



# Campus Review

By Nancy Royal



**R**EDUCTION of the "Union fee" from \$5.50 to \$4 per semester was voted by the University Board of Regents last month following a conference with Governor Leon C. Phillips, '16 law, in which the governor strongly urged a reduction.

Although called a "Union fee," the income has been used almost entirely for retirement of the capital indebtedness against the Union and the Stadium. The two projects were financed by a joint bond issue, and because many Stadium-Union pledges were defaulted after 1929 and athletic income was much less than anticipated, the bond payments have had to be met by income from student fees.

The Board of Regents issued a statement as follows:

"The board finds that with said reduction there will be a considerable deficit on the basis of present revenues in meeting bond maturities and interest and operating expenses, which it is hoped will be met by an increase in enrolment.

"The board declares it to be its policy that said fees will be further reduced just as soon as the revenues of the Union will permit."

Union officials said that rate of payment on the Stadium-Union indebtedness would have to be reduced, and that the non-profit services offered by the Union for students would have to be curtailed.

## Benes to speak

Headlining the summer program at the University will be the appearance of Dr. Eduard Benes, former president of the tragic little European country, Czechoslovakia, which was joined to Germany by Hitler last Fall without benefit of clergy, so to speak.

The statesman is scheduled to speak June 14 as a feature of the second annual Institute of International Relations to be held June 12 to 23. Dr. Benes will describe situations leading up to the critical hour when his country was seized by Hitler.

Other headliners will be included on the staff of the institute—foreign correspondents, good will ambassadors, foreign leaders in government, religion and sociology, and well known authors—who will all help inform Oklahoma audiences as to the state of world affairs.

Since coming to the United States, Dr. Benes has joined the faculty of the University of Chicago.

## Follies to be revived

What old grads of the gay '20s regard as the "good old days" of lively student activities will stage a comeback May 13 with the revival of the Soonerland Follies, a student revue that will be presented for the first time in six years.

The show was abandoned at request of University authorities who considered certain phases of the final few performances to be in questionable taste. Since then, students frequently have petitioned for a removal of the ban but official thumbs continued to point down.

This year, however, two enterprising drama students—Claude Traverse of Norman and Charles Suggs of Ardmore—succeeded in getting the University Playhouse to assume sponsorship of a proposed "Sooner Follies" show as one of the organization's productions, and the administration accepted this as sufficient guarantee of respectability.

Traverse and Suggs plan a revue depicting college life in rhyme, song and dance in ten breezy skits. One of the promotion angles is—yes, you guessed it—a contest to select the most beautiful girl on the campus, her identity to be revealed the night of May 13.

## Film visitors

Movie-struck students received a double treat in March when the boy singing star, Bobby Breen, visited the University one afternoon, and was followed a week later by Jeanette MacDonald, red-haired movie queen who came to Norman for a Celebrity Series appearance.

A large crowd in the University auditorium was entranced by the beauty of Miss MacDonald whose concert March 21 was easily one of the most popular in the series. She gave a concert of classical numbers followed by several encores demanded by the vigorously applauding audience.

Eleven-year-old Bobby Breen came to Norman from Oklahoma City, where he was making a personal appearance. His primary interest in Norman was Coach Tom Stidham's spring football lineup, and he spent several hours on the field watching the squad work out.

## Christian mission

One of the most successful and popular cultural events held on the campus in the last few years was the University Christian Mission Week held March 19 to 24, during which outstanding lay and religious leaders came to Norman to conduct a series of programs on religious questions of the day.

E. N. Comfort, dean of the Oklahoma School of Religion, which is separate from the University but offers courses that carry University credit, was chairman of the mission. Several thousand students and townspeople of Norman, and out-of-town visitors, attended the series of meetings.

