The Cover

Colleen Irene, the fabulous Engine Queen, is pictured in all her smiling Irish beauty on our cover this month. Her name is Irene Bond, fine arts junior and she hails from Norman. She was elected on St. Pat's Day (during the annual engineering week celebration and will reign as queen of the boys in green for the coming year.

A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and active in sorority intramurals and campus activities such as the Sooner yearbook, she lists her hobbies as dancing and swimming.

Her mother is the former Evalyn Cralle, '25, Norman, and her father is Ira T. Bond, Jr., '25ba, 27md, Comanche.

The Contents

Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beard

From coast to coast O.U. alumni sessions are being staged. An all-time record for Sooner assemblies has been (or will be) set in this 30 day period from mid-March to press time for April 1949 issue of SOONER MAGAZINE. Indeed, all are doing a lot of Riding on the Sooner Range!

The Alumni Round-Up (and the reaction) of the MUSKOGEE COUNTY CLUB in mid-March was a most outstanding pre-spring event. Being fenced in on a close flight schedule it was warrior-flying BILL HAYS, '40, and (Dad—Oklahoma's Aviation Commission chairman) who buzzed over from their home headquarters in Muskogee to meet the commercial flight in Tulsa and soon placed the Range Racer on a Hobbs Field runway (Muskogee) to begin participation in the Sooner doings of the hour.

The Sooner steak dinner at the home of SID, 17, and JEWELL DITMARS was indeed an event—a Sooner event to be long remembered! How that Sooner Sid can (and does) prepare "left-handed T-bones" on the outdoor grill! How wife Jewell—JEWELL DITMARS was indeed an event—JEWELL RISINGER, '29ba—NORMAN native)—past Executive Board Member of the Alumni Association and current president of the O.U. Mother's Association—can (and does) as most gracious hostess, make for a real alumni "chit-chat." Among the many O.U. Sooner alumni (and friends) who enjoyed the Ditmars hospitality were: President and Mrs. GEORGE L-CROSS, BOYD GUNNING, '37ba, 37Law, O.U.'s Foundation Director, the O.U. Men's Quartet, (and those four young undergraduates enjoy this fling on the Sooner Range!) ED EDMONDSON, JR., '40ba, HOWARD EDMONDSON, '42-'48, (and wife, JEANNETTE BARTLETON, '46ba), GRANNY "The Sheriff" NORRIS, '29ba, 29CAMP, 29Law, and many others—so many more, in fact, it came near being to the "overflow" point.

From the Ditmars' home to the Sooner Round-Up, Hotel Severs, MUSKOGEE, activities were underway at 7:30 p.m. "Prexy" George brought the Club up-to-date on their O.U. of today in the address of the evening. The O.U. Men's Quartet presented an excellent series of numbers and BOYD GUNNING presented the world premier showing of "The Gift of the Air Magazine Rochester Structure.

But those four young undergraduates did not have the kick-off (and charter) 'em) under the able leadership of M. J. KIRWAN, JR., '43Law. M. J. was assisted by some two hundred plus Sooner associates out in that Texas sector, including BOB COCANOWER, '37-'42, TED PITZER, '39eng.
and other well-known Sooners in the fascinating oil game.

WASHINGTONIAN alumni (headed up by Col. MERTON MUNSON, ’29ba, ’31Law, ELIZABETH P. BASCOM, ’25, LYNDEN MANNEN, ’27ba, ’38 ma, and numerous others) made "The District" hum again recently. Little ole NEW YORK set up to take additional notices when KEN ROBINSON, ’38ba, ’38Law, the Prexy up East, assisted by former Counselor of Women MARGARET STEPHENSON, the radio hotshot RUSS BLACK, ’42ba, and dozens of others, enjoyed the Sugar Bowl event via the color motion picture film. Indeed, all records for club meetings are being smashed. On other pages of SOONER MAGAZINE news reports on these friends and associates of yours are given in detail. Yes—there has been, and will be a lot of Rating of the Sooners Range as the year 1949 clicks off its first quarter!

Just here let's take a swing over on other Sooner trails. Not all get-togethers are club meetings. And dozens of others, enjoyed the Sugar Bowl event via the color motion picture film. Indeed, all records for club meetings are being smashed. On other pages of SOONER MAGAZINE news reports on these friends and associates of yours are given in detail. Yes—there has been, and will be a lot of Rating of the Sooners Range as the year 1949 clicks off its first quarter!

