

Association Progress

TENTATIVE plans for another O. U. alumni radio program, to be presented possibly in February, were discussed at the Homecoming day meeting of the University of Oklahoma Association's Executive Board.

It was suggested that the program be an hour in length, and that it be broadcast over a network of Oklahoma radio stations so that alumni in every part of the state would be assured good reception.

If arrangements are completed for a February broadcast, final details will be announced through the *Quarterly Bulletin* which goes to every alumnus whose address is on file in the Alumni Office.

Trust fund policy adopted

The Executive Board at the November meeting adopted a permanent policy for the handling of income from the Life Membership Trust Fund. So far, none of the accumulated interest has been used for current expenses of the Association, although the original Trust agreement provided that the interest could be used for this purpose. As the interest has increased to a considerable sum now, the trustees asked that a policy be adopted.

The board approved the following resolution which was presented by Tom Carey, member of the Trust Fund Board of Trustees:

WHEREAS, the audit report of the O. U. Life Membership Trust shows accumulated earnings as of August 31, 1937, in the amount of \$3,405.60 and it is not clear from the declaration of trust as to what extent these accumulated earnings may be applied to the payment of current expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the audit report of the O. U. for each year since the creation of the Trust has exceeded the demands of the Association for payment of current expenses out of Trust funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Executive Board of the University of Oklahoma Association that all earnings accumulated in the hands of the Trustees unexpended at August 31, 1937, shall become a part of the permanent fund and shall no longer be available for meeting future expenses, and the Trustees of the Fund are hereby authorized to so treat the amount of earnings accumulated and unexpended in the Fund as of August 31, 1937.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy of the Association that earnings available for current expense purposes shall be limited to the earnings of the Trust received during the current year beginning as of September 1 of each year and ending August 31 of the next calendar year; and that any earnings unexpended at the close of such twelve months period shall become a part of the permanent fund of the Trust and shall not thereafter be available for meeting current expenses. The Trustees of the fund are hereby authorized to so treat and apply from time to time such unexpended earnings.

Those present at the Homecoming meeting of the board were: Lowrey H.

Harrell, president; Buff B. Burtis, Charles B. Duffy, William L. Eagleton, Harry L. S. Halley, Coleman Hayes, Elton B. Hunt, Graham Johnson, Dave Logan, Mrs. Florence M. McKown, Herbert L. Branan, Neil Keller, Joe Fred Gibson, J. Bruce Wiley, James C. Hamill; and Tom Carey and Neil Johnson, trustees of the Life Membership Trust Fund; and T. M. Beaird, executive secretary and Roscoe Cate, editor-manager of *The Sooner Magazine*.

Aggie board entertained

The Alumni Executive Board was host at noon to the members of the executive board of the Oklahoma A. and M. College Former Students Association, at a luncheon in the new main dining room of the Union building.

County chairmen meet

The first general conference of chairmen of the County Advisory Councils of the Alumni Association was held the morning of Homecoming Day in the Union Building. Although attendance at this first meeting was fairly small, the discussion proved highly constructive and officials believe that it will lead to a valuable series of meetings.

Opinions expressed by these county leaders from out over the state, and the information presented to them by University officials, indicated that both alumni and the University administration are interested in much the same objectives.

Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19, assistant to President W. B. Bizzell, addressed the county chairmen and emphasized that the general public of Oklahoma must be taught that the University belongs to them "and not just to the faculty or the alumni."

"The University hasn't yet been sold to the people of Oklahoma," he declared. "The other day I was visiting in a certain city of the state and a resident told me, 'I'm going to send my daughter to your University.' I finally convinced him that the University belongs to all the citizens of Oklahoma and that he should say 'our' University."

Dr. Wardell also emphasized that alumni should help break down the erroneous belief among many Oklahomans that O. U. is an expensive place to send young people.

