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Oklahomans at home and abroad

The cover

A colorful parade is a traditional part of the annual Homecoming celebration in Soonerland. Relics of early-day transportation facilities often play a prominent part in the processions, as can be seen in the picture on the cover of this magazine.

Enrolment peak reached

University enrolment for the fall semester passed the 5,700 mark before October 1 and it appeared that a final figure of nearly 5,800 would be reached.

Increase in the quota of NYA jobs for students, making possible the employment of nearly a thousand students with federal funds, was an important factor in the increased enrolment.

The fall enrolment, largest in history, is more than twice as large as the registration in 1920. First semester enrolment of resident students has increased as follows:

1920	2,763
1921	2,954
1922	3,408
1923	3,401
1924	3,882
1925	4,183
1926	4,431
1927	4,906
1928	4,915
1929	5,174
1930	5,416
1931	5,218
1932	5,239
1933	5,232
1934	5,510
1935	5,548
1936	5,800*

*Estimated

President W. B. Bizzell, in his convocation address, expressed belief that if the University had the facilities it needs to take care of all prospective students, that total enrolment for the year would probably reach 7,500.

Education's needs recognized

Noting the increase in University enrolment, the *Oklahoma News* urged editorially that Oklahoma expand its higher education facilities to take care of new needs. Said the *News*:

Enrolment figures for the University of Oklahoma showed a student body of 5,616, with the registrar forecasting that 5,900 will matriculate for this first semester. Even the first figure is a new high, and an encouraging indication of increased interest in higher education, since the showing at the Norman school is but part of a national trend. More youngsters are advancing to colleges and universities all over the country, and the state is not alert to its best interests that fails to provide for such expansion. Oklahoma hasn't done that adequately, and the failure to do so is excused on the grounds of depression.

But business and industry have gained to a point where depression isn't the sound basis for enforced economy that it seemed when the statesmen first began to apply it by handicapping educational institutions. In this state, so low in its educational ranking, there should be some concentrated effort to bring about improvement, to bring schools and colleges up to a capacity warranted by increased enrolment, as well as to a higher standard generally.

At the University of Oklahoma, for example, there are 36 fewer instructors now than there was when the enrolment was 750 less than at present. That means crowded classrooms, and classes too

large for teachers to hope to obtain the best results. Moreover, building programs have lagged through the depression years, and in that is another shortage that should be met with as little delay as possible.

This state has achieved much in educational lines, considering the comparatively few years it has had for such development, but it still is true that it has done less than many other states of comparable wealth. Certainly it should not let established institutions deteriorate for lack of adequate support, and still less can it afford not to provide adequately for students in the public schools or the state's own colleges and universities.

WNAD back on air

The University's broadcasting station, generally considered the nation's most outstanding educational radio station, began its broadcasting programs of the new school year October 6, with headquarters in the new Union tower.

A formal dedication program was arranged for October 29. Other special programs for the month included a Margaret Yost memorial program October 22 and a birthday celebration for Dr. J. W. Scroggs October 26. Mrs. Yost, who died in 1934, was women's counsellor for the extension division and was widely known as a women's club leader over the state. Dr. Scroggs, pioneer educator and head of the extension division for many years, celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday anniversary.

Educational, informative and entertaining programs were arranged for the regular broadcasts during the winter under the general direction of T. M. Beaird, '21as, new alumni secretary and director of the radio station.

New studios of WNAD in the Union tower are said to compare favorably with commercial studios.

Smay on state board

Joseph E. Smay, director of the school of architectural engineering, was appointed on the state examining board for archi-

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jects by Governor E. W. Marland. Mr. Smay is also president of the Oklahoma chapter of the American Institute of Architects and president of the State Society of Registered Architects.



Jacobson paintings shown

First exhibit since 1934 by Oscar B. Jacobson, director of the University school of art, was held in October when thirty oil paintings done in Colorado were displayed. Observers were impressed with the love of the out-of-doors shown in the paintings.



Public lecture series

The annual series of public lectures by outstanding faculty members in various fields will continue in November with Capt. George Privett, assistant professor of military science, speaking on November 11. His subject will be "Our Army, Past and Present."

Other public lectures scheduled for the year are:

December 2—Dr. James R. Branton, assistant professor of Greek, "Aeschylus and Eugene O'Neill."

February 7—Dr. A. O. Weese, professor of zoology, "Early Biological Experiences in Oklahoma," an illustrated address.

March 3—Dr. Ralph Records, associate professor of history, "Myths and Myth Makers in American History."

March 31—General Robert U. Patterson, dean of the University Medical school, "The Influences of Disease on the Geographical Development of the United States."



