

Mrs. Sylvia Watson Hefley, ex '00, and her youngest son Maurice, both of whom will receive degrees from the university this spring. Mrs. Hefley resumed work in the university after an intermission of thirty years



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## 30 years later

"I am getting a greater kick out of attending the university now than I did thirty years ago, because it is different from what it was then and because it differs from the things I have been doing for the past thirty years. It is a diversion from the usual routine of keeping house and getting the kiddies off to school," said Mrs. Sylvia W. Hefley, ex '00, who will receive her degree in arts and sciences this spring.

Mrs. Hefley, known to her earlier school mates as Sylvia Watson, was a student in the university during the years 1896 to 1898, and from 1899 to 1900. She is one of those persons who will not let the world push by her without taking an active part. She has kept her mind alert to the happenings of the university and to the topics of all times during the period she was out of school. She says that she had always intended resuming, sometime, her university work where she left it, and this fall was her

first opportunity. Since her husband and children had degrees she wanted to fall in line and not be "placed on the shelf." She will receive her degree at the same time her youngest son, Maurice Hefley, will receive a degree in architectural engineering.

She says that classes were of course much smaller in the early days, but the hours of working, and the length of the lectures in classes were about the same as they now are. There was more individual instruction in the smaller classes and the student had an opportunity of a little more personal contact with the instructors.

Sports were enjoyed to a large degree, mainly football and tennis. Both were played extensively but the methods of the game were somewhat different to the present methods. None of the games were played competitively as they are now.

The library was limited partly because

of the lack of funds and of course time, as it takes much time for the growth and development of a library. The research facilities were extensive enough but general reading matter was very limited.

The only organization was a literary society, better known as the Senate, composed only of seniors and juniors.

All classes were taught in the old Administration hall, which was the only building at that time and stood near where the fine arts building now stands.

Mrs. Hefley says that pioneer Norman was just a settlement on the prairie, there was no cultivation, trees were unknown and the wild prairie grass grew up to residents' doorsteps—when they had doorsteps. The few sidewalks in town were of board and the college was then isolated from the town, not connected by busses and motors as it is today. University boulevard was the main thoroughfare to the university but it was more of a pathway than a road.