After a full evening's deliberation, let’s make a check on the 15 nominees selected by the official Nominating Committee, five of whom will, after the ballots have been tabulated in the world-wide vote cast up to midnight, May 25, 1949, guide the destiny of the Association along with their colleagues.

The Nominating Committee selected for District I: BRAD RISINGER, ’23ba, SAND SPRINGS, Brad, of course, is known throughout all Sooner circles for a very outstanding year as the immediate past Department Commander of the American Legion and as the leader of some 75,000 of his fellow veterans in Oklahoma. JACK CAMPBELL, ’38ba, ’38Law, Tulsa attorney, Jack will be remembered by thousands of his friends as a very active Student Council Prexy and director of kindred affairs while on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. LOIS STRAIGHT, ’38Law, "the Portia" of the crew, prominent attorney of BARTLESVILLE, who has served in many capacities as O.U. alumni official in the WASHINGTON COUNTY Alumni Club.

In District III nominees named for the ballot are: TOM FINNEY, ’45ba, ’48Law, young IDA-BEL attorney and prominent in the field of public speaking both as a highschool student and as a graduate and undergraduate student of the University, CLINT LIVINGSTON, ’48Law, MILLER, president of the MAJOR COUNTY O.U. Alumni Club.ree, "the Lady," the student and as a graduate and undergraduate student of the University, CLINT LIVINGSTON, ’48Law, with many years of experience as a public speaker both as a high school student and as a graduate and undergraduate student of the University, CLINT LIVINGSTON, ’48Law, MILLER, president of the MAJOR COUNTY O.U. Alumni Club.

The nominees in District VIII are HAROLD REEDY, ’47eng, prominent geologist of ENID. In his undergraduate days Reedy was a secretary in the general headquarters of the Alumni Association and later was assistant business manager in the executive offices of the Oklahoma Memorial Union. BILL HOLSTEIN, ’48ba, PONCA CITY, is a nominee for District VIII. Bill, a more recent graduate than many of the nominees, was the very able president of last year's senior class at O.U. when more than 2,000 seniors looked to him to "solve their problems." J. PHIL BURNS, ’27ba, FAIRVILE, businessman and immediate past District Governor of Rotary International for the State of Oklahoma, will appear on the ballot for District VIII. Phil Burns has been active in alumni affairs for years. In addition to being instrumental in organizing the MAJOR COUNTY O.U. Alumni Club some years ago, and serving as its president, he and his business associates created the "Sooner Echo," a newscast that broadcast for the Sooner faithful far and wide.

So there you have the 15 who will be considered (and for whom votes will be cast) by the O.U. alumni membership scattered world-wide. The "top" five selected will become Executive Board members and will be seated in the annual June Commencement meeting for three year terms.

Yes—the annual Commencement meeting of the
Association—June 6, 1949—will mark the seating of five new three year term members. But what about the seven who will leave the Board after a fine contribution in helping in the establishment of new policies, in carrying their share of administrative (and legislative) responsibilities these past three years? These seven men (with their Board colleagues) due to the trend of the times, have indeed been called upon to carry a heavy load since Commencement, 1946! Readjustment of the general service program of the Association in the aftermath of World War II, helping to establish the Distinguished Service Awards program, re-shaping the Life Membership Trust Fund program, co-operating with the University administration and Regents in jointly sponsored features pointing toward a general development for a greater University of Oklahoma—all these items of business, along with daily and weekly decisions to make on "routine expansion," called for sacrifice of time, money and energy on their part. Three years of service on an alumni board may seem to be taken as a matter of course by the average Alumni Association member. But it is three years of real sacrifice to those elected to represent these thousands. These men have served and served well!

The seven whose terms expire June, 1949, are: HERBERT BRANAN, 32ba, 38Law, OKLAHOMA CITY; MAX COOK, 39ba, 41Law, CLINTON; WILLIAM V. COX, 21ba, 24ba, PONCA CITY; JOE CURTIS, 20ba, 22Law, PAULS VALLEY; JAMES C. HAMIL, 36ba, MADILL; HAL MULDOR, JR., 28ba and EMERSON PRICE, 30, VINITA.

But just here, in order to reach a ---30--- and in order to take a swing over on some other active Sooner trails, we must be up and away to meet the alumni committee in charge of the special awards dinner to be staged on April 12 at which time some five citizens will be presented the Distinguished Service Citations of the University of Oklahoma. A jointly sponsored project by and between the Regents of the University of Oklahoma and the Executive Board of the Alumni Association, it indeed confers upon the citizens selected the most outstanding recognition that can be granted by the University. Yes—its a "well done!" document given as a recognition for their contributions made while they were Riding the Sooner Range!

