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Oklahomans at home and abroad

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 1. The Tales of Hoffman presented by the Opera Comique Company. Delta Epsilon dance at College shop. Sigma Alpha Epsilon dance at Teepee. Exhibition at school of art of oil paintings by Mr. B. B. Boyd, of Des Moines, Iowa. President Bizzell to address the Central Teachers Association at Edmond.

November 6. President Bizzell will speak at the fourth district of Oklahoma State Federation of Women's clubs, at El Reno.

November 7. Stunt night by W. M. C.

November 8. Acacia dance at College shop.

November 9. Closing date of the An-garola memorial exhibition of oil paintings assembled by Chicago Art Institute.

November 14. Sigma Nu dance at College shop.

November 15. Closing date of the exhibition of the oil paintings of Mr. B. B. Boyd, Des Moines, Iowa. Phi Kappa Psi dance at house. Phi Gamma Delta dance at house.

November 19 and 20. President Bizzell will attend the National Association of State Universities at Washington, D. C.


November 22. Pi Kappa Alpha dance at house. Phi Delta Theta dance at house.

November 27. Oklahoma versus Missouri, football, at Norman.

OUR CHANGING VARSITY

Farmer fathers

More students who are sent to the university are sons and daughters of farmers than of parents engaged in any other trade or profession. Of the five thousand students enrolled, 751 of the fathers are farmers, 587 of them are merchants, 367 in oil business, 267 are doctors, and 223 are lawyers. Other professions trail.

Dad's day

The fifth annual Dad's day celebration at the university was to be held October 10-11. General assembly of the group was to be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning with an address of welcome by President Bizzell and a speech by Dr. W. E. Grisso of Seminole, president of the association.

The Dads were to be guests at the Sooner-Nebraska football game in the afternoon and special programs for them were being planned at Norman churches.

Prizes were to be offered for the best all round girl student, the best all round boy student, the oldest Dad present, the youngest Dad present, the Dad coming from the farthest distance, the one having the most daughters, the one having the most sons and the one having the largest number of children in school.

The Dads were also to be the guests of the University Playhouse at a play in the auditorium Saturday night.

A valuable gift

National recognition to the progress and standing of the school of art was accorded recently when Frederick Paul Kemple, president of the Carnegie corporation, after a tour of the country, selected Oklahoma as one of the few schools to which the corporation would present an art collection valued at $6,000.

All the major schools of art and their most important proponents are represented in the collection which includes twenty-six original etchings by such famous artists as Rembrandt, Millet, Whistler, Corot, and Goya. Three hundred books on art history, biography, and philosophy are a part of the collection.

Professor Oscar B. Jacobson, head of the school, has announced that the whole collection will be exhibited, part at a time, in the art school.

Norman's first mayor

Albert Willard Fisher, the first elected mayor of Norman, died following a lingering illness, at Norman August 7, 1930. He was born near Columbus, Ohio, April 10, 1853. He was a graduate of Iowa State college. He moved to Norman from Kansas in 1890. A son, Clare W. Fisher, ex '06, still lives in Norman and it was at his home that Mr. Fisher died. Mr. Fisher was in the Oklahoma legislature in 1896, upper house from Cleveland county. He was grand master of the Masonic order in 1897, and at the time of his death was the oldest past grand master. He was one of the original workers who secured the locating of the university at Norman and had always been a lifelong friend of Dr. Buchanan.

Dust

Whipped up from scorched earth a strong north wind attained a velocity of eighty miles an hour several thousand feet above the earth, gave central Oklahoma, including the university, the worst dust storm in years September 25.

The storm was general over the southwest, lifted the dome of the conservatory of the University of Kansas at Lawrence from its foundation. In Norman, the damage was confined to making additional work for housewives.

Five out of twenty

Five of the twenty women selected as being the outstanding women leaders of Oklahoma are Sooners. The selection was announced recently after selection by a group consisting of President Bizzell, Omer K. Benedict, Tulsa banker, Dr. H.
They train Sooner cadets

Four new officers join the staff of Major E. P. Parker, R. O. T. C. commandant, this year, to train the young college army. One of them, Lieut. James V. Collier, '21 arts-sc., is the first student R. O. T. C. commander on the campus and married the first cadet queen of that year, Miss Gertrude McSpadden, '21 arts-sc. He comes to Norman from Hawaii, where he was stationed the past three years. He is in the panel upper left. Upper right is Lieut. Ernest A. Elwood (Leland Stanford). Lower, left Capt. George R. Hayman (Wabash) and right, Capt. Lawrence H. Caruthers (Texas A. & M.). All four officers were transferred to Norman from Hawaii.

