



Union Hums with Visitors

The Oklahoma Union enjoyed one of its busiest months in its seven years of existence during April when 30 banquets were held with a total attendance of 2,882 persons.

During the first four months of 1935, there have been 91 banquets and luncheons in the Union with an attendance of 5,771 persons.

The largest dinners during April were held by the state convention of the American Association of University Women, the annual Southwestern Gas Measurement short course, the Sigma Delta Chi "Five Star Final" event and the national convention of Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman scholastic fraternity.



St. Lewis Back from London

Roy St. Lewis, 15law, formerly United States district attorney, western district, recently spent several weeks in London on personal business. St. Lewis is practicing law in Washington, D.C. His office is in the National Press building.



Keen May Go to Japan

Paul Keen, Sooner wrestling coach, and E. C. Gallagher, Aggie mat coach, have been invited to escort a team of National A.A.U. champions to Japan during July for nine meets with college and athletic club teams.

The National A.A.U. mat championship was won by the Oklahoma Aggies, who also took the national collegiate title this year. The Sooners were second at the college tournament.

Keen, who learned his wrestling under Gallagher, has coached the Sooners to Big Six titles during the past two seasons.

The team of American champions would be made up almost entirely of Oklaho-

mans who dominated both the A.A.U. and collegiate tournaments. The matmen would meet the best Japanese tusslers who are planning to compete in tryouts for the 1936 Olympic team.

Downing Will Leave

TODD DOWNING, instructor in Spanish at the University, will resign his faculty position in June to turn all of his efforts to writing.

Three successful murder mystery novels, the proverbial number necessary to make a writer an author, stand as Downing's contribution to the mystery field during the past two years. The popular young instructor, who was graduated in 1924 and granted an M.A. degree in 1928, will divide his time between New York City and Taxco, Mexico, when he leaves the University.

Recent reviews of his third book, *Vultures in the Sky*, an April Crime Club selection, have heralded him as one of the leading mystery story writers of the day. *Variety*, popular stage and writing organ, compares Downing favorably with Rufus King, the dean of the blood and thunder story.

Variety recommends *Vultures in the Sky* for motion picture production. Other reviewers have placed Downing on a par with Dashiell Hammett, S. S. VanDine,

Mignon Eberhart and the other leaders in the murder mystery field.

Downing's *The Cat Screams*, his second book, also a Crime Club selection, has been translated into Swedish and German and an English publishing house has purchased second publication rights. It also will be serialized during the summer in an American magazine.

Downing has been asked to write other books, short stories and make contributions to several publishing houses. He found that as a part-time writer, he was unable to supply the demand for his work.

He will be missed from the campus scene. Always popular since his undergraduate days, Downing has a host of friends in Norman and throughout the state. He was born and raised in Atoka and still spends considerable time with his family there. A Choctaw, he has been active in Indian affairs of the University and the state.

His sister, Ruth Downing, a former University student, is engaged in social welfare work in New York City.