THE CARTOONS OF COBEAN—Each month Sooner Magazine brings you another of the classic cartoons of the late Sam Cobean, '37, one of the most famous cartoonists of his time. The originals of his published and unpublished work are in the Cobean Collection in the O.U. Library.

Conversation Piece
College students have always disagreed on the relative merits of final examinations—to some they are salvation, to others disaster. Educators are also sharply divided on the issue; in fact, some schools have done away with finals as such. For a sampling of opinions, the Sooner Magazine polled several alumni, and their views appear on the pages of the Roll Call section.
Roll Call:

news events in the lives of Sooner alumni

1901-26

Dr. Darrell Althausen, '26ba, has joined the staff of Western Regional Research Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Albany, California. Dr. Althausen, who has had 25 years of research and manufacturing experience in the field of odor-flavor products, was formerly head of the Product Research and Development Department for The Coca-Cola Company at New York City.

DEATHS: Ulysses S. Stone, '01, former Republican Congressman from Oklahoma's Fifth District, died December 12 in his Oklahoma City home. Stone was a native of DeQuincy, Illinois. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Cobb, Ponca City, and two granddaughters, Jerrie Cobb, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. E. P. Warren Jr., Borger, Texas.

Mrs. Emma F. Schoggen, '14ba, died December 23 in New York. Before moving to New York, Mrs. Schoggen was a resident of Tulsa for 34 years. Her husband, Walter Schoggen, is former Tulsa high school teacher. Other survivors are her two daughters and a brother, Dr. Virgil Alexander, Tahlequah.

Hiram Impson, '15ba, died December 15 in his McAlester home. He was publisher of the McAlester Democrat. Impson had served as president of the McAlester Chamber of Commerce, was a former Pittsburg County chairman of the Democratic Party and had served in the Oklahoma Legislature. He is survived by his wife, Bess, two sons, including Hiram Jr., associated with him on the newspaper and a daughter, Mrs. Dan Allen, Norman.

George A. Meacham, '20Law, died of a heart attack December 28 in Clinton. A member of the Oklahoma Board of Bar Examiners, Meacham practiced law in Clinton for 40 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Denver and George A., all of Clinton, and a daughter, Mrs. Margery Fogg of El Reno.


Lewis H. Cofer, '26, died November 21 in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Spokane, Washington. He was a contact representative for the Veterans Administration. He is survived by his wife, Garnet; one daughter, Karen, 15; three sons, Charles 13, James, 11, and Larry, 7.

Ottelia Quindt, '26hc, '51ms, died December 30 at her home in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Quindt recently retired after 33 years as an art teacher and art consultant in the Oklahoma City public schools. She also taught art on educational television programs over station KETA, Norman, for the past five years, and was also on the Creative Arts program.

1929-33

Senator Robert H. Breeden, '29ba, Oklahoma Senate minority leader, spoke to the members of the O.U. Young Republicans Club December 16. His topic was "The New Administration, Its Problems."

A. G. Kulp, '30ba, '31Law, Tulsa, has been re-elected national president of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He has served six years as president of Phi Kappa Sigma, national social fraternity, and is serving his third term as a member of the national executive board of the National Interfraternity Conference.

W. L. Counts, '31eng, has been named Shawnee's outstanding citizen of the year. Counts is manager of the Shawnee division for the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company.

Col. Ray K. Bannister, '32Law, retired from the Army October 1. He is now assistant to the president of Westmoreland Metal Manufacturing Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has made his home in Philadelphia with his wife (Doreen Little) and their daughter, Deborah, 12.

Dorothy Crum, '33ba, associate professor of social work at O.U., has been appointed membership chairman of the Cleveland County division of the Oklahoma Health and Welfare Association.

Dr. O. M. Woodson, '33bs, '33med, has been elected chief-of-staff of the Norman Municipal Hospital.

1935-39

Col. Jean H. Boling, '35eng, recently retired from the Army after 28 years of reserve and regular Army service. He was also awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He has made his home in San Francisco, California.

Arthur G. McComas, '35ba, '37Law, Elk City, is now a state senate from Beckham, Dewey, Ellis and Roger Mills counties.

James D. Fellers, '36ba, '36Law, Oklahoma City, has been named president-elect of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Mrs. Bill Reische (Billie Anita Joseph, '37ed, '40ms) is teaching school at Long Beach, California. Her husband is a prison officer at the Terminal Island Institution there.