New bus service

A new bus service, forming direct connection from the University campus to Oklahoma City, was inaugurated in October by the Santa Fe Trailways company,

The men above are starting new terms as alumni representatives on the University Athletic council. Left to right, Neil R. Johnson, '15as, '17law, Norman stockman; A. Lynwood Haskins, '29, Oklahoma City, oil man; and John R. Pearson, '29law, Pawhuska, attorney. Johnson was reappointed on the council and the other two are new appointments.

which purchased the Norman-Oklahoma City bus franchise from the Oklahoma Railway company. Seven trips each way are made daily, with buses leaving at approximately two-hour intervals.



Fight for speakership

An active political struggle was under way in October with two University graduates seeking support in the race for speaker of the House of Representatives in the next state legislature.

Leon Phillips, '16law, of Okemah, claimed that votes of a majority of house members had been pledged to him, while J. T. Daniel, '25sc, Waurika, made similar claims. Governor E. W. Marland openly supported Daniel. Phillips, speaker of the house at the last session of the legislature, has been an outspoken critic of the governor's policies.



No luxury for NYA

A charge that NYA jobs were being given to students not seriously in need of them was made in a letter to the editor published in the *Oklahoma City Times* recently.

The letter, signed by "An Observer, Norman," declared that "Anyone who cares to inquire will find that at both O. U. and A. and M. scores of students who live in expensive fraternity houses where expenses are twice as high as they would

be in a dormitory, are employed in NYA work."

Investigation indicated that the "observer" had been misinformed.

As a matter of fact, officials in charge of assigning NYA jobs followed a rigid policy to insure that only the neediest students received aid.

Not only were fraternity members living in chapter houses declared ineligible, but even fraternity members living outside their houses in low-cost rooms were held ineligible if they retained active membership.

NYA jobs were assigned to fraternity men only in cases where they gave up active membership entirely and were paying no social dues or fees for other similar privileges.

With more than 3,000 prospective students applying for the less than 1,000 jobs available, only those who could afford nothing better than the minimum living standard were given jobs.



Dormitories for athletes

A unique suggestion that the problem of subsidizing or not subsidizing football players be solved by openly using athletic funds to provide room and board in special dormitories for gridmen has been advanced by Dr. A. B. Adams, dean of the college of business administration.

Dean Adams points out that although a generation ago football was an amateur sport for wealthy young students, it is a highly specialized and professionalized sport today.

"While developing professionalism in selecting players and coaching staffs, our institutions of higher learning have held to two archaic theories," he said. "One is that all players possess private funds sufficient to pay their college expenses, and the other is that they participate in

the games only because of love for sports and the glory of the institutions.

"Coaches know they cannot get the best players upon that basis. The old grads, who are most interested in the success of the teams, are also aware of this fact. Consequently, a great number of institutions through their alumni associations, athletic associations, and friends of the institutions, secretly pay outstanding footballers and other athletes to play for them.

"Because of conference rules against subsidizing players, all payments to outstanding athletes must be sub rosa. Any and all such payments consequently are vigorously denied by the institutions concerned. Nevertheless, everyone, except the presidents and faculties of the various institutions, appear to be aware of the fact that outstanding athletes are frequently paid to play. Because of lack of personal funds, many of these players would not otherwise be able to remain at these institutions.

"As a result of this situation, our American universities and colleges, which pride themselves on standing for honesty and integrity and the building of character, are made to appear as hypocrites and liars. All of them, nevertheless, want good coaches and good teams to enhance their prestige. They must know that such coaches and such teams cost money, and that somebody must pay the bills. Yet all of them are forced to deny that all the bills are paid."

Commenting that football is hard, grueling work, and that it takes about all the spare time a student has, precluding other work to earn his way, Dean Adams asked, "why not, then, openly and above board, pay these specialized athletes for the work they do on the football and baseball fields?"

"Is the work not as valuable to the institutions as that of a janitor?" he asked.

Dean Adams made it plain that his conclusions were drawn on a basis of information from the Carnegie report on intercollegiate athletics and personal contacts at various meetings over the country, and not on information in reference to the situation at any one institution.

Picnic on west coast

A group of more than thirty alumni and former students gathered for a Sooner picnic August 15 in Griffith park at Los Angeles.

The group decided to form a permanent organization in Los Angeles, and elected Dr. David Ross Boyd, first president of the University, as chairman. Other officers are C. A. Cooley, '17ex, secretary; and E. E. Holmes, '08as, Joe Matherly, '09ex, and W. E. Smith, '20as, as executive committeemen.

Future meetings were discussed and it was decided that dinners would be held occasionally through the winter. Those arranging the picnic were pleased by the

good attendance, as the affair had no advance publicity or notices except a single postal card announcing the picnic.

