a short story by bob duncan, ’50ba

The same dream had come to Carl three nights in a row. In it, he saw himself seated in the class as the Professor came in carrying the stack of tests and squinting to find a student from the front row to pass them out. In his dream, as he watched the chosen student approaching his desk with the test, Carl felt very tight inside, almost dizzy with the suspense, and he wanted to force himself to stand up and walk toward the door and escape, but he never could.

The dream made him wait until the student reached his desk and handed him the paper. Even then he did not look at it. He placed it face down on his desk, as if he did not want to read the questions until the very last moment, and in this interim in his dream, he closed his eyes and uttered a low, almost incoherent entreaty that when he turned the paper over he would be shocked with relief at the simplicity of the questions, that immediately he would start filling in the answers in his generous, wild handwriting, the pencil loping over the paper.

But in his dream, he was not that fortunate, and always when he turned the paper over, he found the questions to the test written in Greek, a language which he could not understand.

So he always stood up and protested to the Professor; and of course, he was such a poor student he was never heard and the Professor continued to look at his watch, bringing Carl to realize that somehow time had been telescoped and all the other students, hunched over their desks, were racing against the clock to complete this examination; and only he, Carl Conners, orphaned child of misfortune, had not even begun to write.

When he awoke from these dreams, he was always covered with sweat and the damp sheets were twisted around him like a shroud. It was always near morning when the dreams came and went and left him sleepless, too late for him to try to sleep again. So he got up in the chilly room and dressed, and went down the hall to the bathroom to brush his teeth and shave before he crept down the stairs of the boarding house and walked across the campus to the cafe where he worked as a dishwasher.

Always he arrived too early and sat in the kitchen while the cook, a big hulk of a man with bad breath and an eternal stubble of beard, whistled tunelessly and set about cleaning the grill and arranging the pots and pans he would need for the day’s cooking. Carl sat deep in the kitchen, his book tilted slightly to catch the light from the single bulb overhead, his nostrils filled with the dry, dusty smell of the potato sacks around him. He tried to concentrate on the written words, to force his mind to absorb and retain all the information in the book, but it was impossible.

He simply could not get interested in economics nor in these strange men who spent their lives probing and examining and twisting words this way or that. He did not hope to understand them, only to remember enough about them and what they thought to pass the test and thereby finish the semester—and thereby run for the summer, for the oil fields and machinery and a job he knew.

Fall would come again, of course, and he would begin the torture all over again, but after the respite of the summer, maybe it would not be so bad, and perhaps, by some miracle, he would be able to get through another year and then one more, finally to be handed a diploma and to be graduated.

His mind was wandering. His mind always wandered. He brought his eyes back to the top of the page and went over the material once again. This time he remembered only that Marx had been a German like the Professor. Frustrated, he realized there must be more on this page than that one single fact, and he read it again. Just then, just as he was about to figure it out, the cook banged the skillet against the grill and he had to close the book and answer the summons and begin his morning’s work.

None of his classes interested him, but fortunately, most of his teachers were rather bored with their assignments anyway and droned on in a monotone, their eyes fixed on notes or staring out the window, and they paid little attention to the students. Their quizzes were elemental and you did not have to understand in order to pass. You had only to remember and recall and occasionally bluff through an ambiguous answer that looked like it was drawn from deep knowledge rather than from no knowledge at all. So far bluff had given Carl just enough grade points to graduate.

During these hours, he looked forward with dread to the hour he would have to spend with the Professor in economics. The Professor was German and he was not just a teacher but a drill master as well, and when he lectured, he leaned over his desk and his narrowed eyes searched the room and passed over the faces of his students to make sure they were listening, like a colonel inspecting his troops and looking for the least sign of approaching defection.

On this morning, the Professor was talking about Keynes, and Carl could understand none of it. It was the hour before lunch, and since he had started to work at five in the morning, this was the hour when he began to get sleepy. His eyelids, despite his determination to keep them open, drooped half shut. It was only with the supreme exertion that he was able to keep his eyes on the Professor while the meaningless words droned past him.

The bell rang. He stood up to leave.
He was sure it was the same paper he had seen in the Professor’s hand in the classroom.
"Conners."

The Professor was speaking to him.

He turned around, waiting while the classroom emptied, nervous because he had but fifteen minutes to get back to the cafe for his midday work. The Professor stood at the window, hands clasped behind his back, fingers laced together, twitching slightly as if marking time. Then he turned and came over to the desk and sat down.

"Why are you here?" he said.

"Sir?" Carl said.

"I asked why you are here. Why do you go to college? You don't like it. You sleep in my class. You have barely passed the examinations." The Professor's eyes flicked over him and back to the papers on his desk. "So I want to know why you are here."

"I want a degree," Carl said.

"So?" the Professor said. "Why?"

"You can't get anywhere without a degree," Carl said. "I have to have a degree."