Fred A. Daugherty, '37, U.S. district judge, was presented the 1963 "service to mankind" award of the Oklahoma City Sertoma Club. The award is given for service to community and nation. Judge Daugherty is also commander of the 45th division with a rank of major general.

David W. Gish, '37ba, was recently elected president of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association. Gish is the owner of a furniture company and funeral home at Frederick.

Arlo Scoggin, '39eng, '40ms, has been named technical service engineer and product planner for General Electric Company's Textolite division in Coshocton, Ohio.

DEATHS: Robert S. Berton, '38, died December 17 in a Cushion hospital. He was assistant Payne County Attorney. He was also a former mayor and city councilman of Cushing. He is survived by his wife, Sally, their three daughters, and three sisters.

Rodney M. Partin, '38ba, Ph, Phoenix, Arizona, died October 8.

1940-42

P. H. Deschner, '40bus, has been promoted to director of financial accounting of the corporate section of the Continental Oil Company at Ponca City. He was formerly assistant director. Deschner has been associated with Conoco since 1947.

Army Reserve Col. Drexel B. Dunn, '40bus, of Minot, North Dakota, is attending the 26th associate course at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The associate course is designed to prepare select officers from all com-

SOONER MAGAZINE
MRS. KERR—Although I don't think finals are a pleasant thing, they did help me outline and summarize the information I needed. Final exams are more suited to some courses than to others, but they are probably a good idea. If it were not for finals, a lot of students wouldn't keep up. Finals gave me a total conception of the subject matter and helped me to evaluate better. Finals are a means of self-discipline. It is true in life that at certain times we are going to have to prepare for presentation, and I think you should make a habit of retaining the information you acquire. You are going to have to make use of such a habit. Those same people who cannot stand the pressure of finals are not going to be excused from life. You have to meet those demands of strain to the best of your ability and overcome this inadequacy. Working under pressure is a reality you have to face throughout life. On cramming—a professor of mine once said that if a student just memorized old tests in the sorority and fraternity files, he had learned something.

Marvin Hartz, '53bus, has been promoted to Robert Parrish Associates. She also served as a publisher at McCoy College of Johns Hopkins University, with a doctor of philosophy degree in economics. Hartz joined American Oil as a cost analyst clerk in the production research laboratory at Houston, Texas, Shell Development Company's exploration and development accounting division for his paper entitled "Performance of Layered Reservoirs with Crossflow—Compressible— Fluid Case."

Robert D. Carey, '56ba, '62ma, is working for United Press International at Little Rock, Arkansas. James Edward Dempsey, '56geol, a special instructor in geology at O.U., was a delegate to a paleoclimates conference held at King's College, England. It was sponsored by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Advanced Study Institute. Dempsey is working on his doctorate in geology at O.U.

Arlen L. Southern, '56iourn, has been named assistant trust officer for Fidelity National Bank and Trust Company, Oklahoma City.

Arlen D. Southern, '56iourn, has been named assistant head of corporate public relations and advertising for Thompson-Ramo-Wooldridge, Cleveland, Ohio. Southern is a former publicity director for O.U.'s extension study division.

MARRIAGES: Alan J. Hirschfield, '57bus, and Mrs. Nelson (Jane Harvey, '56pharm) are now living in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. They have two daughters, Judy Lynne, 2, and Cindy Lee, 1.

George A. Thomas, '57ba, '57eng, is presently employed in the systems engineering department of IBM in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, the former Dorothy E. Huston of Bangor, Maine, have their home at Alexandria, Virginia. The couple was married August 4 by the Reverend C. Barton Clapp, '58ba.

MARRIAGES: Alan J. Hirschfield, '57bus, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Hirschfield (Bette Ellen Schindelheim), Scarsdale, New York, have established a home in New York following their marriage November 29. Jo Ann Hodgson, '57iourn, and James H. Holden, '57bus, were married December 1 in the Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, New York.
have established a home in New York where Holden is an investment counselor with the Bank of New York and Mrs. Holden is on the advertising staff of Gimbel Brothers.

BIRTHS: Austin H. Bell Jr., '57bus, and Mrs. Bell (Barbara Hall, '58ed) are the parents of a son born October 15 at St. Albans, West Virginia. He has been named Austin H. III.

Ronald N. Davis, '58bus, and his wife Virginia Sue Davis, '57ba, have chosen the name Richard Bailey for their son born November 1 in Broken Arrow. They also have a daughter, Dee, age 3.

Ronald G. Maples, '57geol, and Mrs. Maples (Judy Groh, '58bus) are the parents of a son, Steven Roland, born November 5 in Tyler, Texas.