"We have made an extensive survey of the expenditures made by students and have found that the average of all students, both fraternity and non-fraternity, is between \$42 and \$43 per month. And that



Alumni Secretary Beaird is shown receiving into "honorary membership" a loyal patron of the alumni office. Cris, coal black dog owned by Neil Johnson, '15, of Norman, has visited the alumni office almost every day for many years. When Beaird succeeded Frank Cleckler as secretary a year ago, Cris took the change in his stride and transferred his allegiance to the new alumni official.

includes all expenses. As for the occasional report that O. U. students are snobbish or high hat, you can point out that more than half of the students are working part time to help pay the expenses of their education. They're so busy they don't have time to be high hat."

Dr. Wardell also said alumni should devote attention to the need for private gifts and benefactions for the University.

County advisory council chairmen present at the meeting included Ralph Miller, Enid; Max Chambers, Okmulgee; Elton Hunt, Tulsa; Charles Duffy, Ponca City; Elmer Fraker, Chickasha; A. B. Carpenter, Shawnee; Fisher Muldrow, Ardmore; Lee Thompson, Oklahoma City; George D. Hann, Clinton, and Neville Gillum, Sayre.

The county chairmen were called on for suggestions, and for reports on alumni activities in their respective counties.

Several of them urged that the securing of an east-west highway through Norman be made a major project of the University and the Alumni Association. This is important to make the University more accessible to the people of southwestern and southeastern Oklahoma, and probably would have considerable effect on increasing football crowds, they declared.

Mr. Hann urged that the University give more attention to short courses, including short courses for graduates of professional schools, and that the summer sessions be improved and made more attractive.

Dr. Wardell and Alumni Secretary Beaird explained that the University administration was quite in sympathy with these suggestions and in fact has been devoting considerable attention to them this year.

Campus Review

By Eleanor Lain

APPROXIMATELY one hundred engineers, maintenance experts and company officials convened in Norman November 18 for the Second Annual Highway and Street Conference—the keynote of which was safety, order and stability.

The three-day conference centered around expenditures and design for future construction, and revision of an inventory of present roads and road conditions in the state. Safety was the principal topic of discussion.

N. E. Wolfard, associate professor of civil engineering, who was in charge of arrangements for the conference, declared that "More than \$300,000,000 has been spent by the state for highways in the past twenty years, and not until now has there been any attempt to formulate a studied, rational plan of construction."

J. M. Gentry, state commissioner of public safety; Van T. Moon, chief engineer of the state highway commission; and Reynolds Weaver, traffic engineer of the Oklahoma department of safety, delivered the principle addresses of the conference.

New lounge open in January

With the opening of the lounge on the main floor of the Union building shortly after the Christmas holidays, an extensive remodeling and redecorating project of that building will be completed. Improvements in the building in the last year include construction of new offices, two dining rooms and the lounge, redecoration of the ballroom and refinishing most of the interior of the building.

