



Campus Review

BY the end of the first week of classwork this Fall, University enrolment had reached the all-time record level of 6,810, creating a heavy teaching load on the faculty and causing many class sections to be seriously overcrowded.

This enrolment figure includes only resident students—those enrolled for regularly scheduled class or laboratory work on the campus at Norman or on the campus of the medical center in Oklahoma City, and does not include short courses, extension classes or correspondence study.

Enrolment figures showed: arts and sciences, 2,064; engineering, 1,582; business administration, 1,060; fine arts, 502; education, 444; graduate, 349; law, 313; medicine, 230; pharmacy, 110; nursing, 107; general freshmen, 49.

Aviation training authorized

The University of Oklahoma has been named as one of the eight schools in Oklahoma for civilian pilot training scheduled to start October 1 under federal government auspices.

Charles Paxton, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and experienced aviator, was selected to direct the work. In 1935-36 he was flight instructor and engineering officer at the U. S. naval base at Oakland, California, and in 1936-37 he was flight instructor and ground school instructor at the U. S. air station at Pensacola, Florida.

The University has one 450-horse power Curtiss D-12 engine and one Wright whirlwind engine for instructional purposes, according to W. H. Carson of the College of Engineering. A second Curtiss motor will be used as a power unit in the wind tunnel.

No immediate budget cuts

Decision on possible reductions in the University budget from the amount appropriated by the Legislature for the present school year was delayed for about sixty days at a meeting of Governor Leon C. Phillips' special budget committee September 12 at Oklahoma City.

The committee, representing various institutions and state departments, was appointed to study possible economies in

state expenditures. Eugene P. Ledbetter, '14law, president of the University Board of Regents and chairman of the general budget committee, reported to the governor that the O. U. board was ready to co-operate if the governor would say how much had to be cut.

Governor Phillips expressed appreciation for the offer to co-operate, but after a two-hour discussion of possible savings in the state budget said he believed action should be deferred for at least sixty days in order to get a more definite picture of the state's financial outlook for the fiscal year.

Increases in the price of oil and wheat are expected to ease the budget crisis to some extent.

Fewer fraternity pledges

Fraternity and sorority rush this fall closed with a total of 435 rushees pledged to the various Greek letter chapters. The number of sorority rushees was approximately the same as last year, but fraternity rush parties were attended by only 271 men this year, compared with 386 last year.

Of the 234 women rushees, 198 were pledged, and all those who did not pledge

received at least one bid each. A number of sororities were unable to pledge girls they wanted as members, because of the 60-member limit set by the Panhellenic.

Lecture series

Schedule for the University's public lecture series for the 1939-40 school year was announced in September. The first number, the annual convocation address by President W. B. Bizzell, had to be canceled because of Dr. Bizzell's temporary illness.

The lecture series is a special service of the University, designed to permit residents of Oklahoma to hear outstanding faculty members discuss subjects of general interest on which they rank as authorities.

W. S. Campbell, professor of English, author, and director of the University's courses in creative writing, will give the second lecture. He will speak on "Epic Aspects of the Old Southwest" at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, October 11.

Mr. Campbell, who writes under the name Stanley Vestal, is author of eleven books and scores of magazine stories and articles. He ranks as an authority on the Plains Indians and history of the Southwest. His most recent book is "The Old Santa Fe Trail." His book, "Professional Writing," published by the Macmillan Company, has been widely praised as an outstanding book in this field.

The next lecture will be given by Dr. Oliver E. Benson, assistant professor of government, who is widely known as a commentator on world politics. He will speak on "The Revival of Violence" Wednesday night, November 8.

Dr. Benson is well known to WNAD radio audiences as a foreign news commentator, and member of the WNAD roundtable forum on public affairs. During the last year he has written a column, "World Politics," that has been published regularly by numerous Oklahoma newspapers.

A public lecture on "The Source of Drugs" will be given by Dr. Loyd E. Harris, professor of chemistry, on Wednesday night, December 6. Dr. Harris is a specialist in the field of pharmaceutical chemistry. He has served as national secretary of Rho Chi, national pharmacy fraternity, and is a member of the revision committee of the United States Pharmacopoeia. He has written articles for the *Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association* and other publications.

"The Newspaper and the Historian" is the lecture subject to be used by Fayette Copeland, associate professor of journalism, in a public address scheduled Wednesday, February 7, 1940. Mr. Copeland has had varied experience, including service in the air corps as a second lieutenant, newspaper work in Oklahoma, New Mexico and California, and on

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- Oct. 2—Celebrity Series, Jan Garber and his orchestra, 7:45 p. m., Fieldhouse.
- Oct. 11—Public lecture, "Epic Aspects of the Old Southwest" by W. S. Campbell, 8:00 p. m., Engineering Auditorium.
- Oct. 21—Sooner-Kansas football game at Norman (Dad's Day).
- Oct. 27, 28—Playhouse production, "Our Town."
- Oct. 28—Sooner-Oklahoma A. and M. football game (Band Day).
- Nov. 3—Annual Pre-Homecoming Dinner-Dance sponsored by Oklahoma City Alumni, 6:30 p. m.
- Nov. 4—Homecoming Parade, sponsored by Scabbard and Blade, 9:00 a. m.; meeting of Alumni Executive Board, Union Building, 11:00 a. m.; Sooner-Iowa State football game, 2:30 p. m.; annual reception honoring visiting alumni and friends, main floor of Union Building, 5:30 p. m.
- Nov. 8—Public lecture, "The Revival of Violence" by Dr. Oliver E. Benson, 8:00 p. m., Engineering Auditorium.



W. S. Campbell



Fayette Copeland



Oliver E. Benson

The five University faculty members shown here will appear in the Public Lecture Series of the new school year. Each is a recognized authority in the special field from which his subject has been chosen for this series. The lectures are non-technical, are intended for the general public, and O. U. alumni are especially invited to attend



Loyd E. Harris



A. I. Ortenburger

the University staff as publicity director.

Dr. A. I. Ortenburger, professor of zoology, will speak on "Our Lakes as Fish Pastures" Wednesday night, March 6. Dr. Ortenburger is author of many published articles and a book, "Whip Snakes and Racers." He belongs to numerous scientific societies and is national secretary of Phi Sigma.

There is no admission charge to the public series, and University alumni and former students, and their friends, are invited to attend.

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Employment situation serious

The student employment situation was described as the worst in the history of the University by J. Fredrick Miller, gen-

eral secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Andy Crosby, secretary of the University's NYA office.

The NYA has a budget of \$77,085.00, which provides employment for approximately seven hundred students—an increase of about one hundred over last year's quota.

However, the University has no supplementary fund for student employment such as it had last year, and this has eliminated approximately two hundred part-time jobs on the regular University staff.

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Football highway improved

Work of improving the Oklahoma City approach of Highway 74, the "foot-

ball highway" between Oklahoma City and Norman, was expected to be completed before opening of the Sooner football season.

The city, county and state co-operated in grading and widening the strip of dirt road on Western avenue from Southwest Twenty-ninth Street to Southwest Thirty-Sixth street, a connecting link that has been rough and dusty for years.

The project includes asphalt paving, although it was not expected that the paving could be done before the beginning of the football season.

Increased use of Highway 74 by football fans has relieved some of the pressure of automobile traffic on Highway 77 on football Saturdays.