"The union card," the Professor said. "The passport." He sighed and looked at Carl and then picked up a paper he had been working on. It was covered with his handwriting. "Then I will tell you frankly," he said, flicking the paper, "You will have to study night and day if you pass the examination I am preparing. It is a hard one. It was designed to separate those who wish a union card from those who want to understand. I have no tolerance for those who want a union card. I make things as difficult as possible for them. Those who understand will be happy enough. You understand me?"

"Yes, sir," Carl said.

"They by Friday, I would advise you to understand everything I have said this semester. Everything."

"Yes, sir," Carl said.

He had to run all the way across the campus to get to the cafe in time to go to work.

By Wednesday, he knew it would be impossible for him to pass the test. He knew this, not only from intuition, but from the way his mind acted when he tried to study. On Wednesday night, after he had finished washing the supper dishes at the cafe, he returned to his room and opened the book and tried to read. And when he had read a chapter, he went over the notes he had made, but he could not understand and he could not retain, so he knew he was going to fail.

He closed the book and lay back on the bed, his head swimming with words, and then, as if a cool breeze had sifted through his mind, all thoughts of the economics course faded away and he thought about the oil fields, and Bill and Sam and Jigger and the crew on the New Hope #1 and he wondered where they were now, Midland, maybe, or someplace in east Texas, still laughing and drinking and sweating on the derrick floor, straining their muscles, real men who never had to think beyond the job at hand. And he was remembering a night in a field outside of Tulsa when the hole had caved in and for three hours, waiting for a fishing crew, they lay on their backs and looked up at the stars and talked, passing the fruit jar of raw white corn from hand to hand until the world was a wild and beautiful place and the ripe bright stars were spinning overhead.

He jerked awake. He had been asleep. It was shortly after two in the morning, and like them, and a world where he could feel useful and alive and happy.

No, he said to himself. I can't do it. A degree's everything. He picked up the book again and started reading from the beginning, but his mind was like a coarse sieve and everything he read trickled through it. By three o'clock, with a sudden, desperate knowledge, he knew what he would have to do if he wanted to pass.

As he sat on the edge of the bed, head drooping, eyes heavy, mind slow and slumberous, he suddenly saw the paper in the Professor's hand, the first draft of the test he was preparing. And Carl knew, with a sure and belittling knowledge, that his only hope was to steal that test.

He went about it logically. On Thursday evening, he went to the men's room on the top floor of the business building and concealed himself in one of the stalls until after seven o'clock when the night watchman made his final inspection of the building and locked the outside doors. Then, in the darkness, he crept down the stairs and into the Professor's office on the first floor. He bumped into a sharp edge of the desk in the darkness and winced with the pain, keeping low as he moved across the room and closed the venetian blinds before a test to send his examination to the Professor's desk. It was the Professor's habit to wait until the last moment on the morning mimeograph room, to foil, as he often stated, the cold copy boys who always managed to get hold of a mimeographed test and peddle it around the campus to be placed in fraternity files. So it had to be here.

In the flare of the match, keeping it alive until it burned his fingers, he went through the papers on the top of the desk, rifling through them rapidly, leaving them in the exact order in which he found them before striking another match and going on to examine the drawers.

In the top drawer, he found what he was looking for. The examination had been typed out very neatly, but he did not take this copy. Instead, he dug deeper into the drawer until he found the Professor's handwritten notes for the test. In the light from the match, he could only make out the pattern of the writing, the tight, concise scrawl of the words, but he was sure it was the same paper he had seen in the Professor's hand in the classroom.

Exultantly, he blew out the match and put the stub in his pocket. He tucked the paper under his belt, and, swiftly checking to see if the office was exactly as he had found it, he went down the hall to the men's

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Oklahomans first heard of Bob Duncan as the Burl-Ives-voiced balladweaver who collected and sang frontier ballads under the auspices of the Oklahoma City Public Libraries. The next thing they knew he had co-authored a play in which Burl Ives himself starred (To Die Alone, on U.S. Steel Hour).

In between times, Duncan's ballad-collecting had led to collecting folk lore which in turn led to his first book, The Dicky Bird Was Singing—a collection of oil tales.

This led to his buying an idyllic home on an idyllic hillside in idyllic Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where he is one of the most successful of an anything-but-idle group of authors and artists who are profitably mining mountains of Ozark folklore. With his wife, Wanda, Duncan has co-authored six network plays in the past couple of years (seen on Lux Playhouse, U.S. Steel Hour, and Matinee Theater), and two of the plays garnered the Duncans best-of-the-year awards.