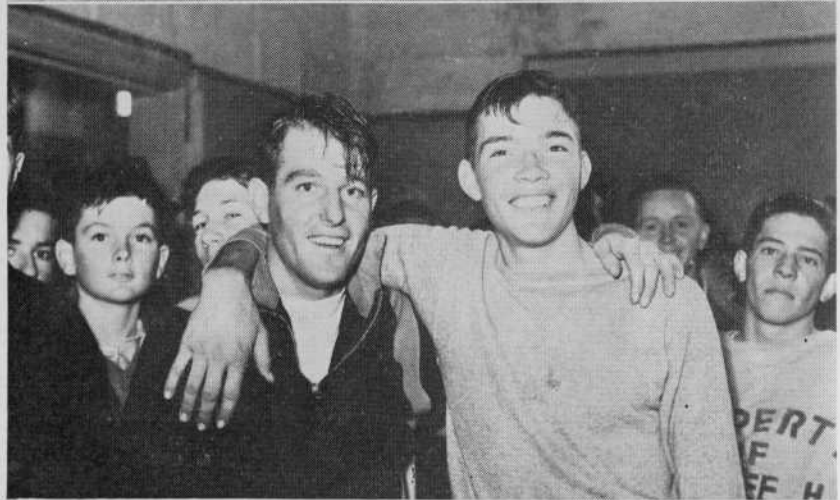
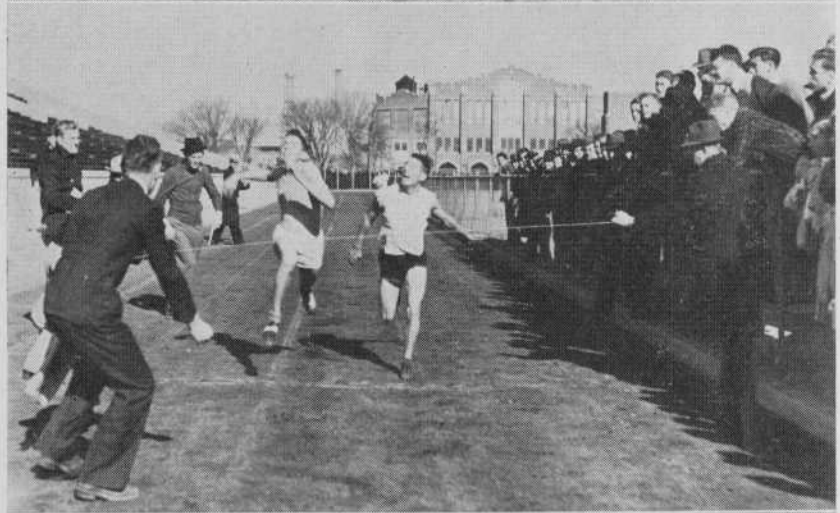
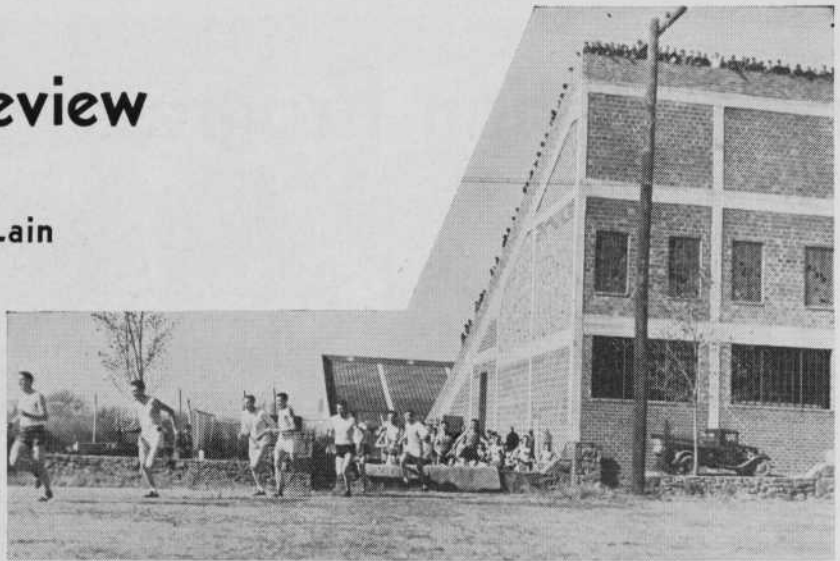
The offices, dining rooms and lounge were included in a \$21,000 WPA project.

Author is speaker

Marjorie Hillis, author of *Live Alone and Like It*, was the principal speaker at the annual Matrix Table banquet of Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary and professional journalism fraternity for women, given December 7. Miss Hillis spoke on "The Extra Woman."

Miss Hillis' latest book, *Cabbages and Caviar*, has just come off the press. The author last June resigned her position as associate editor of *Vogue* magazine, which she had held for 16 years, to go on a lecture tour of the Western States.

Jessie Lone Clarkson, '27fa, instructor in music, was one of the three women honored at the dinner for outstanding work during the last year. She was given the award for her contribution to her



The first annual Oklahoma interscholastic cross country run was an event of December at the University. Above, the runners start from the Stadium. Center, it's an exciting finish. Below, the grinning boy on the right is Carl Ridens, of Guthrie, the winner. On his left is Floyd Booze, of Wayne, second place winner. Popular with boys and coaches, the meet is to be repeated annually.

profession and the University. Edith Johnson, columnist for the *Daily Oklahoman*, was honored as outstanding newspaper woman in the state, and Patience Sewell, Oklahoma City, was given an

award as outstanding feminine student leader on the campus.