G. Bennett, president of Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical college, Dr. A. Linscheid, president of the East Central State teachers college and Eugene Briggs, president of the Southeastern State teachers college.

The Sooners were:

Mrs. Frances Smith Catron, '26 arts-sc., of Ponca City, "educator, promoter of musical development in public schools."

Dr. Lucille S. Blachly, '13 sc., of Oklahoma City, "physician, child health worker, originator of important improvements in maternity work."

Dr. Anna Lewis, '30 Ph. D., of Chickasha, "professor of history at the Oklahoma College for Women, influential worker with college girls, scholar. . . ."

Mrs. Walter Ferguson, ex '07, of Tulsa, "writer of syndicated editorials, author."

Mrs. Maud Calvert, M. S. '26, of Oklahoma City, "manager of the bureau of child education and development, originator of mother classes in Oklahoma, member of the executive committee for the aid of crippled children."

To visit a president

One of the world's authorities on the theory of values expounded by Franz Brentano and a former student of Brentano's will meet shortly in Prague to discuss the great master of philosophy. They are President Masaryk of Tschecho-Slovakia who was the student and Dr. Howard O. Eaton, associate professor of philosophy in the university and author of The Austrian Philosophy of Values published this spring by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Doctor Eaton is co-operating with Austrian and Bohemian scholars in the work of the Austrian school and is spending the year abroad. He represented the university at the International Congress of Philosophy held at Oxford, England.
A pretty penny

They are talking "fraternity row" in Norman nowadays, as bigger and better fraternity houses are being bonded and built. But the fraternity row seems scattering, if the four houses, all new, herewith pictured, indicate a trend. Fraternity row was to be Elm avenue. Only one of the houses in this group fronts Elm. The houses are: Phi Kappa Sigma at 736 Elm avenue, Pi Kappa Phi at 702 Lahoma avenue, Sigma Mu Sigma at 920 Chautauqua avenue, and (completed last spring) Pi Kappa Alpha at 730 College avenue.
director of the school of chemical engineering.

Dr A. L. Blesh, professor of clinical surgery in the school of medicine; Dr L. J. Moorman, professor of clinical medicine, and Dr F. J. Bolend, associate professor of medicine.

A nominee

Opposing the veteran Congressman Garber (Republican) in the eighth congressional district this fall for congress is a former Sooner, H. B. King, ex '16, of Woodward.

President emeritus

Dr David Ross Boyd, president emeritus of the university, who has been in California since March, has returned to Norman for a month's visit.

Faculty

R. W. Mase, former member of Cornell university faculty, has been appointed assistant professor of psychology to succeed Dr M. M. White who resigned to become a member of the University of Kentucky faculty.

Prof John H. Casey of the school of journalism, attended the meeting of the National Editorial association in Chicago. Mr Casey is at work on a history of the association.

W. E. Willoughby, '30, is substituting in the department of mechanics for L. A. Comp, who is on a leave of absence teaching in the Texas A. and M. college this year.

Prof W. A. Willibrand of the modern language department is on leave of absence at the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

Nellie V. Spensley, formerly dean of women of the university and recently dean of women at the South Dakota State college, died at Elgin, Illinois, September 6.

After fourteen years spent in an office in the basement of the law building, Dr Edward Everett Dale, head of the history department, has moved to more commodious rooms. He will have part of the suite occupied formerly by Vice President Buchanan, in the liberal arts building.

Books Abroad, the quarterly of foreign language reviews, at last will have a roomier office than the old cramped office in the liberal arts building. Dr Roy Temple House, editor, and Kenneth Kaufman, '16 arts-ac., M. A. '19, assistant editor, have moved into a larger office adjacent to the small office room they occupied last semester. This will enable them to take care of the rapidly increasing volume of business demanded by this unique publication.