When their 14-month-old daughter Mary Carole is not balladweaving, the Duncans find time to write books, also. Castles in the Air, the memoirs of Irene Castle; and Buffalo Country just recently were published; Duncan's new novel, Hail the Conquering Hero, will be published by Doubleday and Co. late this year.

he realized with a start that part of him did not want to pass the examination at all. Part of him, the wild, unfettered part, wanted him to pack his suitcase and leave the economics book on the night table and walk out to Highway 77 and begin his search for Bill and Sam and Jigger, or men

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GOLDEN DAYS: Photographs from the Roy E. Heffner Collection: This 18th Century Van Cliburn looks like Van Heflin in the 1931 Playhouse production of Berkeley Square. But who is the disguised coed whom Heflin seems to have put into a profound, intense state of—slumber?
1913
DEATH: Dr. Alvin Ray Wiley, '13med, died March 13 in a Tulsa hospital. Dr. Wiley concentrated his medical practice in the field of surgery and was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and of the International College of Surgeons. For the past decade Dr. Wiley was director of the graduate training and out-patient department at Hillcrest Medical Center.

1916

1919
DEATH: Miss Miriam Crenshaw, '196a, died March 13 when fire destroyed her home in Patrick County, Virginia. Miss Crenshaw moved there about 4 1/2 years ago after teaching school in Los Angeles, California, for 30 years. She was 69.

1925
MARRIAGE: Mrs. Augusta B. Meyer, '25, '27, Norman, and Raymond S. Smith, Oklahoma City, were married March 6 in the McFarlin Methodist Church, Norman. Mrs. Smith has been personnel and placement assistant in the employment services at O. U. for the last two years, and will continue in her position. Smith is associated with a business college in Oklahoma City.

1926
Professor David W. Pierce, '26ma, head of the history department at Northwestern State College, Alva, is retiring after 40 years of teaching. Rudolph N. Hall, '26ba, will be included in International Who's Who in Poetry, soon to be published by the Cranbrook Tower Press, London. Hill is a past president of the Poetry Society of Oklahoma and served twice on the staff of the Southwest Writers Conference, Corpus Christi, Texas. He is the author of two books of poetry, Red Ship Wings and Star of Peace on Trail of Cibola.

1930
Paul T. Miller, '30, Rochester, New York, spoke at the annual Journalism Day program at the University of Oklahoma recently. Miller is president of the Gannett newspaper, radio and television chain.

1932
Professor Samuel E. Braden, '32ba, has been promoted to the newly-created position of vice-president and dean for undergraduate development. Braden has been a member of the economics department faculty since 1937 and associate dean of the college of arts and sciences since 1954.

1934
John M. Montgomery, '34ba,'36Law, has been appointed regional counsel for General Services Administration, Dallas, Texas. He was formerly a deputy regional counsel. He and Mrs. Montgomery and their 5 1/2 year old daughter live in Arlington, Texas.

1935
T. J. Dupy, '35eng, has been appointed superintendent of the gas and heavy chemical department of Gulf Oil Corporation. He and Mrs. Dupy have a daughter, Diana.

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Ma Eta Tau: The laugh was on us.

a series of brief news stories of events that shaped the lives of the alumni family

Runyan joined the Taylor company in 1951. Prior to that time he was advertising manager for Standard-Humpsty Dumpty supermarkets in Oklahoma City.

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Mu Eta Tau: Make Humor Thrive

Back in 1928 the contributors to Hear and Their, a humor column in the Oklahoma Daily, lined up for what was to be a more-or-less formal record of their number and intent. The recorder was photographer Roy E. Heffner, whose own sense of humor did nothing to formalize the situation, and the resulting photograph (which appeared in the February, 1928, Oklahoma Whirlwind) said more about their intent than number. The Whirlwind got in the spirit of things by blandly listing more jokers than appeared in the photograph.

This unearthy confusion, unearthy once we began receiving our first letters from alumni who recognized themselves in Mu Tau Eta (the name of the group), was only one of many mysteries which initiated research on top of research in our desperate attempt to find names before deadlines. Most of the alumni who wrote in that they had seen themselves in the photograph usually could identify only themselves, and the few other names some proposed invariably disagreed with names other alumni sent in.

Another wrote that M E T, the initials of Mu Eta Tau, stood for Make Humor Thrive. Which prompted another EH? from the staff of the Sooner—and more fuel to our suspicions that the members of Mu Eta Tau still enjoy a joke as they did back in 1928.

Jokers One through Eighteen, we hope, are:

1.) Edward B. Miller, '28ba, Bellaire, Texas, 2.) Harry B. Kneisle, '26ba, '29ma, Denver, Colorado, 3.) Robert A. Lively, '29, Oklahoma City, 4.) Varley H. Taylor, '31ba, '32ma, Tulsa, 5.) Oran N. McCall, '31ma, killed in action in Italy during WWII, 6.) The Late R. B. Roberts, '31ba, '31ma, Denver, Colorado, 7.) Hansel A. Lemon, '29ba, Fort Worth, Texas, 8.) Parker N. Shelby, '30ba, Los Angeles, California, 9.) Richard W. Ballir, Jr., '30ma, Dallas, Texas, 10.) Ross W. Morrison, '30ma, Oklahoma City, 11.) J. Thomas McColloth, '32ma, Laurel, Mississippi, 12.) Luther E. Patterson, Jr., '30mg, '32ma, Midland, Texas, 13.) Thomas Z. Wright, '29ma, '31ma, '32ma, Woodward, 14.) Stewart Harrill, '30ma, Norman, 15.) Mr. T. Shelton, '31ba, Houston, Texas, 16.) Oscar L. Grimes, '31ma, Tulsa, 17.) Thomas C. Bonnell, '31ma, Norman, Oklahoma, 18.) Bert Larson, '30ma, Fargo.

