Roll Call:

news events in the lives of Sooner alumni

1905-25

Paul A. Walker, '12Law, Norman, broke ground recently for a $300,000 building project at the O.U. Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house. Walker is one of the original sponsors of the O.U. chapter.

Elton B. Hunt, '13Law; William L. Eagleton, '14ba, '19Law, and Noah Newton Bollman, '14ba, all of Tulsa, recently received awards for 50 years of active membership in Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Dr. R. L. Huntington, '17ba; Frank J. Kern, '28eng, and Laurence S. Reid, '37ms, O.U. faculty members, will serve on the instructional staff of the annual Southwestern Gas Measurement Short Course at O.U.

Merle F. Blakely, '25, has joined Skelly Oil Company in Tulsa as a public relations coordinator. Blakely has worked on newspapers and magazines in both Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Harold Decker, '25, Houston, Texas, was recently guest speaker at the founders’ day dinner meeting in Oklahoma City of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Decker is president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

DEATHS: John J. Victor, '05, died January 15 in Larned, Kansas. Victor, 82, was a retired geologist and oilman. He became an oil company geologist when Oklahoma was still a territory.

Howard E. Brown, '20eng, '24ma, died March 9 in Oklahoma City Wesley Hospital. Brown was science co-ordinator of Oklahoma City schools. He taught at Webster and Classen High School before becoming supervisor of secondary education for Oklahoma City schools in 1950. He later became science co-ordinator. He is survived by a son, Walter, Silver Spring, Maryland, and a sister, Miss Edna Merle Brown, Oklahoma City.

1926-29

W. R. Wolfe, '26ba, '38eng, Oklahoma City, has been named vice president and general manager of Oklahoma Natural Gas and Electric Company. Wolfe joined OG&E in 1926 and served in managerial capacities in Muskogee before returning to Oklahoma City in 1946. He has been a vice president since 1947.

Jean M. Holland, '27ma, '29ma, will retire at the end of this semester from the teaching staff at Northwestern State College, Alva, where she is associate professor of modern languages. Miss Holland has taught at Northwestern for 35 years and has served as dean of women for three years. She is now vice president of Oklahoma Foreign Language Teachers Association.

Mrs. Louise B. Moore, '27ba, supervisor of student publication at O.U., spoke recently to the press club of Chickasha High School. Mrs. Moore is an associate professor of journalism at O.U.

Judge A. F. Murray, '28Law, is chief justice of the U.S. Appellate Court for the tenth district in Denver, Colorado. He was guest speaker at a recent luncheon of Phi Alpha Delta, O.U. legal fraternity.

J. Don Garrison, '29bs, '36me, and Chloé Shinn, '31me, Norman, recently attended a Citizenship Seminar in Oklahoma City. Garrison is Norman school superintendent.

L. M. Stone, '29, has been elected vice president of Colorado Interstate Gas Company. Stone, a native of Waurika, joined Colorado Interstate in 1952 as assistant controller after 15 years in Tulsa with a certified public accountant firm.

DEATHS: Robert G. Reid, '26ma, died February 28 in Oklahoma City. Reid was a mathematics teacher at Classen High School in Oklahoma City until his retirement. He had also been a professor of mathematics at Classen Junior High School and Webster Junior High School. He is survived by his wife, Hazeline, of the home, a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Austin, Altus; a son, Bill, with the Navy in Japan; a sister and three brothers.

Mrs. Anna Smith Teel, '26ba, '39ms, died March 4 in a Muskogee hospital. Mrs. Teel was a Muskogee, Tulsa and McAlester school teacher. She moved to Muskogee in 1951. She is survived by two sisters, including Mrs. Guy Chase, Muskogee.

T. Harold Gilbert, '27ba, Tulsa, died March 3 at his home. Gilbert was vice president of the Valley Osage Oil Company for 15 years and later was associated with Gilchrist Oil Company. He became an independent operator in 1946. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, four sons, his mother, Mrs. N. T. Gilbert, and a sister, Mrs. Ben Voth, all of Tulsa.

