

# The Campus Review

THE "streamlined" summer session of the University had a record enrolment of 2,201 for the main eight-weeks term. This record is an increase of five hundred students over the last summer session enrolment. Graduate students predominated, totaling 1,197. The session was called "streamlined" because of its variety in educational opportunity, discussions, lectures, concerts, number of short courses, recreation and intramural programs. The record enrolment was attributed to this variety and modernization.

A second summer session was offered for graduates only. The term began August 4 and ended August 27. This period is a new feature of the summer session. Courses in education, English, history and Spanish were given.

The whole session seemed to be a "first time" one, or "the largest ever." Even the list of graduates was the largest in the history of the school. Dr. J. N. R. Score, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Fort Worth, delivered the baccalaureate sermon and Dr. Eugene S. Briggs, president of Phillips University, gave the commencement address to the largest summer graduating class, numbering 255.

## Program is crowded one

In line with the streamlined policy of the summer session, an extensive program of educational discussions, entertainment features and recreational activities was conducted. Picnics for men and for women were given and the whole University participated in a Hospitality Day sponsored by merchants and residents of Norman.

Dances were given in the Union building every Saturday night. These dances featured a different angle every week. They included shirt sleeve dances, cooler dances, cotton and gigolo dances.

Orchesis, honorary dance society sponsored by Helen Gregory, instructor in physical education, presented a dance recital in the summer auditorium.

The summer school chorus presented a cantata, *The Golden Legend*, directed by John Richards, '30fa, director of vocal music in the Wewoka schools.

The Dixie Melody Masters brought Old South jubilee to the campus with a program of old Southern camp songs.

Entertainment features ended on a high note with the presentation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, given by summer drama students and directed by John Dunn, assistant professor of drama.

## Short courses popular

Educational discussions were frequent and varied. Each Sunday night union



*A new addition to the "Fraternity Row" section west of the campus is this imposing new home of Kappa Kappa Gamma, corner of Brooks Street and College Avenue. The house will be occupied in time for Fall Rush.*

church services were held in the outdoor theater with outstanding men of the nation as speakers. Departmental conferences were held frequently. Lectures, concerts and illustrated talks were given often.

Many visitors were attracted to the campus by the short courses, which are becoming more popular and are widening in their scope.

A long list of world experts talked of world problems to a record audience in a ten-day session of the first International Relations Institute held on the campus.

Home and community short courses brought a large group to the University. Home economics teachers of the state met for conference.

The first summer speech short course was sponsored by the department of speech and the Extension Division. Problems of interpretive speech, radio and debate were discussed.

The state parent-teacher meeting had a state-wide audience.

Joseph Wagner, director of the Boston Civic Symphony, was the leader in the short course for high school orchestra directors. The orchestra directors applied their knowledge into practical activity and presented themselves in concert.

School librarians of the state had a place on the short course calendar with a conference on the operation and use of the library. The drum majors' short course was the largest of its kind in the United States.

Traffic safety and safety devices were studied and demonstrated at the conference on safety education. The short course on visual aids to education included demonstration of motion pictures and slides and the educational objectives to be achieved through use of pictures.

The five-day conference on professional

writing attracted writers and would-be writers of all types. They were told secrets of the trade and given practical advice. Burton Rascoe, former Oklahoman now a noted literary critic and writer, was the principal speaker and presided at all the roundtable discussions.

## New library equipment

Equipment for making micro-film copies of books has been purchased by the University library. The department of English and the library recently purchased a series of micro-film books found in England. This was the first venture in the field of literary reproduction by means of films. This will make it possible to put a copy of any book available into "capsule" form.

## Opinions are collected

Questionnaires were sent to all summer session students by the committee of improvement for suggestions as to possible revision and improvements in the next summer session. Some courses will be altered and improvements will be made to make the term more interesting.

## Writing course offered

A ten-hour professional writing course will be offered this Fall to students interested in the serious business of writing. This course, headed by W. S. Campbell, associate professor of English and author of numerous books and short stories, is an innovation in the University curriculum. The course will consist of a two-hour period five days a week.

## Dormitory management changes

Supervision of the women's residential halls is on a new basis. Miss Constance Payne of Terre Haute, Indiana, has been

named educational and social director of Robertson and Hester Halls. Miss Payne received a master's degree this summer from the State University of Iowa. Supervision will consist of orientation and counsel to the students. Miss Payne will be assisted by graduate or upperclass students, who will act as advisers.

#### Room contracts

To insure harmony and avoid misunderstandings between students and householders, written contracts for room rentals are being required this Fall for the first time. The contract will protect householders against damage of furniture and failure of a student to stay in a room contracted for. The student, on the other hand, will be assured certain services and conveniences.

