The Campus in a Capsule

Campus attitudes and scenes change only a little through the years. Here is a story that could have been told 25 years ago except for building changes.

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For two cents and a picture postcard, students and faculty members were telling their parents and friends the O.U story in early September.

Some students needed more money, some were awed at the immensity of the institution, some felt themselves eased back into a familiar rut. Some faculty members looked forward to the new year with a show of enthusiasm; some wondered what happened to summer, some were glad to return to a familiar routine.

Whatever the feeling, all had some reaction.

Here on these pages, accompanied by college scenes, are some of those reactions. If the story proves nothing else, it should prove that college scenes and emotions change but little with the years.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—After previous buildings were destroyed by fire, the present Administration Building was completed in 1912.

Dear Lola,

I've got the job, I start next week, it pays much better than the one you can see. I'm going at the same place, from 7 to 5 and works till 9. I shouldn't have to work as much as now, I'll write later.

POST CARD

Dear Lola,

This is the place I've been living this year. I'm sure it's much better than the one I hope to have when I get home. Our college is in West, I'm beginning to see how good your friends there at college is different from high school.

POST CARD

OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL UNION—Expanded and redecorated in 1951, the memorial union is the center of social activities.

Dear Pat,

There was a lot of time I have a lot of reading to do. I'm sure that I'll have a lot of fun and enjoy the time. I enjoyed the time at home.

POST CARD

Dear Pat,

I hope you have a nice college. I've been in the Union and have a lot of fun there. I hope you enjoy the time there.

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WILLIAM BENNETT BIZZELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY—Named for O.U. President Bizzell (1925-1941) structure is finest example of University Gothic architecture on campus. (Note Bizzell statue in foreground.)

HOME ECONOMICS BUILDING—Completed in 1951, the building features a unique exterior that features the use of blue glass and pink brick.

Dear Mother,

Would you ask Daddy if its all right if I spend a few more dollars this month. I haven't anything to wear to a party next week except that old pink dress. Everything else is okay, John.

Dear Mom and Dad:

Well, I'm back to the rat-race. My only consolation is that this is the last go-round. I'll see you at the T.C.U. game. Until then--my best to everyone. John.