

What 1935 Saw

THE calendar year of 1935 saw the University make constant progress in educational and related fields as the country slowly lifted itself out of depression conditions.

Much remains to be accomplished in 1936, but certainly the year of 1935 may be regarded as a significant one in the history of the University.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the entire year was the Southwestern Conference on Higher Education which was held on the University campus during November. Important educational leaders from all parts of the country, particularly the Southwest, assembled here for a frank discussion of the problems of education in a changing world.

Two months previously, the University had seen its largest fall enrolment in history. The final total of full-time resident students was 5,548, indicating that the total for the school year will be well past the 6,000-mark.

Placement of 600 students in positions made possible through the National Youth Administration was a large contributing factor to the registration increase.

The building program which was started during the fall also owes much to national relief efforts. Work was started on the new Business Administration building, the Union tower, a half dozen projects in the school of petroleum engineering and the ground was prepared for the start of work on the Biological Sciences building early in 1936.

During the summer, Walter Emery, junior law student, brought recognition to the University in the world of golfing. Out of condition during the national collegiate

tournament which he won in 1933, Emery reached his peak later in the summer and gave Oklahoma its finest showing in any national amateur golf tournament in history. He won seven consecutive matches to reach the final round where he was pitted against Lawson Little, Californian. He took the first three holes from Little, but under the strain of the 36-hole final match, he went down before the nation's leading amateur golfer.

The creation of full graduate study courses in two of the three schools in the fine arts college was important. Work towards a master's degree is now offered in the schools of music and art.

Volumes of the Oklahoma Press continued to receive international recognition. Under the capable leadership of Director Joseph A. Brandt, the Press went forward. Dr. Paul B. Sears' *Deserts on the March* was recommended by the Book-of-the-Month club and was the selection of the Scientific Book club. Another volume, *The Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Republic*, was awarded a cash prize by the American Historical association.

A full-time deanship was created for the University medical school in Oklahoma City, and General Robert U. Patterson, retired Army physician, was appointed to fill the position. Under his leadership, the medical school enters a new era.

New courses were added to the school of social service so that it might be recognized as an official training ground for government social service workers. The new rating brought new students and higher standing to the department.

A museum of paleontology was created by act of the board of regents. The muse-

Largest fall enrolment in history.

The Southwestern Conference on Higher Education, a real contribution to higher education.

Almost complete domination of Big Six sports by Oklahoma teams, with championships in track, baseball, tennis, golf, wrestling and cross-country.

Start of a building program totaling two-thirds of a million dollars.

Revision of arts and sciences college more clearly separating under and upper-classmen.

Acquisition of Captain Lawrence "Biff" Jones as football coach.

Walter Emery in final round of national amateur golf tournament, losing title to Lawson Little.

Creation of a museum of geology and paleontology.

Higher standards for the school of social service meeting national requirements.

A new full-time medical school dean and the appointment of General R. U. Patterson to the position.

Creation of full graduate courses in the schools of art and music.

Continued highest rating — excellent-superior — for R. O. T. C. unit.

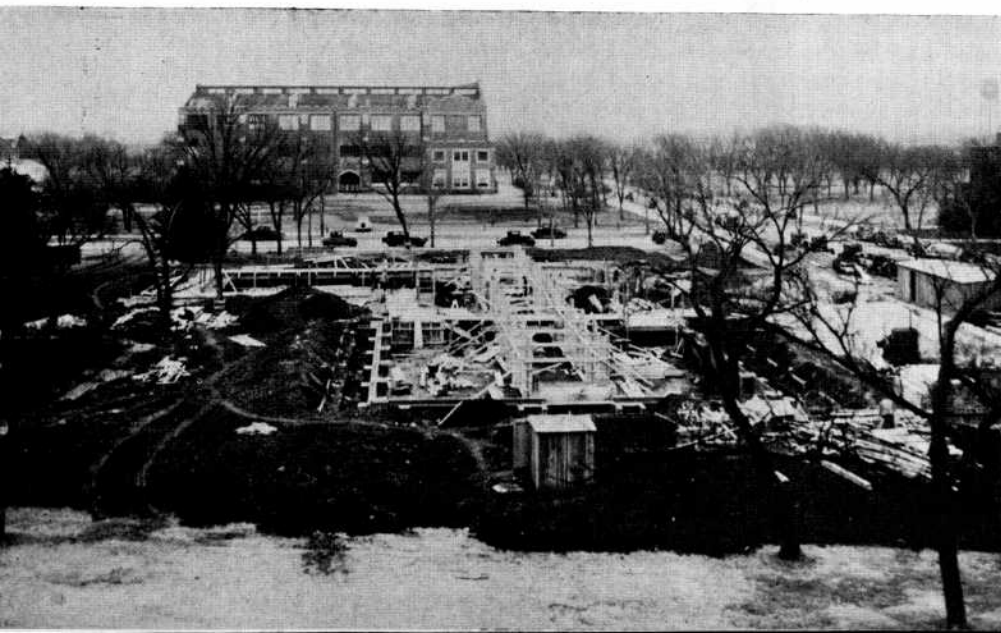
International recognition for Oklahoma Press volumes.

um plays an important part in deciding the eligibility of private persons and organizations to make archeological excavations within the state. It was given the power by act of the state legislature.

Work in the college of arts and sciences was re-divided and re-arranged to make the distinction between under and upper-classmen more distinct. A student must now fulfill rigid requirements in courses of the lower division before he will be eligible to take advanced work. By this method, beginning students and advanced students will be kept separated so that greater efficiency and speed may characterize advanced work.

