; Mr. Harriet Bookstore, '27nurse, member of the board of directors; and Miss Edythe Triplett, '23nurse, superintendent of University hospital nurses, re-named advisory board member.

Miss Grace Westrop, field nurse for the crippled children's commission, and Dr. William Bishop, staff physician, addressed the twenty-five alumnae present.

Brown given state post

Dr. Ernest E. Brown, '19, '25ma, former president of Northwestern State College, Alva, has been appointed director of curriculum in the State Department of Education.

A. L. Crable, state superintendent of public instruction, named Mr. Brown to the position left vacant by the choice of J. Andrew Holley for assistant state director of the National Youth Administration.

In 1927 Mr. Brown was made president of the then Northwestern State Teachers' College, Weatherford, Governor Murray removed him in 1932. He then became chief high school inspector by appointment by John S. Vaughan, state superintendent. The following year he went to Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, Michigan, as president, where he remained until being named head of the Alva college.
On interstate commission
Appointment of James A. Rinchart, ’23 law, El Reno, president pro tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and Charles L. Orr, ’12, ’41aw, of Holdenville, interstate compact commission secretary, to the new Oklahoma commission of interstate cooperation was made in October by Governor Leon Phillips. C. B. Bee, corporation commission rate expert, was also named.

Set up by an act of the last legislature, the purpose of the new body is the "promoting of a more perfect union between the various governments of the United States."

Besides these appointed officials, the membership consists of five senators, five house members, the attorney general, and the state budget officer.

Dennis goes to Washington
Frank L. Dennis, ’29, has resigned as assistant managing editor of the Oklahoma City Times to take a similar position with the Washington Post. He and Mrs. Dennis, the former Katherine Wright, ’28 la, moved to the national capital last month.

Mr. Dennis, who received his bachelor's degree from the School of Journalism at the University, was editor of the Oklahoma Daily, student publication.

Since graduation, he has held positions on the Kansas City Star, the Boston Herald, and the Oklahoma City paper. He took time out from journalistic work to attend Harvard Law School and received the bachelor of laws degree there in 1935.

Mr. Dennis spoke on "Pictures and the Laws of Libel" at a meeting of the Associated Press Managing Editors' Association in New York City in October.

Munson quits Senate
State Senator Merton Munson, ’29, ’31aw, Lawton, has been recommended for re-election next year as supervisor for the sixth district, his retirement will be a real loss to the state. He has enjoyed the full confidence of his colleagues and he has rendered faithful service. Possibly his equal can be found and commissioned to succeed him. Otherwise the whole state will sustain a real loss.

Delinquency remedy proposed
In an address before the State Conference of Social Welfare in Oklahoma City in October, Jere G. Crowley, ’23, ’26law, of Enid, discussed the subjects of delinquency and parole. More than six hundred delegates attended.

Recommending permanent separation of young delinquents from their families, Mr. Crowley declared, "The parents already have failed when the child is sent to a reformatory. He should not be sent back home to get into trouble again."

His remedial program included the establishment of farms to provide guidance for boys released from reformatory sentences.

As Garfield county judge several years ago, Mr. Crowley gained attention by paddling law-breaking youngsters instead of sending them to institutions. He is now practicing law in Enid.

Clarence M. Mills, ’23law, district judge in Oklahoma county, pointed out to the conference the need for an administrative body to supervise men and women under suspended sentences.

Heads state project
A former varsity basketball player, Jerome Needy, ’37ed, last month was appointed director of the Works Progress Administration recreation project with headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Miss Eula Fullerton, ’22, ’23ma, director of women's and professional projects made the appointment after John Dunn resigned to devote full time to his position as assistant professor of drama in the University. Mr. Needy has been director of sports on the project since last June. Miss Fullerton said he was promoted on the basis of his work in that position.

At the University Mr. Needy played forward on the basketball team in 1936 and 1937. After graduation, he returned to his hometown, Columbia, Missouri, as an instructor in physical education at the University of Missouri. He earned a master's degree there.

Dinner for senator
Josh Lee, ’17, United States senator from Oklahoma, was entertained at luncheon October 6 in the home of Cecil Armstrong, ’32eng, ’37me, and Mrs. Armstrong (Marie Irelan, ’32), at Ithaca, New York. Senator Lee addressed an assembly of about four thousand teachers attending a southern New York zone meeting in Ithaca.

Guests at the luncheon included Dr. Lyman P. Wilson, formerly on the O.U. law faculty and now at Cornell University; Robert Duncan, ’31phy, high school coach at Corning, New York, and Mrs. Duncan (Sylvia Conley, ’29), and daughter Barbara Jean Duncan; Rev. W. R. Stevenson, pastor of Forest Home Chapel at Ithaca, and Mrs. Stevenson (Margaret Roys, ’34) and daughter Judith Ann; Rev. Luman T. Cocke rill, ’32, pastor of Enfield Larger Parish, Ithaca, and Mrs. Cocke rill (Geraldine Speyers, ’34).

City health officer
Ralph E. Reed, ’33pharm, has been appointed city milk and health inspector of Norman by R. E. Clement, city manager. Mr. Reed has been associated with the Reed and Foster Drug Company in Norman since his graduation from the School of Pharmacy.

Mr. Reed was recommended for the position by D. B. R. Johnson, dean of the School of Pharmacy.

Teaches in university
Robert Turbyfill, ’25, ’26fa, ’32ma, director of the Balboa Little Theatre at Balboa, Canal Zone, for the last five years, has been granted special permission by the government to serve as professor of phonetics and linguistics in the National University of Panama.

Ordinarily, government employees in full time positions in the Canal Zone are not permitted to engage in outside work. However, when Dr. Octavio Mendez, president of the National University of Panama, found it difficult to find a qualified professor to teach English phonetics and linguistics in that Spanish-speaking country, he appealed to the executive secretary of the Panama Canal for a special dispensation permitting the employment of Mr. Turbyfill.

Designs rectifiers
The designing of power rectifiers, devices for converting alternating electric current into direct, is a service of the General Electric Company of Schenectady, New York, headed by Gene Reid, ’23eng.

The assignment to supervise the installation of power trains and electric trolleys across the nine miles of the new Golden Gate bridge at San Francisco was given to Mr. Reid.

Mr. Reid served eighteen months in the World War, in the engineering division.

New school idea
An unusual program providing for practical training in cooking, maid service and other domestic work has been introduced into the Negro separate school of Hobart by B. A. McElwee, ’27, ’36ed.m, superintendent of schools there.

Citizens of Hobart are offered free domestic service by the students, to give the students experience.

Under supervision of the home economics department, the work is open to students of the eighth, ninth and tenth grades.