Ben Bruce Blakeney, '29ba, and Mrs. Blakeney, Tokyo, Japan, died March 4 in the wreck of their private airplane about 50 miles southwest of Tokyo. Blakeney was once a member of the law firm of Black, Brown and Blakeney in Oklahoma City. In the Far Eastern war crimes trials following World War II, Blakeney was the defense lawyer for several top Japanese leaders. Following the trials Blakeney established a law firm in Japan. Before moving to Japan, Mrs. Blakeney was a librarian for the Oklahoma Publishing Company. Blakeney is survived by his mother, Mrs. B. B. Blakeney, Oklahoma City.

1930-34

J. E. Heston, '31geol, president of Cities Service Petroleum Company, has transferred to New York from Bartlesville to direct the management consolidation in marketing, refining, supply and distribution and related functions of domestic petroleum operations of Cities Service.

Worth B. McCauley, '31Law, former general counsel for Trice Production Company, Longview, Texas, is now practicing law in Houston, Texas.

Booth Kellough, '32, a native of Tulsa, has been appointed Gulf Oil Company's divisional attorney at Midland, Texas.

Sam Krasner, '32geol, has joined the Brown Pipe and Machinery Company, Fort Worth, Texas, as manager of its Kilgore, Texas, store.

R. M. English, '33geol, district exploration manager for Humble Oil and Refining Company at Durango, Colorado, has been appointed area geologist at Denver. English joined Carter Oil Company, now merged with Humble, in 1933. Following six years in Oklahoma, he transferred to Mattoon, Illinois, and in 1955 moved to Carter's Denver office as a member of the geological staff. He was named to the Durango post in 1958.

Lt. Col. Connie V. Southern, '38ba, Norman, has been admitted to practice law before the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, Southern has served 20 years with Army and Air Force legal departments.

Dr. John M. Crawford, '34ms, Ponca City, recently spoke to the Geophysical Society of Oklahoma City. Crawford is assistant manager of the research and development department for Continental Oil Company.

The Rev. Mendell Taylor, '34ma, '44ph.d, is dean and a member of the faculty of the Nazarene.

Conversation Piece

As a former O.U. student, what is your interpretation of academic freedom?

MRS. WELDON C. FERRIS

(Ruth Smith, '30journ)

Altus

MRS. FERRIS—Academic freedom, like freedom of the press, is a democratic right. And, like all democratic processes, it carries with it personal responsibility . . . Having been a member of the American Association of University Professors for the past two decades, I have watched with interest the hundreds of cases in which professors have been reprimanded by their institutions for alleged violations of academic responsibility, and those in which university and college administrations have been censured for denial of academic freedom . . . Freedom of speech is not a one-way street. Neither is citizenship. The 1940 Statement of Principles of the AAUP emphasizes that faculty members also are citizens, and in the expression of their opinions, should be accorded the same freedom accorded by law to all citizens. I concur . . . I am glad that I attended the University of Oklahoma where academic freedom prevails, and my professors were entitled to speak their opinions. I did not always agree with them, but my horizons widened, and I learned. I believe this is the purpose of a college education.
DEATHS: J. Harold Adkison, '30eng, died March 3 in a Tulsa hospital. Adkison was traffic manager for Dowell Incorporated. He formerly served as district manager for Dowell at Midland, Texas, and Philadelphia before taking his Tulsa post. Adkison is survived by his wife, Katherine, a daughter, his mother, Mrs. J. M. Adkison; three brothers, and a sister. At O.U. Adkison was a champion runner in the old Big Six Conference and went to the 1928 Olympic Finals.

E. M. DeWeese, '21ba, of Humble's Billings, Montana, district office before accepting the new post. Cook is married and the father of three sons.

C. G. Giezentanner, '39bus, Norman, is on the welfare committee of the Oklahoma Education Association which has developed a health care program for the O.E.A.

BEAVER COUNTY:

Corporation, Tulsa. The award is made annually by PrintersInk Magazine, a trade publication. To receive the second annual PrintersInk Silver Medal Award. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Royer, El Reno, has been named winner of the Dorothy Dave trophy sponsored by the American Furniture Mart Corporation, Chicago. She is home furnishings writer on the Christian Science Monitor, Boston.
MRS. SAM PAUL CRAWFORD
(Libbie Loar, '35)
Kirkwood, Missouri

MRS. CRAWFORD—Academic freedom for those in the teaching profession should be exactly the same as the freedom enjoyed by those who represent private business ... All public utterances should reflect the policy of the employer, which in the case of the teaching profession is the institution, or should be left unsaid.

