Covering the Campus

The Oklahoma Aggies sought sympathy, the Dads’ Association granted scholarships and the football team missed a trip to the Orange Bowl. Campus news events as reported by the student columnist.

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The O.U. Dads’ association came through this month with $5,500 in scholarship grants; the largest sum given by the organization since the program was first begun in 1929.

Dads from more than 21 states participated in the fund raising drive this year which brought $1 contributions to the fund from coast to coast.

Thirty-five students were selected to receive the scholarships on the basis of character, scholarship and industry. The students represent 18 different Oklahoma towns, Indiana, Michigan, Arkansas and Louisiana.

President of the Dads’ Association is Judge Dick Jones, ’27Law, Oklahoma City, elected at the business meeting of the group held on Dads’ Day, November 15, on the O.U. campus. At the meeting, the Outstanding Senior Woman, Dotty Young, Oklahoma City, and the Outstanding Senior Man, Bill Spohrer, Drummond, were presented to the Dads. Highlight of the day was the O.U. football victory over Missouri.

Another football victory against the old rival, Oklahoma A&M, was accompanied by a moral victory when the well-laid plans of three Aggie cheerleaders went astray.

A week before the annual gridiron clash, the last of the season for both teams, the A&M campus was hit with a barrage of sympathy cards, bearing Norman postmarks and expressing “deepest sympathy” to the Aggies on the outcome of the coming game.

Heaping more insult on an already irate

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there will be an address on higher education. During the evening the annual Daniel lecture will be presented.

Thursday, February 5th, is the Arts, Sciences and Professions Day. On this day Gittinger Hall will be dedicated and named in honor of the venerable Dr. Roy Gittinger, who has served the University for a half century as a teacher and administrator. Also dedicated on this day will be the new Home Economics building and following this dedication there will be a reception sponsored by the School of Home Economics.

Friday, February 6th, is the final and culminating activity of the busy week. It will be known as The University, the State and the Nation Day. Dedication of Cross Center will appear first on the program of the day. At this time the new men’s dormitory located on south Jenkins Street will be named in honor of President George L. Cross. This ceremony is a result of action taken by the University Board of Regents meeting during Dr. Cross’ absence, at which they unanimously voted to name the men’s dormitory for our distinguished president in honor and recognition of the outstanding development which has taken place at the University during his ten years of service as President.

At this same time, the individual housing units of Cross Center will be named in memory of 16 outstanding students who lost their lives in the service of their country during World War II. Parents, alumni, members of the legislature, and other guests are invited to participate in any of the ceremonies in which they are interested and particularly for the ceremonies scheduled for Friday. On Friday evening there will be a banquet in the ballroom of the Memorial Union Building. At this time President Cross will be the guest of honor and will speak on his “Philosophy of University Education and Administration.”

Many students and faculty members are working diligently to make this week a great success. You are invited to attend as much of the celebration as you can. If you have specific questions about any phase of the scheduled activities please write the alumni association for detailed information.

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A&M student body, the cards were followed with a flood of mimeographed leaflets addressed to the “cow milking, hog slopping Aggies” and predicted an Oklahoma win in no uncertain terms. The leaflets were signed “Football’s Best . . . Oklahoma Sooners.”

Blame was soon lifted from the Sooners when it was discovered that the printed propaganda actually originated at Stillwater. Bob Elliott, Aggie pep council president, admitted that he had mailed 31 football sympathy cards from Norman and distributed leaflets, supposedly from O.U., on the A&M campus.

The gag originated as an attempt to overcome the lackadaisical attitude on the part of Cowboy rooters toward the expected trouncing. The plan hit a snag when O.U.’s Dean of Students, Paul MacMinn, discovered that the whole thing was just an idea to raise the spirits of the Aggie fans. MacMinn, none too happy at what would be mistaken for poor O.U. sportsmanship, called the A&M dean of men and asked him to disclose the plan in a public announcement. When there was no word from Stillwater, MacMinn released the story to the Daily Oklahoman, and Cowpoke cheerleaders found the whole idea right back in their laps.

For a while it looked as if the Aggie game wouldn’t be the last one of the season for the Big Red after all. Rumors...
that Oklahoma had been offered a bid to the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida, set off student agitation for a team trip south. Big Seven rulings prohibiting post-season games notwithstanding, a group of students met in front of President Cross’ house in an attempt to convince him that the trip should be made.

The decision as to whether to go or not was tossed around like a hot potato from Dr. Cross to the Regents to the coach to the team and all the way back again. The chances for accepting the bid were finally nipped when the team, left with the decision, voted that they wanted to go but didn’t believe they should make such a choice.

But the team was scheduled to go to the Orange Bowl after all. The Board of Regents passed on a request for a $10,400 supplement to the athletic department’s budget, thus providing funds to fly the entire team and their wives to the game as spectators. In later action, taken just at press time, the Regents reversed their decision and the bowl trip was off.

Coach Bud Wilkinson, Eddie Crowder, Billy Vessels and Tom Catlin couldn’t have made the trip anyway. They were in Honolulu for the Hula Bowl.

A mild flurry of excitement arose over the decision to send the group to the Orange Bowl. It was pointed out that such a trip would be in direct violation of the Big Seven ruling which prohibits the giving of money or the equivalent in gifts to athletes. Excitement over this point has been put to test with the latest ruling by the Regents.

The Happy Miller...

8-hour period. He and Mrs. Willis (she also assists at the mill) and their young son now live in the renovated frame house a short distance above the mill.

With the prospect of producing high-quality, whole-grain meal in sight, Golda Unkefer and Retha Miller set out to sell their meal. Golda describes Retha as “a super-salesman.” The two began to make inroads on the corn meal buying habits of wholesalers and retailers. Their main selling point was that in “Golda’s Corn Meal” the buyer wasn’t gypped. The whole grain was left intact, just smashed a little.

From a standpoint of nutrition experts, Golda’s meal had more food value than...