Campus has square dance

As a side-light of the four-day WPA

recreational short course offered at the University in November, a square dance was given by the Independent Men's Association and I. W. A. for the visiting state supervisors enrolled in the course.

To the tune *Swing Your Partner*, students and supervisors trucked out their own versions of *Chicken Reel*, *Wagoner*, and *Soldier's Joy*.

Science academy meets

Scientific research carried on in Oklahoma laboratories during the past year was reported on at the twenty-fifth fall meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Sciences, December 3 in Norman. Papers giving results of experiments and study in the social, natural, physical and biological sciences were read by 94 research workers.

Several hundred scientists, including university professors and research workers for commercial firms, attended the meeting.

Dr. Charles M. Perry, head of the University philosophy department, was elected president for the next year.

Canadian woman speaks

Miss Agnes Macphail, only woman ever elected to the Canadian parliament, spoke to a Norman Forum audience in November on, "Us, the Good Neighbor." She declared that the best way for the United States and British Empire to keep out of a foreign war is to seek strength not by alliance but in the union of a common tongue.

Food handlers examined

Wassermann syphilis tests have been required by the University of all students working in kitchens and dining rooms. The tests were given free during a two-week period to workers employed in any capacity in dining rooms and kitchens of fraternity and sorority houses, dormitories and boarding houses. Voluntary Wassermann tests for women also were offered by the University infirmary.

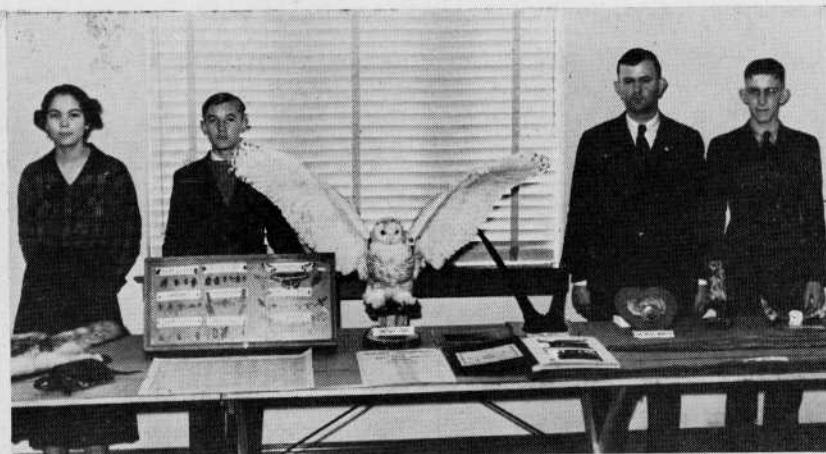
Reptile remains received

Among most recent additions to the family of fossils of the paleontology museum are a shipment of Permian reptiles, one of which is the first animal known to give up crawling for walking.

The Pareiasaur reptile, which comes to the University practically complete except for a skull, was of the type which moved slowly and deliberately and walked with its body well-elevated above the ground. Reptiles of this species were about 9 feet long and 3 feet high and were the first to walk instead of crawl.

Algebra "toughest" course

In a survey made by University tutors it was discovered that from all of the subjects in the University curriculum, Mathematics 2, or college algebra, furnishes



Exhibits by embryo scientists from state high schools were an interesting feature of the Oklahoma Academy of Science meeting on the O. U. campus. Above is a display prepared by the Biology and Taxidermy Club of Enid High School. In the picture are Mary Lu Hopkins, Arthur Kelley, Club Sponsor Merle M. Boyer, '24, '32ed.m, and L. D. Alley.

most of the trouble for a large per cent of the 142 men given instruction by Phi Eta Sigma, freshmen men's national scholarship organization.

Second on the list of curricular stumbling blocks are modern language courses, especially French and Spanish. Slightly lagging behind the language courses are chemistry and physics.

About half of the students to whom the Phi Eta Sigma tutors give aid are of the flunking variety, the survey revealed. The rest are "B" and "C" students who come for instruction in an attempt to raise their grades.

All men students in the University are eligible to receive the special aid offered by the scholastic fraternity, although the system, begun this fall, was designed especially to assist freshmen.

