

The Campus Review



The annual Men's Picnic, attracting many out-of-town visitors, is becoming a popular feature of the Summer Session.

THREE hundred and thirty degrees were conferred at summer convocation August 1, culminating an unusually successful summer session of the University.

The commencement address was delivered by Luther Harrison, editorial writer for the *Daily Oklahoman*, Oklahoma City, who told the class that defeatists who tell modern youth that opportunity is dead "are cum laude graduates of the University of Ananias."

Mr. Harrison sprinkled his address liberally with wit based on current news of the summer. The audience laughed when he remarked, "You graduates in education who have misgivings, forget them—even before tomorrow you might be elected president of a state college."

Diplomas were presented by Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University.

Enrolment for the summer session totaled 2,556, a substantial increase over the preceding year. About one half of the summer students were in the Graduate School.

An August session offering candidates for Ph. D. degrees an opportunity to do advanced work in various fields attracted an enrolment of 161.

Boys' State

A group of 166 boys sponsored by 25

organizations and representing 69 cities spent a week on the University campus in August in an interesting experiment called the Boys' State.

It was the first project of its kind in Oklahoma, although the movement originated in Illinois in 1935. The movement is sponsored by the American Legion, and the program conducted at O. U. was set up by a state Legion committee consisting of Raymond Fields, commander, Milt Phillips, department adjutant, and Kenneth Groshong, department Americanism chairman.

The program was designed to give the boys training in the theory of good citizenship and also to give them an opportunity to "learn by doing," through the practice of governmental functions.

As the boys enrolled, they were assigned to city and county units, and each was assigned to one of two political parties. All branches of the government were formulated and the citizens of Boys' State participated in the organization of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the state, county and city governments.

The boys were housed in Robertson and Hester Halls, and meals were served there.

A group of adult counselors, made up of various professional leaders in the state and including many University alumni,

formed an administrative staff to assist the boys in solving their problems. Numerous city, county and state office holders were invited in to speak to various assemblies.

Trip to New York

Buena Huskey, freshman student in the University last year, won a free trip to New York in July to take part in the CBS chain broadcast program, "We the People." Miss Huskey received the invitation because of the national publicity she received for organization of a "Co-Ed Protective League" designed to insure co-eds against being stood up by their dates.

She spent one day at the World's Fair in New York and spent a brief period in Washington, D. C.

Popular hostess retires

Mrs. W. L. Perkins, Sigma Chi fraternity hostess who has lived in Norman for the last twelve years, has retired and gone to Kansas City, Missouri, to make her home with a son there.

Gift to law school

Through the courtesy of Elmer Thomas, United States senator from Oklahoma, the library of the Law School is to receive current copies, and back issues, of the

Federal Register, the publication that prints all the rules and orders having the force of law that are issued by the administrative agencies of the federal government.

Basketball trip

Alumni living in the East will get a chance to see the Sooner basketball team in action next season. Arrangements have been made for the O. U. cage squad to play Temple University at Philadelphia on Christmas night, and meet Fordham University in Madison Square Garden, New York City, December 28.

Last year, Coach Bruce Drake's basketball team won a co-championship of the Big Six, won the N. C. A. A. district title and went to the finals of the western regional playoffs before being eliminated by Oregon which went on to win the national championship.

Visual education studied

Many of the three hundred enrollees of the Visual Education Conference, held on the campus in July, expressed enthusiasm for the practical ideas and experiences recounted during the meeting. Experts emphasized that use of visual aids in education is now more a problem of ingenuity and imagination than one of expense, and the conference aroused a great deal of new interest in this field of education.

Materials other than expensive motion pictures were described. For instance, as Sam B. Zisman, author of "Visualizing the Curriculum," said, "The resources of every locality present a laboratory and course material for the educational program for all age levels."

Examples were given in concrete form. A complete children's museum was set up over night in the conference room, with materials assembled from twenty-six Oklahoma children's museums. The museums from which this material was selected are operated by Oklahoma com-

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Sept. 12—Freshman period begins.
 Sept. 14—Consultation of students with advisers.
 Sept. 15, 16—Registration of upperclassmen.
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 Sept. 18—Classwork begins.
 Sept. 19—President's annual address, 10:10 a. m.
 Sept. 30—Sooner-S. M. U. football game at Norman.

munity organizations with the assistance of the State-Wide Museum Service, a WPA project. Actually working in this temporary museum were children from the museums at Carnegie, Collinsville and Norman.

Another interesting type of program was explained by County Superintendents Jim Ragland of Hughes County, and B. D. Gambel of Blaine County. These two men have initiated the showing of educational motion pictures to classes of the rural schools in their respective counties. The films used are obtained from the Visual Education Department of the University, and are selected to fit into the regular courses of those classes. Other county superintendents who are working on similar programs are Neva Wilson of Alfalfa County, Ray Stegall of Pontotoc County, Clarence Scott of Comanche County with several others planning to get started this year.

Writing course popular

Each year the summer short course in professional writing gains in prestige and quality of the programs. Approximately five hundred persons registered for the sessions held in late June this year.