1958-59

Mrs. Carolyn Reigle Williams, '56ed, is living in Dodge City, Kansas, with her husband and their two sons, Bradford, 2½, and Alan, 5 months.

Gary E. Cox, '58bus, and Mrs. Cox (Lillian Morgan, '58journ) are now living in Oklahoma City where their daughter Ellen, age 3, is a student of the staff of the Anadarko Daily Recorder. She was formerly an editorial analyst for Ford Motor Company. They have a son, Edward, 2.

Dr. Charles L. Gosshans, '58bs, of Tulsa, recently completed the orientation course for Air Force officers of the medical service at Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama, and has been reassigned to the staff of the Armed Forces Examining Station, Denver, Colorado, as a physician.

1st Lt. John L. Walter, '58ba, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, recently assumed command of the 224th Quartermaster Battalion's Company B in Germany. He has been overseas since January 1, 1960.

Dudley Brown, '56ed, is a production engineer for True Oil Company of Casper, Wyoming. His home is in Gillette, Wyoming. He has been living in the Rocky Mountain area for the past three years.

Lt. (jg) Dannie R. Coates, '59eng, and Mrs. Coates (Patricia Atlee, '60bs) have their home in Monterey, California, while Lieutenant Coates is working on his master's degree in engineering electronics at the Naval Postgraduate School. They have a daughter, Carolyn, 5 months.

Raymond E. Simons, '58eng, is the new owner of Wiles Drug Store and Andrews Sundries at Newkirk. Simons plans to combine the two stores into Simons Pharmacy. He was formerly employed by Kaul-Huton Pharmacy in Blackwell.

David Rolle, '56ed, former O.U. football player, is now working as a claims analyst with the Insurance Commissioner's Office, Norman.

1st Lt. Walter S. Yager, '59eng, recently received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his meritorious service while officer in charge of the field maintenance branch, 51st Air Refueling Squadron, 431st Strategic Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Lieutenant Yager is now residing in Wichita, Kansas, with his wife, Elizabeth, daughter, Ellen, and son, Douglas Lee. He is stationed at McConnell Air Force Base where he is assigned to the maintenance branch of the 381st Strategic Missile Wing.

Joel Lester Wall, '59eng, is now a mathematics instructor at Central State College, Edmond. He was formerly a digital computer programmer at Tinker Air Force Base. Wall is married and the father of a son, Joel Phillip.

MARRIAGES: Sara Frances Howell, '56ed, of Holdenville, and Robert Harold Haynes, of Tulsa, were married December 22 in the Bernard Memorial Methodist Church, Holdenville. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes have established a home in Tulsa.

Ed Davis Ligon Jr., '56eng, and Mrs. Ligon (Judith Ann Wright, '56ed) have a home in Tulsa where Ligon is vice president of the Orbit Valve Company. They were married October 5.

BIRTH: Jim Pierce, '59geol, and Mrs. Pierce (Susan Wester, '61ed) have announced the birth of a daughter, Kimberly Susan, on September 29 at La Puente, California.

1960

Lt. W. C. Bowersox, '60bus, is the commanding officer of the 3rd Infantry Division long range reconnaissance patrol in Bad Kissingen, Germany.

C. Nolfe McNamah, '60ba, '62m.a., is teaching drama at Lake Tahoe, California.

Richard Evans, '60ed, has been named head coach for U.S. Grant High School, Oklahoma City.

Army Capt. Fred N. Ozmint Jr., '60geol, Purcell, is attending the 26th associate course at The Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The college is the Army's senior tactical school.

MARRIAGE: Sara Ann Stevens, San Antonio, Texas, and Paul Wayne Turnbull, '60bs, of Elk City, were married December 28 in the Laurel Heights Methodist Church, San Antonio. They have established a home in San Antonio.

BIRTHS: Dr. Hal Belknap, '60bs, and Mrs. Belknap, Denver, Colorado, have chosen the name, Harold Raymond III., for their son born October 5.

Larry C. Swanson, '60pharm, and Mrs. Swanson (Joan Hemphill, '61ba), are the parents of a daughter born September 25 in Englewood, Colorado. She was named Lisa Lyn. Swanson is with Geigy Pharmaceuticals at Denver, Colorado.

Dr. G. Conrad Markert, '60med, and Mrs. Markert of Anadarko are parents of a daughter, Jennifer Alison, October 25.

1961

Joseph Paul Calvert, '61bus, of San Benito, Texas, is in Iwakuni, Japan, where he is the fiscal officer of the 1st Marine Air Wing.

