**Oklahoma Looks at the University**

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This, it says here, in a telegram from Ted Beaird, is to be an editorial entitled, "Oklahoma Looks at the University."

We would draw a subject like this, just as the whole darnd state is looking at New Orleans. (These lines being poured out a few hours before the "kick-off" in the Sugar Bowl). Drat those pesky farmers, anyway.

The Range Rider insisted, however, on one item from this corner.

"It would seem to show the army how hard up we are," he said. "Then maybe they will turn my editor loose."

With this fair warning that no great thoughts may be expected in the paragraphs to follow, we are happy to record, nevertheless, that the folks being tossed at the University these days carry promise of better things.

As the University enters what is probably its greatest period of expansion in a quarter of a century, it is doubtful that the school ever stood higher in the thoughts and affection of the people of Oklahoma.

The University has been buffeted by political storms, and pinched by the economy of depression years, but it has survived in surprisingly good shape like the stumpy tree it is, and appears headed for more pleasant sailing in the years to come.

For one thing, the University goes into the postwar period with clean political hands. No major state scandal has lapped at its campus, or splashed its image with the kind of political problems that lie ahead will be made easier by the knowledge that school has the respect, confidence and best wishes of all Oklahomans.

This new era of better feeling was reflected pointedly in the last session of the legislature where the University's reception was warm and friendly. In the past it has been considered "good politics" to use the University's name as a political crutch. But it must be remembered that the average legislator pretty well represents the average citizen of his district. He is no fool, he probably has done as much as any other man to add a human touch to the University and to break down this wall of misunderstanding.

The University's overall problems were never presented more successfully to a legislative appropriations committee than at the last session. Dr. Cross had all the facts at his finger tips. He answered all questions with a candor and sincerity that brought a warm response from the legislators. In turn, they gave the University its first building program in years, and also increased appropriations for general operations.

Legislators not only want to see their University develop into one of the great universities of the country, but they like Cross personally.

Typical was the comment of a southeastern legislator one day: "That fellow Cross walked right in and called me by my first name," he said. "He doesn't even try to act like a college president when he comes out here. He's all right." About the University, the criticism that has been heard of the University's young president has come from no one, he said, including himself. He feels better. The University must present a united front. This is no time for personal jealousies within the ranks.

**Let's Live in the Present and Let the World Know It**

By Bob Knisely

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Recent disclosures reveal that people throughout the United States are being sniped at and even the people of our bordering states—have an idea that the Indians and the cowboys are still sniping at each other all across an arid plain where the fence posts are buried underneath the blow-sand that is Oklahoma to them.

Industrialists, who ought to know better because they have had their man- kets in Oklahoma for some years past, are shocked when the suggestion is made that they should turn their old-fashioned, walk-up shop somewhere in Oklahoma.

"Why, I would have to have 60,000,000 people show up for a day for my factory," said one industrialist apropos of an Oklahoma businessmen who ship in cotton and only "don't operate in Oklahoma.

Maybe that sounds silly. But that situation exists.

Apartments and houses can be rented—with about $10,000 a year to the landlord of tommy-guns. But you're still got to be careful of booby-traps set by the people who already live in them.

It is still possible to get a hotel room—anytime after 1933. Nowadays you've got to make a reservation months in advance even to get to sit on a bench in Central Park.

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We have peddled feature stories to the press of the nation and to the magazines—when we could “make” them, giving the nation and the world erroneous ideas of Oklahoma. We have sent that type of story out because it would get results in the paycheck department for the list.

The University of Oklahoma operates a School of Journalism, where some of the nation's outstanding newspapermen and magazine workers have learned their trade.

That School of Journalism is a possible source of some good lessons in geography for the rest of the world.

By teaching the students of that school to let the rest of the world know that Oklahoma's colorful history is HISTORY, and that we have the same types of people and living conditions that exist in most places—not in all, thank goodness, our University of Oklahoma can do our state a great service.