appointed to the post in 1956 and was elected without opposition to his first full 4-year term last November. He was previously an attorney for the Tulewater Oil Company. He and Mrs. Walker have two children.

1948

Dr. Freeman B. Beets, '48ma, '54ma, president of Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, will attend the fifth annual institute for college and university presidents this summer at Harvard University, Boston.

Mrs. Jean Munde, '48ma, is now speech teacher at Southeast High School, Oklahoma City. She taught at Capitol Hill Senior High School from 1953 to 1956. Mrs. Munde lives with her husband and two children on an acreage near Norman.

Col. Darwin A. Brock, '48ma, received a commendation ribbon from Maj. Gen. Willis S. Matthews, chief of the Korean Military Advisory Group in Seoul, Korea. Col. Brock was commended for meritorious service as signal supply advisor to the Republic of Korea Army. Brock is a 1941 graduate of the Georgetown University Law School.

George N. Bennett, '48ma, is the author of a book, William Dean Howells: The Development of a Novelist, which is being published by the University of Oklahoma Press. Bennett, an assistant professor of English at Vanderbilt University, received his Ph.D. from Yale. His special interest is the American novel.

1949

Mrs. Jeanne Moody Howell, '49ma, has resigned her position as convention director for the Lawton chamber of commerce.

Vester Coy Jones, '49journ, Oklahoma Publishing Company display advertising department, recently returned from a two-week naval reserve cruise from Norfolk, Virginia.

1950

Robert H. Vick, '50ma, has been appointed manager of engineering for the Ambassador Oil Corporation of Fort Worth, Texas. Vick was previously chief engineer for secondary recovery. He is married to the former Shirley Kitch, '48ma.

1951

William Stephen Snider, '51journ, has left Mc-
Mel Newsom, '51bus, Norman photographer, has been elected vice president of the Oklahoma Photographers' Association. Newsom recently won three trophies at the state convention of the Professional Photographers' Association, in Tulsa.

C. Rayon and Callerton, '51bus, 53mss, received the Ph.D. degree from Iowa State University in February.

Max Darks, '51Law, and Robert G. Grove, '53bus, '55Law, have announced their association as partners for the general practice of law under the firm name of Grove and Darks. They have offices at Oklahoma City and Holdenville.

William P. Montgomery, '51journ, was recently named president of the El Paso, Texas, Press Club. Montgomery is a staff writer for the El Paso Times.

Charles J. Ackerman, '51, '53, recently released from service with the U. S. Army, has returned to work for the Lawton Morning Press. In the army he did public information with the Third Armored Division in Germany.

BIRTHS: Enos Merrick and Mrs. Merrick (the former Doris Brown, '51cde), Bartlesville, have chosen the name Leah Ann for their daughter born November 23, 1958. She is their first child. Mrs. Merrick has been with the Bartlesville school system for the past two years.

George H. Benning, '51cde, and Mrs. Benning have selected the name George H. Benning, III, for their second born March 2. The Bennings live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Joe Cannon, '51Law, and Mrs. Cannon, Muskogee, are the parents of a son born March 22 in Muskogee. The Cannons also have a daughter, Dana, 3.

DEATH: Capt. Donald Wayne Romans, '51, died March 5 after a plane crash at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina. The 28-year-old jet pilot is survived by his wife and a son, Donnie.

Nathan M. Lubin, '52ba, '53ms, received the Ph.D. degree at the winter quarter commencement exercises of Ohio State University, Columbus.

Charles Woodson, '52bus, was recently elected president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Alumni Association in Tulsa. Woodson, a graduate of the University of Tulsa Law School, is a member of the firm of Buldison and Rheam.

BIRTHS: Harrison L. Hays, III, '52bus, and Mrs. Hays have selected the name Lisa Jane for their second born March 2, 1958. They have two other children, Harrison L., IV, and Teresa Lynne. Hays is purchasing agent for the Newark, Ohio, plant of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation.

1953

Lew Ground, '53ba, was recently named account executive and media and production director of Coachman Advertising Agency, Dallas, Texas. He was formerly with Tracy-Locke agency in Dallas.

Thomas J. Kenan, '53ba, '53Law, is studying comparative international law at New York University, New York City. Mrs. Kenan (the former Marilyn Chatman, '53ba) is a speech therapist at the junior and senior high school in New Rochelle, New York.