The Reserve Officers Training Corps was again given the highest rating ever to be awarded a student R.O.T.C. department at national inspection. The corps was rated as excellent-superior. Major Harry J. Malony completed his assignment at the

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is spending \$3,000,000 as its share for participation in the Exposition. He became promotion director in 1935.

Watson retains a lively interest in the University of Oklahoma and things Oklahoman, and assisted in organizing the O. U. Club of Texas and served as its first president.

One of Mr. Watson's favorite classmates at the University was J. M. (Bud) Gentry, chairman of the Oklahoma State Highway Commission. Both endured the growing pains of youth at Pond Creek. Mr. Gentry was also a member and co-organizer of the famed Tobasco Club when Mr. Watson was one of its leaders.

Recently Mr. Watson assisted in the initiation of his son, Louis A. Watson, student in the School of Commerce at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, into Kappa Sigma, the social fraternity that the father joined while a student at Oklahoma.



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University and was replaced by Major Reese M. Howell as commandant.

Captain Lawrence "Biff" Jones—soon to become a major—was assigned to the University R.O.T.C. department as a faculty member. He was appointed football coach and director of all University athletics.

Although his Oklahoma team did not win a conference championship, it managed to win six and lose three games for the best record in nine seasons.

Other Sooner teams, however, dominated the Big Six conference and won six championships. In the spring, Coach John Jacobs' track team won the outdoor track championship. Coach John Moseley's tennis team won a championship. Coach Bruce Drake's golf team won the state title, the Big Six championship and tied for second in national collegiate team-play. Coach Paul Keen's wrestling team won the Big Six championship and took second in the national collegiate wrestling tournament, losing to the Oklahoma A. and M. college team. Coach Lawrence "Jap" Haskell's baseball team won a co-championship, sharing honors with Iowa State.

In the fall, Coach Jacobs' two-mile team won the conference championship at Manhattan, Kansas. The only sports in which Oklahoma did not win Big Six titles were football, swimming, indoor track and basketball. Coach Jacobs' indoor track team lost the title to Kansas State by one and one-half points.

A number of faculty changes have been made during the year. Several faculty members are on leave of absence, having taken temporary positions in national relief setups.

Following is the record of Sooner sports teams during the year:

Sport	Won	Lost	Big Six Standing
Football	6	3	2
Two-mile	3	1	1
Baseball	14	3	1
Tennis	4	2	1
Outdoor Track	2	0	1
Golf	0	0	1
Indoor Track	0	0	2
Wrestling	4	4	1
Basketball	9	9	3
Swimming	0	0	4
Polo	14	5	
TOTALS	56	27	.667

Heflin in New Play

Van Heflin, '32as, who was christened Evan Heflin, did University stage work as E. Van Heflin and then finally lost the "E" on Broadway, has a lead in the New York production of *Mid-West* by James Hagan. In the play, Heflin is the communist son of a mid-western farm couple. The drama has a fine chance for an extended Broadway stay. Its author wrote *One Sunday Afternoon* several years ago and it was adjudged one of the ten best plays of the 1932-33 season. *Mid-West* is showing at the Booth theatre.

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FAYETTE COPELAND, '19as, associate professor of journalism, visited Washington, D.C., New York City and points north and east during the Christmas holidays.

While he was in New York City, he met Todd Downing, '24as, '28M.A., former instructor in Spanish, now an author of murder-mysteries and resident of New York City.

Among other things, they planned to visit the stock exchange. After considerable difficulty, they managed to get the required number of cards and letters necessary to get past all doors and finally emerged into the stock exchange itself.

A scene of turmoil, bedlam and unholy confusion greeted them. It was a normal day in the exchange but it looked like a madhouse to the visitors.

Mr. Downing surveyed the scene with some amazement and interest before drawing his conclusions.

"I say," he cried above the din of tickers, "couldn't the Marx brothers go to town in this place!"



A jittery, harassed Norman chief of police has probably quit looking for Alex Welcher by now so it probably won't hurt to tell this one on the aforesaid student from Tulsa.

Alex had things stirred up shortly before the Christmas holidays with a little practical joke that seemed rather serious at the time.

It was in the middle of the meningitis scare in Cleveland county. Schools in Noble, less than ten miles south of Nor-

man, were closed and it appeared as if the quarantine might be extended into Norman at any time.

Students, in fact, were beginning to pack up and get ready to go if a quarantine was drawn around Norman. It was just three days before the Christmas holidays started and no one wanted to miss that big Christmas dinner at home.

It was on a Tuesday night and the entire south end of Norman was alive with rumors about cases that had been, or might have been, discovered in Norman. An air of extreme tenseness hung over varsity corner, the Union and the popular congregating centers. The telephone in the home of President Bizzell was ringing itself hoarse.

The *Daily* office telephones jangled interminably as students called to learn if school had been let out early on account of the epidemic.

It was early evening on varsity corner and the only topic of conversation was: "Did they let school out yet? I heard there was a case over —. I think I'll go home. I don't want to be stranded for the holidays. Once it hits you —."

Into this scene of anxious waiting and intensity came the clear long cry of a newshawk.

"Extra! Extra! Norman meningitis case discovered. School dismissed. Extra! Extra!"

The hawk eluded varsity corner, but scores of students sought the back streets where the voice came from. So did the police.

But Alex is a half-miler: no one was ever certain who did throw the varsity corner scene into turmoil.