Covering the Campus

By Tommie Pratt, '52

Introducing a new monthly column. To provide a more informal approach to the campus news and to provide alumni with first-hand undergraduate viewpoints, Miss Pratt will report the campus happenings. She has served as reporter and news editor on several state papers and as managing editor of the Oklahoma Daily.

A Norman householder, Mrs. Mary Pyeatte, has challenged the University's constitutional rights to require students to live in University housing in a suit brought in September.

Mrs. Pyeatte's lawyer, Paul Updegraft, '30Law, requested temporary injunction from the district court to allow students living in Mrs. Pyeatte's boarding house and those of other Norman householder to enrol in the University.

In a similar suit brought by an individual student against the University last year, Judge Stephen S. Chandler ruled for the University.

Mrs. Pyeatte has charged that state law enacted in 1947 authorizing the University to build and supervise campus housing, and subsequent Board of Regent's regulations requiring all students to live in University housing, violates her rights of equal protection and property without due process of law as guaranteed in the 14th Amendment of the U. S. constitution.

Shortly after filing of the petition District Judge W. R. Wallace, '10, indicated that he would not rule on the case immediately. Wallace said the petition was not filed in time to allow the attorney general five days to prepare for a hearing before enrolment began.

Honors for Taliaferro

Among highlights of enrolment and freshman orientation week the second week in September was the announcement of Henry B. Taliaferro, Jr., Oklahoma City, as the outstanding freshman boy of last year. Taliaferro finished his freshman year with 24 hours of straight As. He was presented the Pe-et scholarship award established in 1937 to be awarded for a grade average of not less than A-minus. A pre-law student, Taliaferro is a graduate of Classen high school. He represented Classen and Oklahoma at the 1950 Southern States Convention of Student Councils in Charleston, Virginia. The same year he was awarded Phi Lambda Epsilon fraternity's top national scholarship honor. As a freshman last year he was a member of the NROTC rifle team. Other campus activities include membership in Phi Rho Lambda, YMCA and the League of Young Democrats.

Rigors of Rush

The University's new crop of 1400 freshmen poked into every corner and crevice of the campus during their week, but perhaps the most curious were those who attended rush and got only brief glimpses as they swished by in borrowed convertibles.

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ordered steak. The Kappa Sigs ordered steak. The rushee ordered milk. The Kappa Sigs quickly canceled their tasty brews and also requested milk. . . It was an awfully nice gesture, fellows, but gee, he couldn’t pledge. He was already a Lambda Chi member.

But even the girls were not immune. At the DG house the girls were not a little perturbed during open house when a rushee, questioned concerning her major, answered without any hesitation, “Pi Phi.” It seems she understood the question to be “What house did you just come from?” She did not pledge DG.

Wide Margin of Error

Enrolment this year proceeded with no more than the usual read tape and lengthy lines. But, when the procedure reached the sectioning stage one young veteran was ready to toss it all over. He hadn’t pushed or shoved or caused any body any trouble. He just wanted his permit-to-enroll card. But, sorry, according to the records he would have to clear up a delinquent account before he could section. Angrily but with a superhuman effort at patience the young man trekked over to the Administration Building where he learned that he owed back payments on some law courses. “But that’s impossible,” he protested. “Why so?” asked the clerk. “Because I happen to be an engineering major.”—Humph! The very idea. A lawyer.

Time for a Showdown

Oklahoma’s controversial loyalty oath was described in its September state supreme court hearing as containing “the very Communist and totalitarian devices its high purposes were designed to combat.”

The charge was voiced by Don Emery, ’20ba, ’21Law, attorney for a group of Oklahoma A&M College professors. Their case has been almost the only organized objection to the new law requiring all state employees to swear they are not members, nor have been for five years, of any organizations branded communistic by the U.S. Attorney General.

“If I am correct in my contention, that is a delegation to the Attorney General of the United States the power to say who shall hold office in Oklahoma,” he declared.

Such a delegation of power by a state, he said is unconstitutional.

Paul Updegraff, Norman attorney who brought the suit in district court to enforce its provisions, told the court that until “passage of this law, we had no way to ferret out the disloyal.”

Updegraff denied Hansen’s stand that it is an unconstitutional delegation of state power to the Attorney General, and contended loyalty oaths in general have been held constitutional.

The high court is expected to issue a writ of certiorari to review the constitutionality of the law. He will not pledge DG.