Dr. Byron L. Williams, '53phd, has been appointed an assistant research director of the research department at Monsanto Chemical Company's Plastics Division plant at Texas City, Texas, after serving as a section leader there.

Oliver H. Knight, '53ba, '54ma, former reporter and deskman on the Fort Worth, Texas, Star-Telegram, is now teaching journalism at Indiana University, Bloomington. Knight is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

BIRTHS: Jack McDermott, '52eng, and Mrs. McDermott (the former Margaret Shaw, '53ba) have chosen the name Nancy Ann for their daughter born February 24. The McDermotts live in Detroit, Michigan.

1955

 Homer H. Hulme, Jr., '53bus, and Mrs. Hulme are now living in Chickasha where Hulme is with Hulme Lumber Company, engaged in the retail lumber and ready-mixed concrete business. Hulme was a pilot in the Strategic Air Command prior to his return to Chickasha. The Hulmes have a son, Homer.

Richard Anderson, '55ba, Duncan, presented a graduate recital recently in Holmberg Hall at O. U. Anderson, a bass-baritone, has been three years in the U. S. Air Force, and is now a candidate for the master of music degree in voice.

Bill R. Cook, '55journ, has accepted a reporting job on the Santa Fe New Mexican. He had been on the Lawton Constitution staff for three years.

BIRTHS: Roger Bayer and Mrs. Bayer (the former Marjorie Branden, '55h.rec), Tulsa, have chosen the name Lisa Renee for their daughter born January 14 in Tulsa. Bayer works for the Rodgers Lithographing Company.

Bill R. Guffey, '55eng, and Mrs. Guffey, Dallas, Texas, have announced the birth of a daughter, Charlotte, born March 3 in the Baylor Hospital, Dallas.

1956

Lt. Jim Abee, '56journ, Norman, recently completed three years active duty with the U. S. Air Force. He and his wife plan to make their home in Alaska.

Joel Bagby, '56ba, has been transferred to the Lawton Constitution staff after serving several months on the Morning Press, Lawton.

BIRTHS: Kent Aubrey Polley, '56bus, '58Law, and Mrs. Polley (the former Carol Morgan, '56h.rec), Okmulgee, have chosen the name Diana Carol for their daughter born July 22, 1958.

Loren R. Taylor, '56journ, and Mrs. Taylor have announced the birth of a daughter, Melissa Ann, born February 16 in Gallup, New Mexico. Taylor is advertising manager for the Gallup Independent.

1957

Robert Langston, '57ma, Oklahoma City, is studying philosophy at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. Langston has been abroad for two years, and after a brief visit in Oklahoma he will return for further study.

Newcomb S. Hayes, '57geol, has been transferred from Craig, Colorado, to Casper, Wyoming, by the baroid division of National Lead Company. Miss Loy Ferguson, '57journ, has joined the Time magazine staff in New York City. Miss Ferguson, former Daily Oklahoman reporter, is working on the research staff for literature, music, medicine, and theater departments.

Miss Margaret Doumany, '57journ, has joined Ackerman Associates, Inc., Oklahoma City, to assist in copy and layout. She was formerly employed by Hall and Thompson, Inc., Oklahoma City, as a full-time copywriter.
Nancy Jane Davis, '57fa, Poteau, recently presented an organ recital as one of her requirements for the master's degree. Miss Davis is organist at the First Baptist Church in Norman.

Dr. John Richardson and Mrs. Richardson (the former Joon Nichols, '57fa) now live in Durham, North Carolina, where he is a resident in surgery at Duke University Hospital. They have a four-month-old son, John Wiley III.

Virgil C. Stone, '57eng, is working as a junior natural gas engineer for Magnolia Petroleum Company, Morgan City, Louisiana.

MARRIAGES: Miss Jane Ann Robinson, '576a, Norman, and Earl Curtis Hutchins, Crookston, Minnesota, were married December 30 in the Mater Admirabilis Chapel, Norman. Hutchins, a graduate of North Dakota State College, is employed by a chemical corporation in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Miss Karol Wicker, '57ed, Elk City, and Hubert A. Madole, Norman, were married July 19 in Prescott, Arizona. Madole, who taught school in Hutchinson, Kansas, last year, is now a substitute teacher in the Tucson school system.

Miss Emily Ann Hopper, '57, Bartlesville, and Robert Powelde Smith, Dallas, Texas, were married December 27 in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Bartlesville. Smith is an electrical engineering student at Texas Technological College.

Miss Beverly Kaye Sherman, '57ed, and Jerome Edward Miles, '57eng, both of Oklahoma City, were married December 31 in Wesley Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. They are living in Oklahoma City.

BIRTHS: Clarence E. Mathis and Mrs. Mathis (the former Diane Stewart, '57fa), Midwest City, have chosen the name Robert Keith for their son born December 3 in Oklahoma City.