M. F. Wirges, '46eng, has been transferred from New York to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he will be assistant manager of the combined operation of Cities Service refinery, Cit-Con Oil Corporation and Petroleum Chemicals, Incorporated. Wirges was manager of petrochemical development for Cities Service Research and Development Company at the New York headquarters. He is former chief engineer and manager of the natural gasoline division of Arkansas Fuel Oil Corporation.

Dr. Joseph Lintz Jr., '47ms, has been named acting chairman of the Geology-Geography Department of the Mackay School of Mines, University of Nevada. He has been professor of geology and paleontology at Mackay since 1951 and has served concurrently as associate petroleum geologist with the Nevada Bureau of Mines. From 1959 to 1961 he was instructor in geology at the Institute of Geology in Bandung, Indonesia.

J. D. Morrow, '47bus, '48Law, has been elected assistant treasurer of Continental Oil Company. Morrow, who joined Conoco in 1948, is former financial coordinator of domestic operations.

Fredericksburg. Texas City, is liquidated petroleum gas sales representative with Service Petroleum Company of Tulsa. McKenzie had the same position with Cities Service Oil Company.

BIRTH: Emory C. Williams and Mrs. Williams (Nan Allen, '46ba, '49ma) Oklahoma City, are the parents of a son, Curtis Brent, born January 15. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Susan and Beth; a son, Jay Wendell; his mother, Mrs. Lula Keller, and four sisters.

James W. Johnson, '49eng, has been appointed inventory manager of Jones and Laughlin Supply Division at Odessa, Texas. Johnson is former district sales manager there.

Edward B. Lee, '49ba, '52Law, has been advanced to manager of Transport Insurance Company's Houston, Texas, branch claims office. Lee, a native of Edmond, joined the firm in Oklahoma City in 1957 and had been senior staff adjuster.

Thomas B. Lowary, '49eng, has been named executive vice president and general sales manager of Vinnol Supply Company, Tulsa.

R. G. Nichols, '49eng, formerly of Ardmore, has been promoted to assistant superintendent of gas distribution operations for the Oklahoma-Kansas division of Arkansas Louisiana Gas.

Maj. Adair A. Smith, '49journ, is editor of the Military Police Journal, a monthly magazine published by the Military Police Association, Incorporated, at Augusta, Georgia. Smith is assigned to the Provost Marshal General Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He formerly worked in the public information office of the department of public safety in Oklahoma City.

R. C. "Ben" Trice, '49bus, has been named comptroller of the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas. Trice, a native of Oklahoma City, is former assistant vice president of the bank.

DEATH: Col. Wendell J. Kelley, '40, Oklahoma City, was killed in a plane crash in England January 15. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Susan and Beth; a son, Jay Wendell; his mother, Mrs. Lula Keller, and four sisters.

1949

William N. Christian, '49Law, has joined the law firm of Robinson, Robertson and Barnes in Oklahoma City.

Edward J. Fausz, '49Law, has been elected president of the Oklahoma City Lawyers Club. Other new officers are Jack High, '36ba, '36Law, vice president, and Henry B. Talaferro Jr., '54ba, '56Law.

Clee Fitzgerald, '49ba, '51Law, recently spoke to O.U. law students on the practice of a lawyer in a county seat town. Fitzgerald is an attorney in Stillwater.

James E. Horigan, '49Law, has entered private law practice as a partner in an Oklahoma City law firm after resigning as senior attorney in Mobil Oil Company's Denver, Colorado, division. He had been with the oil company 12 years.
H. Wesley Whitlock Jr., 53, Krrn, has been appointed to the staff of Beals Advertising Agency where he is accountant executive in the firm's Oklahoma City home office. Whitlock is advertising and sales promotion manager for the Boardman newspaper of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma.

Richard A. Elms, 54, eng, is customer services manager for the systems division of Beckman Instruments, Incorporated, Fullerton, California. A member of the Beckman organization since 1958, Elms served as manager of publications and advertising. He has worked for The Norman Transcript and was editor of the Portland (Indiana) Graphic. Mrs. Elms is the former Ann West, 56, journ.