Headliners in various parts of the program included Dorothy Thomas, short story writer from Santa Fe, New Mexico; Elmer Peterson, Oklahoma City editorial writer and former editor of *Better Homes*

and *Gardens*; John H. McGinnis, Dallas, Southern Methodist University, editor of the *Southwest Review* and literary editor of the *Dallas News*; Arthur L. Coleman, of Dallas, associate editor of *Holland's* magazine; Mrs. Lexie Dean Robertson, poet laureate of Texas; Foster Harris, of Norman, author of more than a thousand published short stories; and such Oklahoma novelists as Dora Aydelotte and John Oskison.

W. S. Campbell, director of the English department's professional writing courses in the regular curriculum, headed the short course.

Places in contest

Paul Jeffries, freshman student from Woodward, tied for seventh place in the national Beaux Arts architectural competition held during the summer in New York City. Jeffries was the only contestant from west of the Mississippi river to reach the national finals.

New work offered

A demand for advanced work in bacteriology will be met by the University this Fall when the botany department becomes the department of botany and bacteriology. Dr. G. L. Cross, head of the department, is former state bacteriologist of South Dakota. He and Dr. H. L. Chance, associate professor of botany, will teach the new courses.

Bacteriology will be offered as a minor this Fall, but it is expected that within a few years students may select it as a major.

Film completed

A colored moving picture entitled "Prehistoric Oklahoma" has been produced by the anthropology department with the assistance of the Works Progress Administration. The picture shows some of the findings from the department's field projects in LeFlore, Muskogee and Delaware

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Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, J. L. Rader, librarian, and Savoie Lottinville, director of the University Press, visit a display in the Book Fair held in the Union Ballroom during the Summer Session. Right, a highly decorative group of students taking instruction at the annual Drum Majors' Short Course

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counties—valuable relics of early day Indian culture. The picture, filmed by Dr. Forrest E. Clements, associate professor of anthropology, will be available soon for civic groups over the state.

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Fellowships awarded

Eleven fellowships and scholarships for study and research in the University during the new school year have been awarded as follows:

Harry Nunn, '39, Norman, government, \$300.

Sigmund Sameth, 1936 graduate of Columbia University anthropology, \$300.

Francis Carriker, '39, Norman, history, \$300.

Newton Ward, '37ms, Moscow, Kansas, physics, \$300.

Earl H. Greenlee, '39, Norman, economics, \$300.

Paul Smith, '38, Guthrie, botany, \$300.

Kent Ruth, '39, Geary, modern languages, \$300.

Laura Baum, 1939 graduate of State Teachers College, Peru, Nebraska, \$200.

Mary Springer Hopps, '39, Lawton, social work, \$200.

John Felix Tannheimer, Easton, Missouri, zoology, \$200.

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Reading short course

An unexpectedly large registration of nine hundred persons greeted the directors of the University's conference on reading conducted during the summer session. After the first day, the programs were moved from the Engineering Auditorium to the University Auditorium in order to accommodate the crowd.

Experts in various lines spoke at the conference on methods of improving the teaching of reading, and ways to help poor readers.

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Red Red Rose initiation

Sixty-nine neophytes were initiated into the mysteries of Red Red Rose, organization for school men, at a dinner held July 14 in the Union. C. E. Fair, postmaster at Sulphur, and A. E. Riling, supervisor of teacher training for the State Department of Education, both charter members of the order, were present for the dinner.

M. A. Nash, '19, '27ma, president of Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, presided at the meeting as grand high mokus.

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Speaker from England

Muriel Lester, peace worker and social welfare leader in England, will be brought to the University campus by the Y. M. C. A. for an address October 20. She is widely known as a co-worker with Mahatma Gandhi in India.

Graduate house for women

Following a precedent established by male graduate students two years ago, women students in the Graduate School will have a residential group organization this Autumn for the first time.

Dr. Homer L. Dodge, dean of the school, and Margaret B. Stephenson, counselor of women, have both approved the plan and a house at 846 College has been selected for use of the group.

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Massed band concert

The University outdoor auditorium was completely "filled" and hundreds of persons stood around the edges of the amphitheater to see and hear the seventh annual massed band concert held the night of July 14. Approximately seven hundred high school band musicians invaded the University campus for the day. They rehearsed in the morning and afternoon, and had a huge picnic supper served by the Norman Chamber of Commerce in the evening.

Graduation ceremonies for 114 persons who took the summer term short course for drum majors were conducted during the concert.

A special feature was an act by a quartet of baton twirlers who used lighted batons with the lights of the auditorium turned off.

Hugo Goetz, '33fa, '38m, director of Tulsa school bands, was director of the two weeks short course for drum majors.

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Celebrity series

Such popular attractions as Herbie Kay and his orchestra, Cornelia Otis Skinner and Alec Templeton have been booked for the modernized Celebrity Series to be presented at the University this school year.

Don Leshner, business manager, has promised a thoroughly streamlined program in order to attempt to create more campus interest in the series. Tentative plans are to present the numbers in the Fieldhouse, where more than five thousand persons can be seated.

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Union busy spot

More than 60,000 individuals used the facilities of the Union Building for meetings, luncheons and dinners during the last school year, according to a report compiled by Homer Heck, '35ex, assistant manager.

Ninety-six student organizations held 1,006 meetings in the building.

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Because of the reduction in the maintenance budget for the new biennium, the University has removed the free hall telephones in fifteen buildings on the campus and replaced them with pay telephones.

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