"Ole" Student Council Plus No-Car Rule—in Retrospect

Those hundreds of Sooner Alumni who served as members of the Student Council along with those hundreds of Alumni who served in various capacities on the staff of The Oklahoma Daily—will like this!

In a recent issue of The Oklahoma Daily—Madam Ed, the very efficient Mary Evelyn Smith—in her personal column "Without or With Offense" discusses a post-war (the Student Senate corresponding "Youngster" to the old Student Council) legislative problem. Remember when you, as one of the legislators, Sooner delved into this problem? Also—remember when you discussed ways and means to cope with the no-car rule? Well, here is the post-war 1945 version.

"O. U.'s Student Senate even in its infancy is showing that it means business, that it intends to be of definite service to the students it represents and to the University itself.

"The first hot potato tossed at the Senate by University administration has been neatly caught, cooled, and tossed back—the no-car rule, which the Senate wants to make a car-rule.

"Faced with innumerable difficulties, the student conduct committee composed of three Senate members and two faculty members has worked out a plan criticized because of its complexity and red tape. Don't think for one minute that this plan is the result of an afternoon's work, or even of a week's work. This group has worked with University officials, campus police and state department of safety in order that the completed plan be acceptable to police officials as well as Presidents.

"The no-car rule was abandoned by the committee because of varied reasons—the almost impossible problem of enforcement, the greater number of married and graduate students at the University, and what is more important, the negative aspect of the rule which does not stimulate citizenship and responsibility on the part of the individual student.

"Because of the last-mentioned item, the committee members were primarily interested in regulating the use of cars as a traffic problem and approaching enforcement on the basis of individual responsibility and citizenship. And there you have the reason for the liability insurance of not less than $1,000 property damage and $5,000 personal injury which would be necessary for permits to keep a car under the Senate-approved proposal.

"It is true that not all students will be able to have cars, probably very few will be able to afford the expense. Many students reason that 50 some odd dollars for insurance will keep a lot of students from keeping their cars at the University, including a number of veterans whose education is sponsored entirely by the GI bill of rights program.

"Such a clause is needed, however, to satisfy University and police officials, and besides, everybody who owns a car should have the insurance.

"The committee plan, approved by the Senate, may not be wholly satisfactory to all students, but it is the best workable plan suggested for a rather touchy situation. If accepted by President Cross, the rule may prove the most concrete evidence of the Student Senate's contribution to the University."
The Board of Regents authorized November 7 that plans be drawn up by the campus planning office for an $80,000 music practice room building. The building will be financed by a self-sustaining bond issue to be retired by student fees of $10 per semester for the use of these practice facilities.

The Board voted to request reactivation of advanced ROTC beginning with the opening of the second semester of the school year 1945-1946, January 14, 1946.

They authorized President Cross to sign agreements for a federal loan of $36,043 to be used in drawing up architects' plans for classroom buildings for a federal loan of $36,043 to be used in drawing up architects' plans for classroom buildings and a women's dormitory. (Classroom-$12,228; Dormitory-$28,815). The loan is to be repaid when funds become available.

The Board reconstituted their previous action concerning the use of the Fieldhouse floor for dances. They voted to make the floor available upon special occasions when the president gave approval and the cost of reconditioning is granted. The amount not used in reconditioning the floor will be returned to the persons making the payment.

The Board voted that the president of the University should determine when and under what conditions the fieldhouse floor could be used for dances and social functions and that after approval by the president, funds be paid in accordance therewith.

After receiving a petition signed by approximately 1,500 students requesting the University to continue on a three-semester basis, the board adopted the following recommendation:

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma forward to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education the petition of the students requesting that University operate on a three-semester school year at the University.

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma approves, as feasible within existing allocations, of an enlarged August session to supplement the eight-weeks summer term, thus meeting in so far as is possible the needs of returning veterans.

The board also adopted a resolution authorizing the president of the University to sign contracts with the Federal Public Housing agency for 30 trailers to provide housing for married war veterans attending the University.

Resignations:

Mrs. Muriel M. Schmidt, secretary to the director of the Extension Division, effective November 1, 1945.

Mrs. Linda Mae Walden, secretary, Testing and Guidance Center, effective October 31, 1945. (Mrs. Lydia Evans, clerical stenographer, Department of History, effective October 25, 1945.)

Mrs. Naomi Wall, administrative secretary, College of Arts and Sciences, effective November 8, 1945. (Mrs. Betty Frances Jiffs Jones, stenographer, Correspondence Study Department, Extension Division, effective October 10, 1945.)

D. L. Clark, instructor in mechanical engineering, effective October 6, 1945.

Buren C. Robbins, previously appointed production manager of WNAD, effective September 17, 1945. He failed to report for this position and his appointment has been cancelled.

J. Hollis Cross, instructor in mathematics, effective October 5, 1945.

Carol Beth Thomas, former continuity editor, radio station WNAD, effective October 15, 1945. (Mrs. Jeanette Hollman, music director, WNAD, effective November 1, 1945.)

Miss Grace Thompson, clerical secretary, Alumni Records office, effective October 31, 1945. (Mrs. E. W. Hansen, caretaker of ROTC property on temporary appointment, October 31, 1945.)