Miss Ina Annette, clever artist and instructor in art in the university, exhibited at Tulsa, the week of October 4, showing linoleum block prints in which she shows peculiar mastery.

Miss Peggy Schnitzer, instructor in the physical education department, was highly commended for her work in Oklahoma and in the Chicago studio where she worked this summer, in an article in The News which is published monthly by the studios of Ned Wayburn, internationally known dancing teacher.

After a year's leave of absence, Dr A. B. Thomas, associate professor of history, has resumed his work at the university. The subject of his research work during the past year was the Spanish-Indian history in northern Mexico and the southwest in the eighteenth century.

Dr Duane Roller, assistant professor of physics and a contributing editor of The Sooner Magazine, has revised for Dr Robert Andrew Millikan, celebrated physicist, the latter's textbook Mechanics, Molecular Physics and Heat. The revision will be published soon, it is expected. Doctor Roller is the author of The Terminology of Physical Science, published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Marries

Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin, who served as a lieutenant in the student army training corps at the University of Oklahoma during the world war, has married Miss Rachel Wilson Young of Washington, D. C.

Storm

Norman, which receives as many freak storms as almost any city in the state, was visited with an unexpected one Sunday, September 14. A mild cyclone struck the university, tearing up some trees, blowing out a window in the women's building, destroying the press box on the east side of the stadium and damaging the roofs of several stables of the R. O. T. C. Lightning struck the roof of the law building.

Farewell to chapel

A plan long contemplated by President Bizzell has been carried into effect this year. There will be no chapels hereafter during class hours.

This step was made for several reasons. There is no place on the campus to handle
a chapel. (The university’s auditorium seats only 1,800 students while there are three times that number enrolled. The field house has poor acoustics and is unfit therefore for chapel use.) This inadequacy was known to students who “cut” chapel as a result, because it was a gambling chance that they would be able to find seats anyway. Furthermore, chapels interfere to a considerable extent with effective class work. President Bizzell is interested in developing the work spirit among students.

The new plan will not interfere with the president’s program of bringing notable personages to Norman. But when such persons do come for addresses to students, they will speak at night. This will give citizens of Norman and alumni residing in nearby cities the opportunity of sharing in such speeches, if student interest is not sufficient to fill the chapel.

**GRADUATES IN EMBRYO**

**Interfraternity hostesses**

New hostesses have been announced by the following fraternities:

Alpha Chi Omega—Mrs C. P. Hendershot of Tulsa.

Phi Mu—Mrs Josephine Hayward of Norman.

Delta Delta Delta—Mrs Grace Trosper of Garber, Oklahoma.

Chi Omega—Mrs B. L. Burrows of New York City.

Sigma Delta Tau—Mrs Mary Flower of Chicago, Illinois.

Phi Gamma Delta—Mrs Dwight E. Aultman of Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Phi Kappa Psi—Miss Carrie Stevens of Newport, Arkansas.

Alpha Tau Omega—Mrs F. D. Appleby of Chickasha, Oklahoma.

**Cadet leaders**

New cadet officers announced by Major E. P. Parker, commandant of the R. O. T. C. include:

R. D. Williamson of Henryetta, Oklahoma, senior cadet colonel.

Carl Albert of McAlester and Robert Kutz of Ponca City, colonels to be Williamson’s chief aides.


**Farming the dances**

Arguments over student dance managers and how much money they ought to get and whether the student council ought to get any money at all, are days of the past, at least this year. The men’s council and the women’s council have assigned their rights to student dances to the concessions department of the athletic association in return for $2,200 in cash and the payment by the association of $450 in salaries due dance employees last year. The university has agreed to take over the debt of $1,500 due Major E. P. Parker for band uniforms. Thus student self government rocks gloriously on its way, as long as obliging adults can be found to shoulder the blame for youth’s mistakes.

**Fraternity grades**

The fraternity preserving a small membership roster again demonstrated its superiority in scholarship to the Greek go-getters who have “the finest fraternity house” in Norman, which about includes the whole Greek letter parade. For the third successive semester Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity led all other fraternities on the campus in scholarship, the list announced by Dean of Men Findlay reveals.