L. James B. O'Connor and Mrs. O'Connor (the former Shirley Ann Norris, '57fa), Cheyenne, Wyoming, have selected the name Timothy Patrick for their son born November 30 at DePaul Hospital, Cheyenne.

Edward S. Knezek, '57eng, and Mrs. Knezek, Fort Worth, Texas, have chosen the name Ann for their daughter born November 12.

James Russell Cole, '57bus, and Mrs. Cole (the former Helen Hayes, '52ed), Dallas, Texas, have chosen the name Russell Bryan for their son born December 21. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are from Oklahoma City.

1958

Jack H. Jette, '58bus, is now a telecommunications officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force, stationed in Clinton, Ontario. He accepted a permanent commission in the R. C. A. F. upon graduating from O. U.

David J. Hansen, '58us, Oklahoma City, has enrolled as a member of the June, 1959, class of the American Institute for Foreign Trade, Phoenix, Arizona. Specializing in French, Western Europe and the Far East, he is taking the school's intensive training program in preparation for a career in American business or government abroad.

Paul R. McDaniel, '58ba, Oklahoma City, has been granted a scholarship for the present academic year by the Harvard Law School. McDaniel is one of eighty-two students, from a first-year class of 534, to receive a scholarship.

Jimmy K. Trout, '58us, Alma, was recently commissioned a Marine second lieutenant. He is now enrolled in the nine-month officers' basic course, also at Quantico, being trained as an Infantry platoon leader.

Wesley Dean Niles, '58, has joined E&Co Research and Engineering Company. The firm is the central scientific affiliate of Standard Oil Company. Niles lives in Union, New Jersey.

Barbara Jean Leonard, '58ed, Durant, has won her wings after completing her course of training at American Airlines' Stewardess College, Fort Worth, Texas. She has been assigned flight duty out of Chicago.

Lt. Paul T. Bledsoe, '58, Oklahoma City, made his first solo flight recently. He is stationed at Pensacola, Florida.

Gary E. Cox, '58bus, Oklahoma City, has returned to his position with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company after serving his six-months tour of duty in the U. S. Army. He is married to the former Lilian Morgan, '58journ.

Larry E. Kerr, '58us, Ardmore, is employed by a loan company in Ardmore. He and Mrs. Kerr (the former Marinell Friday, '58, Shawnee) were
"I Won a Scholarship"

Spring's early O.U. scholarship tests had high school students flocking to the campus. Prize plums were the two Alumni Fund Distinguished Scholarships, first awarded this year. Granting $6,000 maximum over a period of four years (according to the student's need), the new alumni scholarships attracted 165 test applicants.

Among the season's winners: Oklahoma City Capitol Hill High School student Robert Rossa and Ardmoreite Jan Morgan, winners of the Alumni Fund Distinguished Scholarships; Charles Wayne Heidrich, Moore, and David Pugmire, Norman, winners of the General Motors Scholarships; Roger Stewart, Oklahoma City, winner of the Texaco Scholarship; and Carolyn Sue Walters, Sand Springs, winner of the Ted Beaird speech award-scholarship.

Neither Rossa's nor Morgan's father is living. Rossa plans to study mathematics and eventually to become an astronomer; Morgan can't decide between law and architecture.

High school students taking scholarship tests at O. U.
Santa Fe  
The Autobiography of a Southwestern Town  
By Oliver La Farge. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author has extracted from the pages of The New Mexican, for more than a century the mirror of life in Santa Fe, the story of Santa Fe from its occupation by Americans after the Mexican War through the bloody era of Indian uprisings, gunfights, and lynchings, followed by a modicum of law and order, gold rushes (mostly for no gold), a fake diamond find, and the appearance of tourists. 453 pages, illustrated, maps, index: $5.95

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By Keith A. Murray. A colorful account of the three small bands of Modoc Indians who valiantly plunged into war against the U. S. Army in 1872 to save their homes in the lava beds of northern California. 359 pages, illustrated, maps, appendices, bibliography, index: $5.00

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Ensign Dale R. Fannon, '58, Norfolk, Virginia, was married October 18 in the home of the bride's parents. The couple is living in Norfolk, where he is serving in the U. S. Navy.

Miss Carolyn Ann Riser, '58, Henryetta, and David Browning Canon, '58eng, Oklahoma City, were married June 14 in the home of the bride's grandparents. The Canons are living in Oklahoma City, where he is an engineer for Air Engineering, Inc.

Miss Virginia Fay Lee, '58, Oklahoma City, and Dale R. Fannon, '58, Pampa, Texas, were married October 18 in the chapel of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. The Fannons are living in Pampa.

Miss Paula Dee Davenport, '58, Duncan, and Baptiste B. Shumatoma, Jr., '58eng, '58geo, We woka, were married May 23 in the First Christian Church, Duncan. They are living in Pauls Valley where he is a petroleum engineer for Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Company.