News Flashes, Dots & Dashes

By STEWART HARRAL, 36ba
O.U. Director of Public Relations

Thirty staff members will visit 125 high schools this spring . . . Here are two football dates to remember—October 15—Oklahoma-Kansas—Dad's Day and October 29—Oklahoma-Iowa State—Homecoming . . . WNAD plans a little openhouse when the new transmitter headquarters are completely equipped. . . . Kenneth Harris, '39ba, has been named assistant director of short courses but also will retain his title as senior assistant in public relations . . . Roscoe Cate, '26ba, explains that you must have a policy so that you'll know what to de-vote from . . . PHILNEWS, employee magazine published by the Phillips Petroleum Company, will use an O.U. campus scene to illustrate a forthcoming article on scholarships granted to children of employees . . . Film strips will be used by home economics staff members in their visits to state com-munities . . . "Get, but this is really soft," said one of the students as he sat in President Cross' chair at the recent Prexy's Hour . . . O.U.'s oldest short course is the one for gas measurement men—it will be held April 12 to 14 . . . Nine Bryan County teachers drive 280 miles every Saturday to attend classes on the campus . . . Miss Dorothy Truex, counselor of women, will exhibit drawings of the women's dormitories at the national meeting of deans of women in Chicago . . . Dr. Leonard Logan, '19ba, director of the Institute of Community Development, has completed a survey on "The Care of Chronic and Convalescent Patients in Oklahoma"—it was a joint project of the institute and the state department of health . . . Free chest x-rays are available to faculty members and University employees at the Student Health Service from 1 to 4 p.m., daily, Monday through Friday, this month . . . LIFE photographers took shots during the recent Religious Emphasis Week but at press time no one knew if the pictures would appear . . . Activities and services of the University of Oklahoma Research Institute are explained in a new bulletin to be issued by Dr. Lloyd E. Swearingen.

Like Father Like . . .

There are no hereditary dukedoms at the University, yet somehow, at least in YM-YWCA leadership at O.U., certain families seem to hold a priority on the elective offices.

Take for example Ann Darrough. An arts and sciences senior and also a Theta, she has just retired as YWCA president, ex-tennis star father Paul G. Darrough, '13ba, '15Law, was YM president in 1913, and her mother, the former Margaret Archdeacon, '18ba, was also YWCA prexy as an undergraduate.

Darrough, now an attorney in Oklahoma City, served in the navy in the first World War and was a draft board member during the second. Both parents are still very interested in "Y" activities.

Other distinguished daughters of distinguished parents on the 1949 "Y" rolls include Edith Long, arts and sciences sophomore, intercollegiate affairs council member, whose father, Frank Long, '09ba, was YMCA cabinet president just about 40 years ago.

Mr. Long for many years was "Y" secretary in Brazil where Edith was born, and is now co-ordinating supervisor in the Roanoke, Virginia, schools.

Pauline Eagleton, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and an arts and sciences sophomore, is another who inherited an interest in "Y" work. She is a member of the YWCA upper class council, following in the footsteps of her father, W. L. Eagleton, '19, Law, now a prominent Tulsa lawyer, who presided over the YMCA cabinet back in 1912.

Active YWCA member Helen McKown, Kappa Alpha Theta and education sophomore, gets her leadership ability from both sides of the family. Her father Dave McKown, '21ba, well-known Oklahoma City insurance broker, was "Y" president in 1920, and her mother, the former Florence Monnett, '22ba, was YW president during her student days.

Dr. Edward P. Allen Dies

Dr. Edward P. Allen, 20 years a member of the University Medical School faculty before his retirement in 1947, died unexpectedly at his home in Oklahoma City, March 25. He was 64.

Since his retirement from active teaching Dr. Allen, professor of obstetrics at the school, had been professor emeritus and had headed the medical staff of the Oklahoma County Health Association.

Often called the dean of Oklahoma obstetricians, Dr. Allen delivered more than 10,000 Oklahoma City babies from 1913 when he began practice in the area to his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle; and three sons, Edward P., Jr., '38-'41; Robert W., senior in geology at the University; and Paul B., a pre-med student at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.
Pictured above are “the sixteen bosses” handling the 1001 details incident to class business for the O.U. Senior Class of ’49 in which it is estimated some 2,800 degrees will be granted from the University of Oklahoma.