Pi Kappa Alpha climbed from tenth place to second. Phi Gamma Delta, second last year, sank to eighth. Delta Tau Delta was hard competition for Alpha Sigma Phi for the bottom of the list. Al-
pha Sigma Phi lowered itself one position.

The list that follows gives the grade average for the second semester last year, with 4 as the maximum grade and 1 as the minimum passing grade, and the numerals that follow give the ranking for the second semester, 1930, the second and first semesters, 1929, and the second and first semesters, 1928:

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Youngest Pledge

Kappa Alpha fraternity claims the youngest pledge this semester in the person of Buddy Martin, age sixteen of Sayre, who enters with a high school grade average of ninety two to support him in the race for Phi Beta Kappa. He is not the youngest student enrolled in the university, however.

First in English

A brilliant son of a brilliant father led the thousand and more freshmen in the English placement tests this fall. Arnold Court, son of Prof and Mrs Nathan Alshiller Court, of Norman, made a grade of 140 out of a possible 160.
Oklahoma needs the co-operation of sport critics of last year who said that Massachusetts, to help with the coaching, wherever he could fit in. Daly had been fullback at Holy Cross and a freshman coach there. He drives down from Oklahoma City daily and helps in the coaching, thanks to Mr. Hankinson, who is the first answer to the sport critics of last year who said that Oklahoma needs the co-operation financially of Oklahoma sport lovers.

Rhodes committee

Selection of the five university candidates for the Rhodes scholarship was to be made October 11 by a committee consisting of Professor L. N. Morgan, chairman, Dr. Roy Gittinger, Dr. Duane Rollerson, Dr. A. S. Foster, Dr. L. E. Winfrey, and Dr. J. P. Blickensderfer.

A state committee composed of former Rhodes scholars will select on December 6 two candidates from this state to appear before a district committee in Little Rock, Arkansas.

EXPRESSION IN THE PRESS

Value of a press

High praise for the services of Dr. Edward Everett Dale, '11 arts-sc., head of the history department, for his recent contribution to the history of Oklahoma and the west, The Range Cattle Industry, published in September by the University of Oklahoma Press, and for the work of the Press, now entering its third year, was voiced by Richard Lloyd Jones, editor and publisher of The Tulsa Tribune, in a recent editorial. Mr. Jones declared:

The West had its Roosevelt. The New West had its Turner. And the Oklahoma frontier has its Dale. Professor E. E. Dale of the University of Oklahoma is one of the most scrutinizing and discriminating recorders of Oklahoma's short but colorful career. His research work has lifted him to opportunities of service. The publisher's note on the paper jacket of his latest book, The Range Cattle Industry, just off the University of Oklahoma Press, says: "Professor Dale has served as research agent for the bureau of agricultural economics of the department of agriculture, for which bureau this book was prepared, and was a member of the commission of the Institute for Government Research which made a survey of Indian affairs at the request of the secretary of the interior."

This research work put material into his hands for his earlier works—short stories and poetry. His output has not been statistical, but it has been factual, withal imaginative. And therein lies the value of his literary contribution to the state. Oklahoma history has been too much fictionalized. It has lent itself to exaggeration. Fiction writers, nothing more, have come in, given it the once over, and gone hence to write half truths, which a public that loves to be fooled, has eaten up. They are minds too much the political strivings and stumblings as the philosophical, the social, the economic implications of the struggles, the failures and the successes.

It is easy to write history of a time and people that are dead and buried. It is a different matter to gather from a thousand sources facts and fiction, sift them, assort discriminatingly. And they in turn will help to build the history of the section, to record so nearly as possible the history as it is made. Not so much as the political strivings and stumblings as the philosophical, the social, the economic implications of the struggles, the failures and the successes.

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ASSOCIATION PROGRESS

The Aggie dinner

The Aggie dinner, although candor compels us to agree with President White that it was a luncheon instead—a mighty good one, however—began with the presentation of a loving cup and ended in a debate, as all good dinners should do.

The Former Student's Association challenged the Association to a membership contest. Oklahoma lost. The loser was to present the winner with a loving cup and a dinner.