Paul is married to the former Carol Engleman, 59, ba.

John Lee Smith, 54, Law, Oklahoma County Hospital, Oklahoma City, has been elected president of the Student Bar Association. Iverson, Tulsa County public defender, recently opened the Norman Eye Clinic.

Oklahoma’s Great Independent Dairy Farms 

Homer Paul, 54, Law, Oklahoma City, died February 15 at his home. Homer Paul, 54, Law, Oklahoma City, has been promoted to trust officer of Liberty National Bank and Trust Company. A native of Pauls Valley, Paul is married to the former Carol Engleman, 59, ba.

Henry B. Taliaferro Jr., 54, 56, Law, Oklahoma City attorney, has been re-elected president of the Traveler’s Aid Society by the United Fund agency.

Louis B. Isaacson Jr., 55, bus, is the new oil country tubular representative for the Tulsa division of Continental-Emisco.

BIRTHS: Robert W. Brown, 54, ba, 56, Law, and Mrs. Brown, Kansas City, Missouri, are the parents of a daughter, Julia Jane, born November 14.

DEATHS: Dr. Ernest Dale Mitchell, 54, med, Oklahoma City, died February 15 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and three daughters, all of Oklahoma City; a stepson, Richard Caskey, Midwest City, and his mother, Mrs. Pearl Mitchell, also of Oklahoma City.

John Lee Smith, 54, Law, Oklahoma County election board secretary, died February 11 in Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City. Smith had served as election board chairman since January 1, 1961. He previously was a special professor at the O.U. and O.C.U. law schools. He was also a partner in the law firm of Fuller, Smith, Mosburg and Davis. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two sons and his mother, Mrs. Edith Smith, all of Oklahoma City.

March, 1963
THESE TRUTHS WE MUST HOLD

Americans believe: In Abraham Lincoln's wisdom, "Property is the fruit of labor; property is desirable; it is a positive good in the world:" just as all honest work is dignified, so is the fruit of that work a symbol of dignity. Private property rights are essential to a life of dignity and freedom.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY

To renew and awaken interest in our precious heritage of freedom, and its superiority over the Communist philosophy, these messages are being published by the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, an investor-owned, tax-paying electric utility.

IS PRIVATE PROPERTY A HUMAN RIGHT?

Communists believe: There being no God, human rights are those granted by the state. Man's purpose is to serve the state. This is also the purpose of property, therefore, private property defeats the purpose of man. Individual freedom is impractical because it interferes with state planning. The glory of the state must be achieved through selfless dedication to the purposes of the state.
Looney, Watts, Looney, Nichols and Johnson. Grabtree will receive his law degree this year from the University of Virginia.

Jeff D. Griffin, '60ba, is a reporter for The Norman Transcript. He was a producer-director on the staff of the O.U. motion picture unit for a year and a half before becoming a reporter for the El Reno Daily Tribune.

Donald Eugene Criswell, '60bus, '61mbus, Oklahoma City, has been elected to membership in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

William Wayne Nelson, '60ba, Oklahoma City, was recently awarded the 10th annual $900 scholarship of the Liberty National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City. Nelson is a senior in the O.U. College of Law.

1961

1st Lt. Bradford S. Page, '61bus, Jet, Oklahoma, has been awarded his Air Force pilot wings following his graduation from pilot training at Laredo Air Force Base, Texas.

Rob Gilbert, '61eng, is attending graduate business school at the University of Texas, Austin. He was recently discharged from the Navy. Mrs. Gilbert (Janet Ferril, '60ed) is teaching school in Austin.

John Ronald Murray, '61bus, has been promoted to assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Oklahoma City. He recently completed an executive training program. He and Mrs. Murray (Phyllis Holmes, '60ba) and their son John Ronald Jr. have a home in Oklahoma City.

2nd Lt. Max A. Ray, '61ba, Tulsa, recently completed an 8-week officer training orientation course at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Carl R. Young, '61eng, '62ms, is currently employed by the Atlantic Refining Company, Corpus Christi, Texas, as an analytical engineer.