Rules and Replacements

Two last minute replacements were made to the staff of the Oklahoma Daily this fall. The position of managing editor was filled by Marilyn Cooley, journalism senior from Oklahoma City. Jim Monroe, also a senior, replaced Wayne Mason, sports editor. Both Mason and Jack Foster, managing editor-elect, has taken full time jobs with the Oklahoma Publishing Company.

The Daily is headed this semester by Bob Witty, journalism senior from Oklahoma City.

The new rule denying freshmen cars on the campus was explained by Miss Dorothy Truex, counselor of women, as meaning just that and that alone. Miss Truex said there is no basis for the rumor that freshmen also are denied permission to accompany upperclassmen in cars.

“Obviously,” Miss Truex said, “there can be no enforcement of such a rule.” It was reported earlier that the regents recommended such a measure discouraging freshmen from riding in cars with upperclassmen in addition to a no-car rule for freshmen.

Perhaps Old Friends

O.U.’s Homecoming October 27 may feature the appearance of two of the state’s best friends. Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammer-
stein, authors of the musical, "Oklahoma," have been invited to attend the celebration. If they accept, the theme for house decorations and floats will be taken from song titles by the two.

The Sooners will meet Colorado University in the Homecoming game.

Other events planned for the big weekend will be the annual variety show Friday night, judging of house decorations Friday, the parade Saturday morning and a dance on Saturday night.

Officials reported that plans are also being rapidly completed for Dad's Day, October 20, when Big Red plays Kansas.

Miss Oklahoma, Bobby Jene Simmons, O.U. sophomore, represented the state at the national beauty pageant in Atlantic City in September. She placed 6th in the contest and received a $1,300 scholarship.

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### An Open Door Policy

By Roscoe Cate, '26ba

Except for O.U. alumni who are in public school administration, few have occasion to keep up with changes made from time to time in admission requirements of the University of Oklahoma.

However, many alumni probably are asked questions by prospective students and particularly by the parents of prospective students.

As a matter of fact, the admission requirements of the University of Oklahoma for freshman students have been greatly simplified and liberalized in recent years. Alumni can do a good piece of public relations work for the University if they will keep in mind the basic facts of the current admissions policy.

The most important single fact: Any graduate of any accredited high-school in Oklahoma will be admitted to the University of Oklahoma's freshman class.

The University requires no specific subjects or pattern of previous work in high-school before admitting a student as a University freshman. Each freshman upon arrival at the University will be required to take certain tests, but these are not "admission" examinations. These are placement tests given for the purpose of obtaining certain information that will be needed by the student's adviser in planning his college program.

If a freshman student chooses a course of study which calls for certain basic information or skills which he did not pick up in high-school, the student's adviser will help him plan his program so that he can get them during his freshman year. He will get college credit for whatever work of this kind the adviser suggests.

The requirements for admission of a non-resident student to freshman standing are little different. The non-resident applicant must be a graduate of a high-school accredited by the accrediting authority of the state in which the high-school is located, and the student also must present a high-school record showing an average of "C" in all work undertaken while in high-school.

But for Oklahoma students it isn't even mandatory to be a high-school graduate. A student of any fully-accredited high-school in Oklahoma, who has not graduated, but who has completed fifteen units of acceptable high-school work, may be admitted to the University as a freshman upon recommendation of his high-school principal, provided he ranks within the top 25 percent of his class, and provided he scores within the top 25 percent on an academic aptitude test administered by the University.

If a high-school student inquires about procedure for admission to the University of Oklahoma as a freshman, the following two basic steps should be explained:

1) "Write the Office of Admissions and Records and state you are interested in coming to your state university. Do this as early as possible. The University builds its plans and programs around students, and is prepared to give many pre-enrolment aids. From the Admissions and Records Office you will receive an admission blank. This should be filled out and returned at once."

2) "Ask your principal to send the University a copy of your high-school record. If you already have done work at another college, ask the registrar there to send a copy of your college transcript."

Admission to advanced standing is granted to students transferring from accredited institutions of collegiate rank, provided that the applicant presents credentials showing average grades or higher in all work undertaken and that he is eligible to return in good standing to the institution he last attended.

But for all graduates of accredited high-schools in Oklahoma, the admissions policy is quite simple—it's on open door for all who want to enter the University of Oklahoma as freshmen.