Subject of campus interest during March was exemption of graduating seniors from final exams—item was focused sharply in an April fool story that caught unsuspecting students flat-footed.

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**Covering The Campus**

The past month brought to O.U. a plea for relieving graduating seniors of final exams, word that Parkview Apartments could be rented for prices students can afford, several academic awards, and among other things a lost skunk.

The Student Senate, taking up a banner previously defeated, voted unanimously to exempt seniors, who are graduating, from finals. This, senators said, would move up the date for graduation ceremonies and would lift from the crowded minds of students leaving the University concern over “that one last quiz.”

In a random poll, students backed up the senators, but faculty members opposed, one stating that only some “small colleges” permitted their graduates-to-be to skip the last tests.

Students countered with statements that Michigan State and Oklahoma A&M already are operating in this way.

The measure will now go to President Cross who is expected to refer it to the Faculty Senate for consideration. This group several years ago turned down a similar proposal.

On the lighter side, the *Oklahoma Daily* in black headlines, cheered the administration’s announcement that all students with a 3.00 out of a possible 4.00 grade average could skip finals.

The story applauded the administration for its action and quoted several people including Professor Lipa Loof, who said he would give his classes a large quiz shortly before semester’s end to determine the standings. Students of course praised the plan.

But in the last paragraph, the story declared, “If all you jokers have read this far, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy April Fool’s Day. This story has no actual truth and is only a pleasant dream.”

April 1 had come again.

On a more serious line, the *Daily* announced that O.U. would receive more than one fourth of the total funds allocated by the Board of Regents for Higher Education in 1954-55. O.U. is set to get $4,195,550—the same amount as for the 1953-54 fiscal year—out of $16,317,693. The overall figure for the state is about $35,000 more than for 1953-54.

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**Suzie Riley, Oklahoma City, (left) was selected as Engineers’ Queen and Miss O.U. in recent elections. With her are two rival queen candidates—Mary Ellen Hipp and Joyce Prichard.**
vital faculty, research and testing materials
that are being improved and enlarged, and
a feeling that the job is getting bigger all
the time. What was good enough yesterday
is not today. For after all, "You must un-
derstand that the problem of the College of
Education is not to keep up. Its job is to
be in front."

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Also financial, it was reported that hous-
ing costs for Parkview could be lowered
next year because of a $6,400,000 bond issue
approved by the O.U. Board of Regents.
Under this, the next six generations of stu-
dents (four years each) will pay for all
O.U. housing facilities through one bond
issue, including besides Parkview, Wilson
Center, Sooner City, Residential Hall,
Cross Center, Women's Quadrangle and
the Commissary.

Students maintain now that on the whole
rents at Parkview are out of their pocket-
book range and are looking toward a de-
crease in rents. The University purchased
the units last month.

More recent was news that Dr. Sherman
P. Lawton, professor of speech, said his
family either had lost or had stolen from
them a black and white deodorized skunk
named Herbert.

Commenting about the pet which he had
purchased from a zoo, Dr. Lawton said,
"It is entirely possible that someone took
Herbert. It is inconceivable that a skunk
would be smart enough to escape from his
cage, returning the boards of the cage back
to their original position after he got out."

Briefly eyeing the past month on campus,
Otis Gallas, engineering senior from Ker-
mit, Texas, was named St. Pat during En-
geering Week and Suzie Reily, Oklahoma
City, won the title of Engine Queen . . .

Students were warned that coeds have a
new hobby, collecting cuff links from un-
suspecting dates . . . Air Force and Army
ROTC units were inspected by government
teams and, unofficially, made good show-
ings . . . Pi Lambda Phi fraternity, with
a 2.754 grade average, and Phi Delta Theta
sorority, with 2.389, won first place scholar-
ship honors for the first semester among
Greek houses. Kappa Sigma fraternity won
the award for the greatest improvement . . .

Students held a Frontier Days celebration
April 8 and 9 at "Sooner Gulch" (see Under
Cover) . . . And Journalism Day, April 7,
brought to the campus four outstanding
newspapermen as speakers, James C.
Nance, publisher of the Purcell Register;
R. P. Matthews, publisher of the Sapulpa
Herald; Walter Harrison, publisher of the
Britton North Star, and Otis Sullivant,
political columnist for the Daily Okla-
homan.

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