The Senior Class of ’49 Executive Council pictured above is under the immediate direction of Class President Joe Woodson, who in June will receive his B.S. degree in Zoology; Woodson is from Poteau, Oklahoma.

The Executive Council of 16 handling all details relative to senior class activities, awards assembly, senior class day, securing biographical information on the many prospective graduates, distribution of senior class invitations, supplying of caps and gowns for each individual graduate, as well as handling the many business activities incident to the Memorial Scholarship Fund—has been in session for the past several weeks on the University campus. Soon these busy seniors will have completed their mission and will be riding the Sooner Range worldwide.

Seniors are listed with the degrees they will receive this spring.

(Reading from left to right) Ted M. Beard, ’21ba, Scholarship Secretary-Manager, Alumni Association, Advisor; Bob Tidwell, ’34ba, Poteau, Chairman of Caps and Gowns Committee; Milton P. Christensen, ’22eng, Hartington, Nebraska, Co-Chairman of Awards Assembly Committee; Ed Daniel, ’36ed, Davenport, Vice-President; Joe Woodson, ’34ba, Poteau, President; Shirley Sureck, ’36ba, Oklahoma City, Chairman of Announcements Committee; J. C. Mayfield, ’28ba, Manager, University Book Exchange, Advisor; Mary A. Archer, ’28ba, Oklahoma City, Secretary; Margaret Dent, ’49bus, Mexico, Missouri, Chairman of Senior Day Committee; Dean Glenn C. Couch, ’31bs, ’37ma, University College, Advisor; Mary A. Morse, ’49journ, Tulsa, Chairman of Publicity Committee; Ben Tankersley, Co-ordinator of Student Activities, Advisor; Stan Rubenstein, ’49ba, Altoun, Illinois, Chairman of Gift Committee; Dan Schusterman, ’39eng, Tulsa, Co-Chairman of Awards Assembly Committee; Virgil Neal, ’39bus, Helena, Treasurer; R. Boyd Gunning, ’79ba, ’37law, Executive Secretary, O.U. Alumni Development Fund, Advisor.

Class of ’49 Selects Gift

The officers of the 1949 senior class recently decided to combine their efforts with the Class of 1948 in the continuance of the Memorial Scholarship Fund established last year.

The resolution of the Class of 1948, which this year’s class adopted, reads as follows:

THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the University of Oklahoma Senior Class of 1948 and Adopted by the University of Oklahoma Senior Class of 1949.

“On behalf of the University of Oklahoma, Class of 1948, we, the duly selected officers of the Class Committee, hereby establish in the University of Oklahoma Foundation a Class Memorial, to be known henceforth as THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND of the Class of 1948. This gift of money or other personal property is transferred to the Foundation under the provisions of Article VI of the Declaration of Trust dated December 1, 1944.

“On behalf of the Class, we hereby wish to designate the use to which the gifts made to this fund and the income derived therefrom shall be applied.

IV. Authority of the Committee

“Disbursements from the fund may be made in an amount not to exceed annual income from the fund. Either income or principal may be used for expenses of administering the fund, irrespective of the amount of income.

“In selecting students as recipients of the scholarships, the committee shall be the sole judge and the majority shall prevail. Preference where possible should be given to individuals who have demonstrated the qualities of good citizenship, and who, in the opinion of the members of the committee, are in need of financial assistance. Any student is eligible to receive a scholarship regardless of sex, place of residence, major field of study or classification in the University.

“One individual may not receive a scholarship from this fund in successive years.

“Payment of the scholarships shall be made by the Trustees of the Foundation to the recipients in the amount designated by the Committee.

“The committee shall be awarded annually, except that should the committee decide that no individual shall receive an annual scholarship, the income of the fund for that year shall be added to the principal of the fund, or reserved as income for disbursement in a subsequent year. Direction in this regard shall be given the Trustees of the Foundation in the same manner as directions for ordinary disbursements.

“The University has scored a “beat” for its newspaper collection in the journalism school’s proposed memorial library.

Files of the Watonga Republican, established in 1892 by territorial governor Thompson B. Ferguson, have been received by the O.U. archives. Benson Ferguson, ’31ba, Oklahoma City, grandson of the founder, presented the historically important newspapers for future display in the Memorial Journalism Building. Funds for the structure are being raised by the Oklahoma Press Association.

Since 1930, the files had been kept in the home of Mrs. Walter Ferguson, mother of the donor and widely known newspaper columnist. Students of Oklahoma history have frequently consulted the Watonga collection for material.