Once the old newspapermen and free-lance writers have become too staid in their ways of writing to ever get away from the Oklahoma of yesterday and Indian days, the Journalism school has an opportunity of sending out boys and girls to the press of the state and nation who can be ambassadors to allay the fears of those not so fortunate to be Oklahomans about our state.

It might even help if a course in Oklahoma geography in all the phases of that subject were required for a Journalism enrollment—or at least for a Bachelor's degree.

But, until we Oklahoma writers can get the proper kind of publicity for Oklahoma, we are going to be classed with Matt Kimes and Pretty Floyed or the cowboys and Indians who once did do some fancy sniping at each other in those parts—50, 60, 75 years ago, let's not forget.

**New York Merry-Go-Round**

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NEW YORK—(not by AP)—This is the only place in the world where the automobiles are in danger of being run over by the pedestrians. There are at least four people to every ham sandwich in this village, and two or three for the mustard.

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The town is so full it has split in the middle, burst at the seams and is sagging in the seat.

So am I. I have been here three months and if I knew how to get out of Grand Central Station please write me quick.

The housing situation is so bad it isn't even a situation any more—it's a state of nerves.

I am probably the most nervous man in town. I cannot calm my nerves until I have wiped off my eyes which spell out "NO VACANCY."

There is some hope, though. If I can just figure out a way to make $72,000 more a year I will be able to get my name on a waiting list.

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A few apartments are advertised in the papers every day, only they are rented before anybody can even look at the doors to the place. I am working on a special kind of quick flip.

Despite all, I have not given up hope. I heard of a fellow who found a place to live the other day after looking only three years.

What I am trying to find out is what he did in...
Grades Count!

There's no denying it—the more "A's" made in college the better! Oklahoma High School has been cited as the 1945 Phi Beta Kappa scholastic trophy winner which is awarded annually to the state high school for achievement of its graduates at the University of Oklahoma.

Since 1926 the trophy has been given to the high school whose graduates attain the highest grade average during their first semester at the University. Dr. F. A. Balyeat, '11ba, '18ma, Phi Beta Kappa president, stated. A school must have five or more students enrolled at O. U. in order to be considered in the competition. Alpha of Oklahoma was the first Phi Beta Kappa chapter in the nation to offer a high school award of this kind. Paul Valley, Etgou and Ponca City have won the trophy twice. Other winners have been Hartshorne, Apache, Blackwell, Mangum, Bristow, University High School at Norman, Newkirk, Bartonsville, Ponca City, Cordell and Central High School at Tulsa.

Oklahoma Leads Entire Country for Glass Ware

Here's another first for Oklahoma: the state leads the nation in the number of plants producing pressed ware, fruit jars and jelly glasses, it is revealed by W. E. Ham, '38Biol, 59ma, staff member of the Oklahoma Geological Survey with headquarters at the University.

Oklahoma has attained leadership in several industries, by reason of its very favorable climate and many near by markets. A serious handicap of the state is the lack of near by markets. A serious handicap of the state is the lack of manufacturing plants in the state. The nearest manufacturing plant in the state is the Oklahoma City manufacturing plant of the United States Glass Company.

Help for Foreign Students

Milk for 90 Russian students for a year or food and clothing for two Greek students for 19 months may be provided by contributions to the present World Student Service fund drive which hit above the $1,200 mark at the University of Oklahoma.

The WSSF was formed to help meet student needs in all war-devastated countries. It is an interna-

tional organization which works impartially without reference to race, nationality, or religion.

With the $1,000 goal which O. U. topped, 27 students could be kept for a month at a rehabilitation camp or a student center for Chinese youths coming to O. U. for 19 months.

O. U.'s campaign leaders were backed by the "Y", student government, American Legion post and other campus organizations. Bob Marr, Oklahoma City, and Bess Hoshall of Tulsa were co-chairmen of the drive.

Oklahoma MA's ST. ANTHONY downto the Biltmore Convention Center.