

# Mother Is a Coed

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Mother is not staying at home with her knitting. Instead, she is attending the University with her son or daughter. After being absent from the classroom for a score of years, she finds the going rough at times, with reading lists, laboratory periods, term papers, and objective tests. On the other hand, her background experience, perseverance, and seriousness of purpose give her an advantage over immature classmates. Household duties and perhaps a part-time or full-time job may limit her to a few hours of class-work each week. She takes the courses that appeal to her, either for personal satisfaction or as preparation for a career. Five examples of the back-in-school mother are cited here.

Mrs. Margery McKinney started as a freshman in 1952, alongside daughter Megan, B.A. '56. By carrying nine hours each semester and attending summer sessions, she will finish her Bachelor of Arts requirements next spring. Recently she sold to Redbook Magazine a short story which she had written as a class assignment. Son Kent is a sophomore this year, majoring in English. Husband Fred teaches psychology at the University and conducts the program "Not in Our Stars" over KOMU-TV.

Mrs. Una Rice Thomas, G.N. '28, B.S. '31, an in-

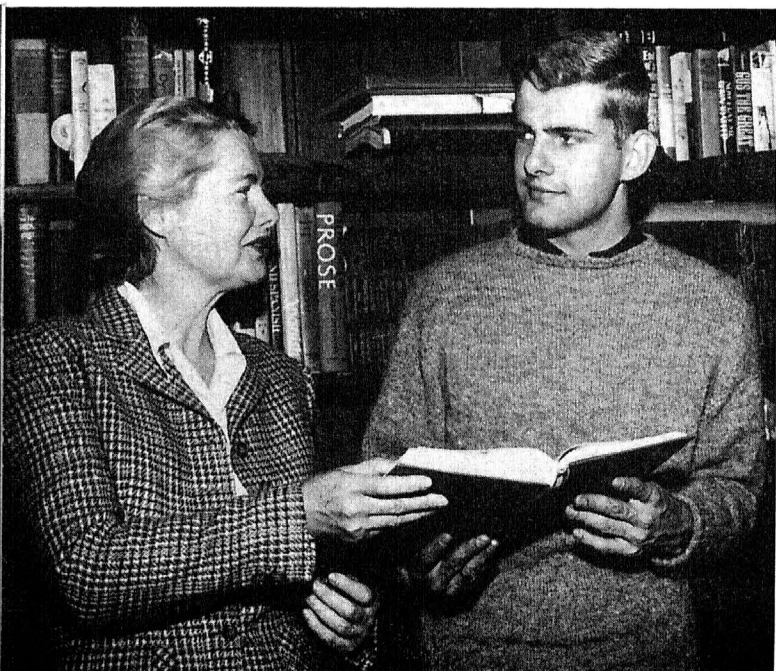
structor in the School of Nursing, is taking two courses this semester, working toward a Master of Science in Rural Social Welfare. Daughter Kay '58, is majoring in speech therapy.

Mrs. Lois Klemme is a special student, taking literature and art courses. Daughter Martha will be graduated in June with a Bachelor of Journalism degree. Husband Arnold is assistant director of the University's Agricultural Experiment Station.

Mrs. Frieda Ingenthron, a newspaperwoman from Forsyth, Mo., is completing requirements for a Master of Arts in Journalism degree in June. Son Bill, B.A. '56, is a student in the University's Law School.

In the Lee family, there are four in the University at present—Mrs. Esther, Robert, Margaret, and Owen. Mrs. Lee, B.S. '53, takes a course in guidance after her day's duty as teacher at Nashville, a rural school in Boone County. Robert, a junior in Physical Education, is a varsity tackle. Margaret, a junior in Nursing, is president of the Student Nurse Association. Owen is a freshman in Engineering. Three older Lee children also attended the University, and the youngest, a sophomore in high school, will keep up the family tradition. Husband James is night-watchman at the new University Medical Center.

*Both Margery McKinney (Mrs. Fred) and son Kent are majoring in English and creative writing.*



*Mrs. Una Rice Thomas and daughter Kay have related interests—nursing and speech therapy.*





*Seven departments are represented on this page. Above, Bill Ingenthron is a Law student, and his mother, Frieda, is in Journalism. Top right includes Martha Klemme, in Journalism, and her mother, Lois, in Arts and Science. Lower right shows four members of the Lee family: Robert, Physical Education; Margaret, Nursing; Owen, Engineering; and their mother Esther (Mrs. James), Education.*

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