Those present at the picnic were:

William L. Armor, '23as, Southard, Okla.; F. Ernest Beaty, '01ex, Glendale; H. A. Berlin, '11as, Oxnard; Lela Mitchell Barlin, Oxnard; John H. Bonto, '05pharm, Los Angeles; Nan Chaney, '27M.S., Huntington Park; Reva Lind Clark, '32bus, Los Angeles; Kathryn Hillsmeyer Cobb, '19as, Los Angeles; Helen Craig, Los Angeles; Dr. E. E. Dale, '11as, Norman; Roy A. Foster, '20ex, Los Angeles; Bill Gooding, Los Angeles; Okla Wood Hawn, '15M.A., Long Beach; John N. Helmick, '17as, Inglewood.

And Edward E. Holmes, '08as, Los Angeles; Bess McLenna Hughes, '11fa, Oklahoma City; Jennie Armor Helmick, '24ed, Inglewood; Watson Jones, '28eng, Los Angeles; Dr. W. F. Keller, '31med, Oklahoma City; Raymond R. Landon, '10pharm, Los Angeles; Stella Doolen Landon, '14ex, Los Angeles; Martha Lindsly, '32as, Los Angeles; Olive Leeper, '11as, Los Angeles; Joe W. Matherly, '09ex, Glendale; Tracy O. Powell, '31med, Los Angeles; Mrs. Tracy Powell, Los Angeles; Gladys McLenna Smith, '17ex, Los Angeles; W. E. (Babe) Smith, '20as, Los Angeles; W. E. Yarbrough, '33ex, and Mrs. Yarbrough, Los Angeles; H. A. Everest, '06sc, Los Angeles, and Dr. and Mrs. David R. Boyd, Glendale.

School has new director

John Alley's double responsibility as head of the government department and director of the school of citizenship and public affairs has been divided with the appointment of Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, associate professor of government, as director of the school of citizenship and public affairs.

Some newspapers in the state, recalling Gov. E. W. Marland's recent remarks that state institutions of higher learning should spend more time training young people for public service, presented the appointment as evidence of a new program of work in the University.

Actually, the school of citizenship and public affairs has been carrying on since 1927, emphasizing three functions:

1. To train students for good citizenship.
2. To train students specifically for public service.
3. To carry on research in governmental problems.

Graduates of the school prepared for public service generally have preferred going into federal positions instead of state positions because of the chance to work under civil service regulations rather than a political patronage system.

Under the new director, the school will continue its present program, expanding as rapidly as conditions permit.

Football

THE Sooner Football team of 1936 will complete its Big Six conference schedule with games against Kansas State and Missouri in the first half of November and wind up the season against the Oklahoma Aggies November 21 at Stillwater.

The first two games will be played in Norman. On November 7 Major Biff Jones' boys will clash with Coach Wesley Fry's Purple powerhouse from Kansas State, a team that outplayed Nebraska last year while tying it 0 to 0, and a team that ran over the Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater October 3 by a 31 to 0 score.

Final home game at Norman will be the Homecoming Day clash November 14 with the Missouri Tigers of Coach Don Faurot. Last year only two Big Six teams beat the rejuvenated Tigers—Nebraska and Oklahoma. Kansas, Kansas State and Iowa State all were tied. Missouri staged an upset October 10 of this season by tying Kansas State 7 to 7.

The Sooners in mid-October were battling .500 and their goal line had been crossed only once. They tied Tulsa 0 to 0, defeated Colorado 8 to 0, and bowed to Texas 6-0 in a bitter struggle.

Sooners 0, Tulsa 0

The Sooners met a surprisingly powerful Tulsa university eleven in the opener at Norman September 25, but even then might have defeated the visitors on a dry field as Oklahoma had the advantage in statistics and launched three fine drives that bogged down in the mud. The game ended in a scoreless tie before a crowd of 9,000 persons who attended despite a cold rain.

Sooners 8, Colorado 0

On October 3 Major Jones took his boys to Boulder, Colo., where they encountered an even wetter field and rainier day. With sleet falling in the last half, Connie Ahrens blocked a Colorado attempt at field goal and a few minutes later Pete Smith smothered a Buffalo punt in the end zone and Oklahoma led, 2 to 0. Elmo "Bo" Hewes, Sooner right wingback whose running was the feature of the day, skidded off tackle for a touchdown just before the game ended, Oklahoma winning 8 to 0.

Sooners 0, Texas 6

Playing October 10 before about 25,000 in the Cotton Bowl of the Texas Centennial exposition—one of the largest crowds that ever saw the Sooners in action—Oklahoma played a powerful Texas team on even terms except for a brief period late in the fourth quarter. Bill Pitzer, star Longhorn halfback, caught a long pass from midfield, which almost was knocked down by a Sooner player, and raced across the goal for the only score of the game.