Mrs. Caroline Reigle Williams, '58, is secretary to the district manager of State Farm Insurance, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her husband is a sales trainee for United States Gypsum Company.

Ronald D. Zink, '58journ, is author of an article in the February American Press entitled "Three Types of Inexpensive Camera Proving Popular with News Photographers." Zink is circulation manager for Northwest News, Oklahoma City.

Ray Shaw, '58, former Oklahoma City Times and Oklahoma Associated Press bureau staff member, is now with the Louisville, Kentucky, AP bureau. Shaw is from El Reno.

Filiberto Vargas, '58eng, Tarzana, California, is research engineer for North American Aviation, Inc., located in Canoga Park, California. Vargas works in the Rocketdyne division of the aircraft rocket engine group.

Mrs. Paul Jepson, '58ms, Norman, has accepted a position as dietitian at the Cerebral Palsy Institute in Norman.

Ensign Frank W. Weverka, '58us, represented the 17th Naval District at Alaska statehood ceremonies in Juneau in February. Weverka is stationed at Kodiak Island, Alaska, with a Navy communications unit.

Lt. Max E. Weaver, Jr., '58us, Okmulgee, recently completed the officer leadership course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Weaver is a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Edmund C. Root, '58eng, is now living in St. Louis, Missouri. He is a mechanical engineer.

Lt. Harlan S. Trower, '58fa, Tulsa, recently completed the officer leadership course at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Lt. Jimmie E. Barnes, '58fa, recently completed the officer leadership course for officers who have not yet served with troops at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Lt. Richard E. Lampton, '58us, Norman, has completed a 17-week Field Artillery officer basic course at the Army Artillery and Missile school, Fort Sill.

Miss Linda Holmes, '58, and James Wiley George, '56, '57Law, both of Oklahoma City, were married November 29 in the First Baptist Church, Durant. George is an attorney with offices in the Graves Bldg., Oklahoma City.

Miss Cathryn Ann Williams, '58ba, Norman, and William Roy Brouch, '59, Clinton, were married January 24 in McFarlin Methodist Church, Norman. They are living in Whitehand Hall, where Brouch is resident counselor while he continues his studies at O. U. Mrs. Brouch is employed by the University Research Institute.

MARRIAGES: Miss Mary E. Angus, '58hec, and Donald N. Sherman, '57bus, were married recently and are now living in Indianapolis, Indiana. They expect to be stationed there in the U. S. Army for the next two years.

Miss Penelope Anne Sowers, '58fa, and David Walter Buxton, both of Wichita, Kansas, were married December 27 in the First Presbyterian Church, Wichita. They are living in Lawrence, Kansas, where Buxton is in his first year of law school at the University of Kansas.

Miss Neva Sue Robison, '58ba, Oklahoma City, and Herbert Barrington Bobb, Wichita Falls, Texas, were married December 21 in the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls. The couple is living in Oklahoma City.

Miss Lenore Plant, '58journ, El Reno, and Sam R. Kobren, El Paso, Texas, were married November 29, 1958. The Kobrens now live in El Paso. He is a graduate of Texas Western College.

Miss Rosalie Louise Roff, '58hec, and Fred O. Hughey, '59, both of We woka, were married August 26 in the First Christian Church, We woka. The couple is living in Oklahoma City where she is a dietetic intern at University Hospital. Hughey is a senior at O. U., majoring in petroleum engineering.

Miss Sue Strong, Amarillo, Texas, and Jerry Frank Smith, '58fa, Hobart, were married August 30, 1958. The Smiths now live in Norman.

Miss Marilyn Myers, '58fa, Frederick, and Harry Todd, '58eng, Ardmore, were married January 24 in the First Presbyterian Church, Frederick. The couple is living in Norman.

Miss Nancy Ann Brown, '58ba, and Ensign...
Wallace Bruce Mechling were married August 30 in the Post Catholic Chapel, Fort Hood, Texas. They now live in Alameda, California. Mechling was graduated in June, 1957, from the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Miss Elinor Sue Unruh, ’58ba, Oklahoma City, and Carl Anderson White, ’55bus, Chandler, were married November 1, 1958, in Crown Heights Christian Church, Oklahoma City. The Whites are living in Oklahoma City.

BIRTH: Dr. Robert Broome, ’58med, and Mrs. Broome, Tulsa, have selected the name Julia Carol for their daughter born November 25 in St. John’s Hospital. The Broomes have two sons.

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Arthur R. Atkinson, ’59eng, has joined the production and exploration department of Monsanto Chemical Company’s Lion Oil Company Division at Houston, Texas. Atkinson is from Camden, Arkansas.

Mrs. Sandra Kiester, ’59eng, is an engineer on the staff of the Kansas Highway Commission. Mrs. Kiester is the first woman engineer to serve on the commission. Stationed at Topeka, she has started in the design department as the beginning of the rotational training program for engineers.