On Saturday, October 4, the Aggie board and the Sooner board met for their second joint session. Present were W. A. Melton, '13 Aggie, Tulsa, president of the Former Student's association; Luther H. White, '19 arts-sc., Tulsa, president of the Association; George H. McElroy, '28 Aggie, Stillwater, editor of the A. & M. Magazine, and secretary of the association; Mike Monroney, '24 journ., Oklahoma City, board member; Betty Kirk, '29 journ., Norman, contributing editor of The Sooner Magazine; Joseph A. Brandt, '21 journ., Norman, editor of The Sooner Magazine; Austin Goom, '21 Aggie, Ripley, Aggie board member; O. P. Callahan, '06 Aggie, Ponca City, board member and former mayor of Ponca City; F. Lee Stewart, '09 Aggie, Tulsa, board member; A. O. Martin, '19 Aggie, Stillwater, placement bureau head; Glen Briggs, '16 Aggie, McAlester, board member; Frank S. Cleckler, '21 bus., Norman, Association secretary; Paul Walker, '12 law, Oklahoma City, chairman of the Buchanan Memorial committee; Guy Y. Williams, '06 arts-sc., Norman, member of the board; Dr. Howard S. Browne, '11 med., Ponca City, board member; Fred G. Drummond, '14 Aggie, Hominy, board member; Dave Logan, '16 arts-sc., Okmulgee; Ducky Vaughan, '15 Aggie, Woodward, board member; Orville M. Savage, '16 Aggie, Ponca City; vice president of the Aggie association; W. L. Eagleton, '14 law, Tulsa, board member; A. N. “Jack” Boatman, '16 law, Okmulgee, board member.

Mr White presented the cup on behalf of our Association.

"The purpose of this dinner—if it can be called a dinner—is to acknowledge our defeat. The O. U. boys could caw-fish out of admitting it by saying that our secretary had so much experience taking chances in the world war that he took up the bet of the Aggies without a moment's hesitation!

"We are glad of this dinner, however, for the pleasure that it gives us in having contact with members of your board. We prize highly our friendship in the ranks of A. & M. alumni. It is a co-incidence that Mr Melton, president of your association, and I began our business experience together, working for the same oil organization in Tulsa and that friendship has continued through to this day. Both of us live in Tulsa and we are constantly working together.

"We never for a minute let our bitter enmity on the gridiron interfere with that spirit of co-operation as between boards and aims.

"It becomes my happy duty to present your board with a loving cup. I don’t know whether this one will serve or not, for all loving cups that I have seen in the past have been too large to drink from—and I judge that this one is not too large!"

Mr Melton, in replying, declared:

"We appreciate very much this little emblem and will keep it in our archives to cement the friendship between our board and yours. Mr White said that we can work together to accomplish goals mutual to our schools. We are part of a great commonwealth, and it would be folly not to co-operate where such co-operation is needed. We have no desire up our way to tread on the preserves of O. U. We want to help you whenever we can, and we know that you will help us whenever you can."

A challenge for Oklahoma

With the largest enrollment in its history, with less classroom space to a student than ever before the problems of the university have never been so acute as now.

It is in recognition of that fact that university officials filed their budget requests with Ben Harrison, state budget officer. Department after department found its requests pared, so that the amount asked would be consonant with Oklahoma's financial outlook. By a peculiar coincidence, "hard times" sent the enrollment of the university spinning upwards, until now the university has almost twice the number of full time students in residence this semester than any college or university in Oklahoma.

The total enrollment of the university, as of October 1, was 5,318 students. Students continued to enroll at an average of ten a day after that day. The total for the semester is expected to be 5,400.

Only two class room buildings have been added in a period during which the enrollment of the university has doubled.

This factor makes the urgency of the building requests more significant.

The budget requests are:

For 1931:
Salaries $1,250,000;
Support and maintenance $325,000.
Buildings required:
Biology, $250,000;
Business administration and classroom, $250,000.
Petroleum engineering, $250,000.
Home economics and classroom, $250,000.
Equipment for new building, $50,000.
Land adjoining the campus, needed to purchase $10,559.

For 1932:
Salaries $1,274,000.
Support and maintenance, $350,000.
Equipment for new building, $90,000.
Buildings and additions to present buildings:
First unit of physics building, $150,000.
First unit of education building, $150,000.
Addition to women's building, $100,000.
Power plant, $150,000.