Musical program presented

Sending students home over the Thanksgiving holidays soothed by the strains of classical music, a group of poems set to music and called *The Golden Threshold* was presented in the University auditorium November 23 under the direction of Barre Hill, young and personable head of the department of voice.

This was the first time in six years that a similar program had been presented by the school of music. The last song cycle, *A Persian Garden*, was given at the University in 1931. Three of the four members of this production's cast are now professionals in the field of drama and music.

Rene Stone and Aubrey Popejoy, two members of the cast, are at present under contract to motion picture companies in Hollywood, and a third, Emily Stephenson, is a concert singer in New York. The fourth member of the quartet, Frances Lindloff, Norman, appeared in this year's production and will play the leading role in the opera *Madame Butterfly*, to be given by the School of Music April 5 and 6.

The Undergraduate Scene

Texan's stay is brief

Then there was the perennial Joe College who had graduated from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, came to Norman this fall, presented his high school credit transcript and enrolled in the University as a freshman.

He is now listed among the missing and all he left behind was a note addressed to University officials which read: "Please drop me from your rolls. I left too soon to see you personally."

Ruf Neks' origin recalled

At a local pep rally broadcast, Carl "Doc" Smith, Oklahoma City, president of the Ruf Neks pep organization, explained the origin of the club and commented on the traditional beards grown by Ruf Nek pledges during football season.

"In 1915 a bunch of football players were sitting in the little frame building

January Calendar

- January 3—Classwork resumed.
- January 11—Celebrity Series—Eva Jessye's Negro Choir.
- January 14-15—Playhouse show.
- January 17—Basketball. Iowa State at Norman.
- January 17-21—Drug Merchandising Short Course.
- January 18—Annual University Oratorio.
- January 21—Semester examinations begin.
- January 28-29—Second semester enrolment.
- January 31—Second semester class work begins.

on the campus which was then the basketball gym, and a passerby yelled, 'Oh, you roughnecks,'” Smith explained. The name stuck and the pep club was born. At the initial meeting it was decided that if the members were really to live up to their title they should go unshaven for at least six weeks.

Controversy is ended

A new constitution adopted by the interfraternity council has ended a month-old campus political break and made Don Leshner, University secretary of fraternity affairs, permanent chairman of the organization.

Under the new regulations, Leshner has power to appoint a secretary and treasurer and all committees.

Except for Leshner's appointment, the council will operate under the same provisions under which it was organized before the split between the Sooner and Administration parties, campus political factions. The rift in the parties occurred when charges that the Administration party leaders were dominating affairs of the council were hurled by the Sooner group.

The council has instructed a committee to continue investigation of a plan to abolish all Oklahoma City pre-rush dances.

Kappas are penalized

The campus Kappas are sitting home from dances during the entire last half of the first semester as a punishment levied by the Panhellenic council for violation of an initiation ruling.

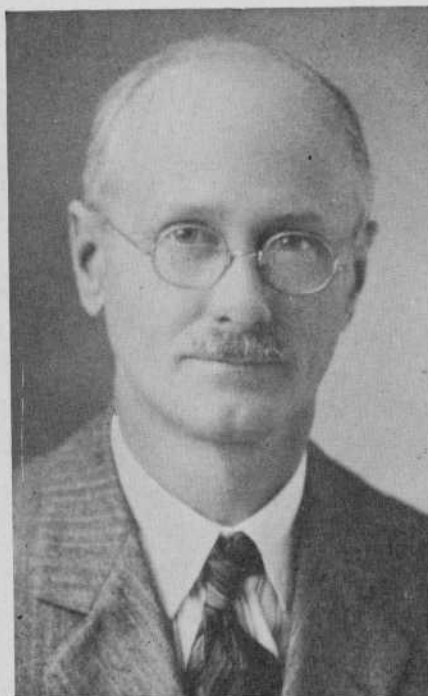
Kappa Kappa Gamma members may neither attend nor give any parties or dances in Norman or Oklahoma City for a period of nine weeks, and must stay on the campus during this time.