Patrick A. Clingan, '61eng, Borger, Texas, recently was promoted to first lieutenant at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he is a member of the 33rd Artillery.

David Frank Collins, '61eng, is with the 66th Engineering Company at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Before going into the Army, Collins was a geological engineer with the Tenneco Oil Company.

Melvin F. Fox, '61ba, is a test engineer in the propulsion field laboratory of the Rocketdyne Company, Canoga Park, California.

Joe Giek, '61ba, is the head athletic trainer and instructor for the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. He was formerly assistant trainer at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Ernest L. Johnson Jr., '61bs, has been employed by Texaco Incorporated at Kingfisher. He was recently discharged from the Army at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Jed Johnson Jr., '61ba, has been elected chairman of the United States Young Adult Council, the co-ordinating council for 28 national student and youth organizations. Johnson recently returned to New York from India where he represented the United States at the Indian Youth Congress.

Jay Levine, '61journ, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is presently assigned to Hanna City Air Force Base, Illinois.

Francis Mayhue, '61Law, is the new county attorney at Ada. He and Mrs. Mayhue have a son, Edward Charles, 6 months.

Jim Mills, '61journ, Mrs. Mills and their son, Chris, are now residing in Alexandria, Virginia, where Mills is employed as press secretary for House Representative Victor Wickersham. Mills was formerly on the staff of the Anadarko Daily News. Mrs. Mills is the former Carol Kidd, '61.

CONVERSATION PIECE

Do you think that final examinations are necessary at the University?

MRS. CLIFFORD R. MACK

(Patricia Phillips, '51journ)

Old Greenwich, Connecticut

MRS. MACK—The type of examination that applies the knowledge one has learned during the year rather than the type that relies strictly on memorization is better. I remember an anthropology course I had one time. We were asked to take the general knowledge we had gained and apply it to the classroom—to explain why people acted the way they did . . . I was a journalism student and something they should require a student to do is to go out and do a story on a given subject. This takes advantage of what one has learned during the year . . . Finals do put a premium on cramming. A lot of people can sit up two nights for a final and memorize everything; if they were sent out to apply what they had learned, they would not possibly be able to pass it. On the other hand, someone who isn't long on memorizing facts and figures could do better on applying knowledge—and possibly do better when he got out of college . . . By and large most of the tests I took were the memorizing type. They should be the memorizing type for freshmen, etc. But at a higher level, they should be the type that asks a student for application of what he has learned . . . The upperclassman should be given a chance to think . . . I think you should have a comprehensive final, but this business of facing a whole battery of final exams is unnerving to anyone. It would be better if they could be stretched out.

January, 1963
BIRTH: Dr. Tony G. Puckett, ’62med, and Mrs. Puckett, Oklahoma City, recently became the parents of a daughter, Leigh Ann. They also have a son, Tony Greg.

BERNICE FAY VICKERY, of Batesville, Arkansas, and Joe Lars Klingstedt, ’62ed, West Lafayette, Indiana, were married December 22 in the Goodrich Memorial Methodist Church of Norman. The couple has established a home in Sand Springs. Mary Anne McAlister, ’62ba, and Leland C. Neely Jr., both of Oklahoma City, were married December 28 in Crown Heights Methodist Church. The couple is now living in Norman.

Sherry Diane Rhodes, ’62ed, Norman, and Richard William McDonald, ’62chem, Aurora, Illinois, were married November 24 in Norman. They have established a home in Freeport, Texas, where McDonald is employed in research by a chemical firm.

Francis Susie Simpson, ’62med, and Samuel Roy McDaniel Jr., ’59, both of Amarillo, Texas, were married November 24 in the Southminster Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City. The couple has established a home in Amarillo.

John D. Thompson, ’60eng, and Mrs. Thompson (Lawanda June Coady, ’62nurse) have their home in Oklahoma City. They were married June 2.

Laura Ruth Thurston, ’62bs, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Alfred Gale Sullenberger were married December 22 in the Wesley College Chapel, Norman. They are now living in Oklahoma City. Sullenberger is a programmer at the O.U. Computer Laboratory and Mrs. Sullenberger is employed at the O.U. Medical School.

Nouna Ann Williams, ’62ba, of Wetumka, and Robert Carl Schacher, ’62ba, of Pawnee, were married December 27 in the First Methodist Church of Wetumka. They have established a home in Norman where Schacher is attending the O.U. College of Law and Mrs. Schacher is teaching Spanish and English at University School.

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