Miss Margaret Louise Colgan, Oklahoma City, and Richard Edward London, ’59, Evanston, Illinois, were married November 27 in St. Luke’s Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. London holds a BA degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and is now a senior law student at O.U. Mrs. London is a graduate of Principia College, Elsah, Indiana.

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Education wins federal approval. When the news first broke, President Cross was asked how the South Base might be utilized by the University and his answers went pretty much according to the early ’50s apportionments for housing and athletics. The shocker was his suggestion that the Navy land adjoining the southern portion of the University might be used for a new stadium, parking lot and field house. Big Red’s getting bigger, traffic problems, and on-campus classroom needs were cited as the shocker’s inspiration. But likelihoods and maybes would have to wait on O.U.’s actually swinging the South Base’s acquisition.

In the meantime, another group of daydreamers, appointed by President Cross and headed by O.U. School of Medicine head Stewart Wolf, is fast making realities out of their plans to expand the Medical Center south of NE 13th Street in Oklahoma City so that the basic science departments will be moved from their building at 801 to provide physical connection to classroom, laboratory and hospital. Wolf’s master plan group includes Irvin Hurst, former chairman of the Oklahoma City planning commission; Dr. Carl Bailey, ’31bs, ’33med, president of the medical school alumni association; Phil Bennett, ’37LLB, Oklahoma City board of education member, and W. E. Harkey, former speaker of the house; as well as four University staff personnel. The Regents for Higher Education have allocated $15,000 for a comprehensive study which probably will present major recommendations for inclusion in a proposed state bond issue for capital improvements at institutions of higher learning.

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room on the first floor where he opened one of the casement windows and climbed out into the bushes.

It was perfect. Tomorrow when the night watchman found the open window in the men's room, he would think nothing about it, because he was a forgetful old man anyway. And there was a very large chance that the Professor would not miss his notes, that he would not even look for them until some time the first of the week when he filed a copy of the test and looked for his notes to throw them away.

The early morning air smelled good as prairie as Carl walked across the campus and he breathed with relief. Yet, strangely enough, he was not happy. He felt that what he had done was ridiculous and he realized the folded paper beneath his belt was a sentence for him, a sentence to another year of drudging at books and washing dishes and only half-sleeping during the long nights before examinations. His new feelings were a hard price for a degree.

He went back to his room and put a small coffee pot on the forbidden hot plate and waited until he had brewed a cup of coffee to relax him before he began the arduous process of learning what the test was to cover. He was calm now; there was no more pressure, because the test was in his hand and he had the book from which to copy the answers. At least there was no need to be alarmed or excited or scared anymore.

He drank the coffee slowly and then lay down on the bed and clicked on the lamp and slowly unfolded the paper. He stared at it a long moment and then he began to laugh, a wild, desperate laugh. He put the notes down on the table and began to pack his bag, throwing everything he owned into his single, battered suitcase, his mind already thinking ahead to the highway and the oil fields and the job that would be waiting for him someplace.

And while he packed, he occasionally stopped to look down at the Professor's handwriting and to laugh again. Someday he would have to write the Professor a letter to tell him how well he had understood that test, and how marvelously free he felt now, and how the joy had flooded through him when he lay down on the bed and unfolded the papers and found that the Professor's meticulous, perfect notes had been made in German.

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ing to teach, and why they want to teach. I have often heard this answer from the women students—"I am not sure that I am going to teach. I really intend to get married and have a home, if I don't do this—I may teach."

Can we conclude then that a college education will be wasted on these students? I think not. Instead, we might ask just how well have we prepared to give these young women for the roles of wife and mother?

The unmarried woman student often fails to see herself functioning as a worker outside the home as well as serving as a wife and mother. Yet recent statistics show that 80% of the working women are married. It was in a recent counseling session when a young mother of four confided to me that she felt very guilty about working outside her home. Many would hasten to tell this woman to quit her job and thus be rid of her guilt. But, this woman had no choice. Her husband was seriously ill, and it was quite necessary for her to work in order to support her family.

It would seem that the woman could easily rationalize her feelings or take an intellectual approach by saying—"I have to work and I won't feel guilty about it." Such feelings are not easily removed. They have a real societal basis.

As a people we are quick to blame the working mother when anything goes wrong with her home or children. Modern society expects the woman to be a split personality—half homemaker and half career person. A similar division of feelings is impossible. Modern woman is trying to find her accepted place in today's world.

Many strange ideas still exist about the place that women have held in the societies of the past. The Feminist Movement of a century ago declared that the woman was a chaste, subject to her husband, with no political or legal rights. At the opposite extreme is the concept of the woman as a fragile creature whom man sustained in leisure. This woman's only useful functions were to bear children and inspire men toward higher goals.

From the dawn of human history until the industrial revolution, women worked side by side with man, doing fully half of the work of the world. The small family unit as it exists in America today is a fairly recent phenomenon. In the beginning of civilized life the family was a self-con-