#### Freshmen report September 14

The freshman enrolment period, beginning September 14, is designed to lead freshmen into the paths of a well-balanced University life. A remedial program for poorly prepared freshmen was adopted for the first time this year. Four days of meetings with deans and advisers are planned to acquaint the newcomers with their college environment.

English placement examinations are required every year, but this year the program will also include placement examinations in mathematics and the social sciences.

Nearly seven thousand students are expected to attend the University this semester. Actual enrolment will begin September 16, when upperclassmen register. Classwork will begin September 19.

#### Date rules change

When University co-eds return to the campus this month, they will have no official rule against week night dates. The Board of Regents has abandoned its old rule, in effect since 1925, which prohibited students' having dates on week nights. The board delegated administrative authorities and the student affairs committee to supervise and regulate student social activities.

Regulations still in effect provide that no approved dances may be held on any nights except Friday and Saturday, and closing hours are still 10:30 o'clock on week nights and 12 o'clock on Friday and Saturday nights.

#### Rush begins September 9

Rushes of sororities and fraternities will start their rounds of rush parties September 9 and 10, respectively. For the first time, sororities are limited to a total of 65 members and pledges per chapter.

#### New graduate work

New graduate work in several departments will be offered this year. The graduate work will include study in speech, social work, drama, commercial education, home economics education, art and music.

### CAMPUS CALENDAR

Sept. 9 Sorority Rush begins.  
 Sept. 10 Fraternity Rush begins.  
 Sept. 14 Beginning of Freshman Period.  
 Sept. 15 Consultation of students with advisers.  
 Sept. 16 Registration of upperclassmen.  
 Sept. 19 Classwork begins.  
 Sept. 20 President's annual address.

#### Faculty changes made

Changes in the faculty of the modern languages department have been announced. Dr. Fritz Frachiger, of the University of Chicago, will become an assistant professor of modern languages, to serve in the absence of Miss Eugenia Kaufman, who will study at the University of California for a year.

Mrs. Grace Norris Davis, of Oklahoma City University, will join the faculty as instructor in Spanish and German, to serve in the absence of Miss Besse Clement, who will study at Stanford University.

#### Industrial design course

Starting this semester a five-year course in design for industry will be offered in the School of Art. The work will deal with manufacturing processes, industrial design and trends in utilities.

#### NYA grant

The University in mid-August was notified that it had been granted \$66,625 by the National Youth Administration for student aid during the school year 1938-39, as compared to approximately \$68,000 granted last year.

Last year, NYA aid made it possible for approximately 550 students to be paid an average of \$12.50 per month. More than a thousand students had applied for NYA jobs for the new school year by mid-August.



Seated on the running board of a car, President W.B. Bizzell is obviously enjoying the annual Men's Picnic, social highlight of the Summer Session. With him is Alvin Hicks, summer student and superintendent of schools in Creek County.

#### Southern economics studied

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, was one of twenty-two prominent southerners representing business, education, labor and other fields who met in Washington, D. C., during the summer and drafted a "statement of the problems and needs of the South."

The conference was held at the request of President Roosevelt in connection with the National Emergency Council's study of economic conditions in the South. The council's report, published in August, attracted national attention because of the significant information it revealed, particularly in regard to the way in which certain economic policies and conditions have harmed the South.

#### Building program

Preliminary application for Public Works Administration grants to make possible a University building program totaling nearly \$2,000,000 was filed in late summer in the PWA office at Fort Worth, Texas. The five proposed buildings include a geology and museum building, petroleum engineering, home economics, science, and graduate education buildings.

The application was filed in order to meet the deadline on requests for grants, and details of the proposed building program were still being worked out in August. It was expected that a meeting of the Board of Regents would be called soon to act on a formal request to the next Legislature to appropriate the State's share of the proposed building program.

#### Social work recognized

The University's School of Social Work has been given official recognition by the American Association of Schools of Social Work, which gives graduates of the school a new high rating.

O.U. is the ninth state university to gain this distinction, and is the only school in the Southwest that has qualified.

A new book, *Practices in Versification*, by Agnes McKinley, '38ma, was scheduled for publication in August by the Harlow Publishing Company, Oklahoma City. She is also author of *Workbook for American Literature* and *Workbook for English Literature*, both published by Harlow. She is high school principal at St. Louis, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Noel Houston (Kay Replogle, '28) and Mr. Houston will remain in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for another year as a result of Mr. Houston's receiving a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship. Under terms of the grant he is to complete a book of one-act plays on Oklahoma life to be published by the University of North Carolina Press, and is to finish one full length play. Mr. Houston formerly was on the editorial staff of Oklahoma City newspapers but resigned a year ago to study and write at the University of North Carolina.