The council imposed the penalty after learning that Bette Lou Clark, Ponca City, was initiated by the local chapter of the sorority October 3, before a grade of "I" she received in a course last spring had been changed to a passing mark in the registrar's office. It was charged that although Miss Clark had made up the incomplete mark, her Panhellenic initiation permit was not approved by Miss Margaret B. Stephenson, counselor of women, because the registry office had not recorded the change.

Coediquette sessions begin

"Coediquette Sessions," designed to submerge the stiffness of rules of propriety in the genial informality of a college "bull session," is the name with which the W. S. G. A. House Council, Miss Margaret Stephenson, counselor of women, and Miss Ima James, director of physical education for women, have dubbed their new "charm school."

Charming co-eds will be taught to be more charming in five easy lessons,



Dr. Charles M. Perry, head of the University philosophy department, is new president of the Oklahoma Academy of Science.

spaced a month apart. Subjects taken up will include entertaining in the home, application of cosmetics and personal grooming and costuming.

At the end of the school a "final exam" will be given in the form of a buffet supper to be given by the co-eds December 16.

Latest queen news

Another queen! This time it's the queen of the *Covered Wagon*, campus humor magazine. Candidates will be picked from each of nine sororities and from among the independent women, and announcement of the winner will be made in the January issue of the magazine.

"Kidnapping" ends happily

The Jazz Hound pepsters jumped the gun on their rival pep club members, the O. U. Ruf Neks, and kidnapped the dark-eyed and beautiful Ruf Nek queen, Marguerite Patchin, of Pawhuska, a day before the "scheduled" kidnapping.

Thursday night before Saturday's Homecoming football game with the Oklahoma Aggies, four Jazz Hounds walked up to the front door of the Delta Gamma sorority house where Miss Patchin lives and asked for the young lady.

Miss Patchin, who was in her room upstairs, dressed and came down, only to find that her visitors had malicious intentions which they carried out. Incidentally, an alleged guard of two Ruf Nek squad cars was parked in back of the Delta Gamma house.

The queen was taken to an "unrevealed destination" where she was kept

for two days only to be returned accompanied by a motorcycle police escort in time for her coronation between halves of the Sooner-Aggie game.

Enid girl cadet queen

At the annual military ball November 19, dark-haired and petite Christine Holland, Enid, was elected honorary colonel of the University's R. O. T. C. unit. Runners-up in the race for colonel were Juliana Hess, Durant, second; and Mildred Ann Cooper, Muskogee, third.

Faculty News

Bizzell is honored

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, was elected president of the National Association of State Universities at a meeting held in Washington, D. C., in late November.

The association is composed of 52 universities, including those of Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Alaska.

Dr. Bizzell also represented the national association at a meeting of President Roosevelt's advisory committee on education. The committee discussed federal and state relationships in the fields of education.

Wins pottery prize

Roger D. Corsaw, instructor in art, entered four bowls of pottery he made during the past summer in a national pottery exhibit and carried off first prize of \$100 in November. Mr. Corsaw's bowls were decorated with copper, silver and bismuth lustre and competed against pottery entered from more than 30 states.

Chemist is lecturer

In the third of the public lecture series of the year, Dr. Bruce Houston, professor of chemistry, voiced a warning to chemists of the world to cease devoting too much of their time to working on practical problems.

Dr. Houston expressed hope that scientists would not neglect the future by studying only the needs of the present hour, especially in the development of substitutes for natural raw materials.

Kraettli is "Grandpaw" now

The stork pulled a fast one Friday, November 12, on Emil R. Kraettli, University secretary, and made him a grandfather.

The new addition to the secretary's family is the 7-pound son of Mr. Kraettli's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gassaway, who live at Enid. Mrs. Gassaway is the former Virginia Kraettli, '35.

Clements called to Harvard

The story of Oklahoma's prehistoric Indian culture was presented in an arche-

GUIDES FOR CAMPUS TOURS

logical seminar at Harvard university, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in November by Dr. Forrest E. Clements, head of the O. U. department of anthropology.

The University anthropologist, who is recognized as one of the southwest's leading archeologists, gave a series of lectures on excavations on the ancient sites near Spiro, Grove and Pauls Valley. He has been directing excavations on the site of the prehistoric Indian village at Spiro since June of 1936 and lately has been working to complete excavations near Grove.