Lynne Ray Thompson, '61bus, and J. Pat Walker, '60, both of Houston, Texas, were married December 27 in the First Christian Church, Ada. The couple is now at home in Houston.

BIRTH: Charles Franklin Long ('61journ and '61ed) of Ridgewood, New Jersey, and Lt. Bradford S. Page, '61bus, Jet, Oklahoma, were married March 2 in the home of the bride's parents in Ridgewood. The couple has established a home in Temple, Texas.

Lt. William L. Miller, '62bus, has been transferred to the Boston Army Base, Boston, Massachusetts, from the Finance Center at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Edgar F. Pacheco, '62eng, is now living in Camiri, Bolivia, where he is working as a drilling engineer.

Pat Peugh, '62pharm, is working in the pharmacy department, Hillcrest Medical Center, Tulsa.

Barbara Bailey, '62mb, is working as a librarian who helped select the two winners of the nation's top award for children's books in 1962.

Lt. William L. Miller, '61bus, Jet, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Miller (Vicky Franklin, '60) have chosen the name Charles Franklin Jr. for their son born February 18 in Norman. Long is associate editor of Sooner Magazine.

1962

Lynn Austin, '62bus, Eufaula, entered the Adjutant General's School of the Army November 19 at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

Mrs. Rick Bickel (Brenda Kuhn, '62ba) is attending the University of West Virginia, Fairmont, where she is working on a biology teaching certificate.

Joe Berry Cannon, '62msbus, and Mrs. Cannon are living in Oklahoma City where Cannon is an executive trainee with the Liberty National Bank and Trust Company. They recently became the parents of a son, Joe Berry Jr.

2nd Lt. Max W. Craig, '62eng, has been reassigned to Baker Air Force Station, Oregon, following his graduation from the Air Force technical training course for ground electronics officers at Kunsan Air Force Base, South Korea.

James W. Fambrough, '62ms, and Mrs. Fambrough (Sarah Ann McKinnis, '61bus) have their home in Lafayette, Louisiana, where Fambrough is a geologist for the California Company.

John Finn and Mrs. Finn (Gwyn Sue Lacey, '60ed) have moved to Olympia, Washington, where Finn is stationed at Fort Lewis.

Lt. Graydon H. Laughbaum Jr., '62eng, and Mrs. Laughbaum (Nancy Jayne Clabaugh, '60) are now living in Baumgarten, Germany.

Conversation Piece

As a former O.U. student, what is your interpretation of academic freedom?

ROY B. ADAMS, '60bs

Humble Oil and Refining Company
Houston, Texas

ADAMS—As a facet of the question of academic freedom, discussion of individual license to express personal opinion publicly first requires specification of the particular individual's function in the institution. This identification is essential in examining the only apparent problem—whether a personal opinion can reasonably be interpreted as the official policy of the university on any issue . . . Although faculty appointment alone certain warrants respect, such appointment hardly constitutes designation as policy-maker for the university. Since the majority of faculty members serve the university directly only through teaching and research, the assumption that university policy is expressed in one professor's statement is, in general, absurd. Such a generalization is equivalent to assuming that, because one baseball player endorses a particular breakfast cereal, major league rules require all players to eat that product . . . A high degree of discretion must, however, be exercised by faculty members who occupy administrative positions with decision-making authority. Their opinions do directly contribute to university policy on any particular issue. If, by objective examination of any statement to be made publicly, such an administrator finds the opinion to be more closely associated with his official identity than with his individual citizenship, he must subject himself to self-censorship . . . Prudence would seem to dictate that, in any case, the individual should preface his personal opinions by a statement identifying them as such if there is any possibility of misunderstanding. It certainly does not seem unreasonable that the institution itself should request such distinct labeling of public statements, particularly those of faculty members in administrative positions . . . Obviously the university cannot resort to general censorship of the faculty; such suppression of personal expression contradicts a basic purpose of education—the utilization of learning in all areas of human concern. If those who have the most extensive academic backgrounds are denied complete exercise of individual freedom of expression, the value of the educational system and the society which fosters it is in doubt . . . Academic qualifications do not preclude a desire for acceptance of all the opportunities of citizenship.