▲ Dodge stays with O. U.

A possibility that Dr. Homer L. Dodge, dean of the University Graduate School, might become president of the University of Oregon vanished when it was reported that the Oregon board of higher education had named Dr. Donald Erb, professor of economics at Stanford university, to the position. Dr. Dodge was one of five educators who had been considered for presidency of the Oregon institution.

▲ Singer gives lecture

In the fourth of the University's public lectures, Barre Hill, head of the department of voice, discussed Debussy's opera, *Pelleas et Melisande*. Mr. Hill, a graduate of the University of Michigan school of music, has appeared with many leading opera companies and has sung the role of Pelleas. He sang the baritone role in *Camille* with Mary Garden in the title role.

French opera is the University professor's specialty, although he has sung Italian and German roles. For four seasons he was a member of the Chicago Opera company, and for five years he toured the United States under management of Civic Concerts. He has sung over networks of the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System in the United States and the British Broadcasting Company in England.

▲ Trees suggested as "crop"

Dr. A. C. Shead, assistant professor of chemistry, has advanced a plan to utilize the bois d'arc trees and cacti which thrive in arid sections of Oklahoma and which heretofore have been dubbed "useless."

The University professor was requested by the Oklahoma Farm Chemurgic council to make suggestions for ways of aiding state industry by finding new uses for agricultural products. He pointed out that although the trees, commonly known as Osage orange trees, have never been of much use except as fence posts, chemists know that their value lies in the acid used for tanning which they contain. Dr. Shead explained that the extraction process is simple and inexpensive.



These co-eds, who form the personnel of the University's first campus guide service, are: front row, Eleanor Obert, Catherine Barefoot, Constance Volz, Aimee Armstrong; back row, Frances Fisher, Betty Klinglemith, and Margaret Nichols. Other guides, not in the picture, are Lurline Kraft, Mary Belle Spencer and Martha Gossett.

FOR the first time since the University became a large-scale educational institution, a regular guide service is available to assist visitors in finding points of interest about the campus.

The guide service was originated as a project of the Women's Self Government Service, and operates through the Union office, 123 Union Building. Visitors are invited to come to this office and one of the ten girls registered as official campus guides will be assigned to assist the visitor.

When a large group is to be taken around the campus—such as a high school senior class—it is advisable to write in advance so that proper arrangements can be made and delay avoided after the group reaches the campus.

In recent years more and more school officials and civic leaders over the state have adopted the idea of bringing their high school seniors to Norman during the spring so they can look over the University and perhaps decide whether they want to attend O. U. the next fall.

The young people enjoy looking into the laboratories, the classrooms, museums, and headquarters for many interesting campus activities. A comprehensive itinerary has been prepared so that a visiting group can cover the most interesting points of the campus in a minimum of time.

Some idea of the extent of things to be seen on the campus can be gained from just a list of the various buildings included in the itinerary: Fine Arts, Chemistry, Old Science Hall, Administration,

Education, Law, Art, Geology, Engineering, Press, Union, Zoological Laboratory, Liberal Arts, Business Administration, Fieldhouse, Stadium, Armory, Biological, Library, Women's Building, Infirmary, Pharmacy, Women's Dormitory, and Polo and Riding Stables.

Special items of interest at each building are listed in the official itinerary. Visitors are given the option of making the entire tour, or visiting only places of special interest to them.

The guide service is under general direction of Helen Anderson, president of W. S. G. A. The co-eds who serve as guides are Catherine Barefoot, Constance Volz, Eleanor Obert, Martha Gossett, Mary Belle Spencer, Margaret Nichols, Lurline Kraft, Floriene Dietrich, Betty Klinglemith and Aimee Armstrong.

Even University alumni who spent four or five years on the campus are likely to need a guide if they have been away from Norman as long as five or ten years. Because of addition of new buildings and because every available room on the campus is needed to take care of the record enrolment of nearly 6,300, frequent shifts in departments and schools have been necessary. A zoology graduate, for example, coming back to view the scene of his laboratory research work would probably end up in the University Press offices. A speech department graduate would have to explore around the Union building before locating his former instructors.