Dr. D. W. Morehouse, president of Drake University, gave popular talks on religion and astronomy, Dr. Robert Griffin, assistant dean of the chapel at the University of Chicago, predicted downfall of the fraternity system, which he said is too inflexible to fit into present-day democracy. Albert W.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

- May 5-6—Last Playhouse production.
- May 6—Sooner-Arkansas tennis match.
- May 6-7—University Mothers' Day.
- May 7—A Cappella Choir concert.
- May 11—Recital of Orchesis, dance society.
- May 11—Sooner-Oklahoma A. and M. tennis match.
- May 11-12—Sooner-Oklahoma A. and M. baseball games.
- May 12—Home concert of Men's Glee Club.
- May 18—Sooner-O.M.A. polo game.
- May 20—Sooner-O.M.A. polo game.
- May 25—Final examinations begin.
- June 1—Examinations end.
- June 4—Baccalaureate Service; Alumni Reunion for Classes of '14, '19, '24, '29 and '34.
- June 5—Commencement exercises; Phi Beta Kappa breakfast; alumni luncheon; meetings of Alumni Executive Board and Stadium-Union Trustees.
- June 6—Registration for Summer Session.
- June 7—Summer Session classwork begins.

Palmer, president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, said that poverty is a menace to religion because "no one in need of proper food and clothing can possibly be interested in spiritual training."

Dr. Arthur Compton, noted physicist and religious leader, and Dr. Arthur L. Carson, rural director at Cheloo University in China, were other interesting speakers. Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, dean of the chapel at the University of Chicago, spoke in the closing program which many students considered one of the most stimulating and thought-provoking sessions ever held on the campus.

Consensus of mission leaders was that the modern church should center its vast energies on human welfare and happiness, and leave politics, government and other controversial matters to other groups.

### Literary magazine

First issue of a new campus literary magazine has appeared on the campus. Entitled *Flux*, it is written and edited entirely by students, most of them enrolled in the School of Letters.

Thomas Collins, Oklahoma City, is editor of the quarterly, the first issue of which contained 26 pages. The publication is mimeographed, attractively bound with a cover designed by Elmer Capshaw, Norman, art editor.

The campus has been without a literary publication for a number of years — since suspension of *Space*, a literary magazine edited by B. A. Botkin.

### Phi Beta Kappa elects

James J. Hill, '15ma, assistant librarian at the University, was elected as an alumni member of the University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in the annual election of new members.

Mr. Hill graduated from the University of Illinois library school in 1929, with high honors. He has conducted a number of important research projects, including a list of all newspapers ever published in Oklahoma, and preparation of material for *Resources of Southern Libraries*.

Also elected to membership in the top-ranking national scholastic society were six juniors and twenty-nine seniors from the student body.

The six juniors—selected solely on a basis of scholastic records—are: William J. Hanks, Purcell; Tom L. Bryan, Oklahoma City; John Gossett, Chattanooga, Iva Rosalie Long, Norman; Helen L. Harris, Tulsa; and Giovanni R. Lomanitz, Oklahoma City. They are ranked in order of their grade averages.

The seniors elected are: Marian Beck, Miami; A. M. Brixey, Jr., Norman; Lucy E. Burns, Norman; Francis L. Carriker, Norman; Lucia Jane Clark, Tulsa; Elvira Crooks, Bartlesville; Frank Finney, Bartlesville; Raymond Gramlich, Geary; Loretta Groothouse, Purcell; James Henderson, Bartlesville; Elizabeth Kirkbridge, Tulsa; Marilyn Lack, Mountain View; David Linebaugh, Muskogee; Lorraine Miller, Skia-



*Eugene P. Ledbetter, '14law, shown above, is the new president of the University Board of Regents. He is an attorney and lives in Oklahoma City.*

took; Peggy O'Reilly, Oklahoma City; Margaret Tuthill, Oklahoma City; Thomas H. Wilson, Henryetta; Hart Wright, Blackwell; Catherine Armstrong, Ponca City; Rosamond Biles, Wagoner; Evelyn Braden, Nashville, Tennessee; Ada Gayl Burton Harris, Kansas City, Missouri; Louise Gillespie, Okmulgee; Charles Gotwals, Muskogee; Maxine Hoffner, Elgin; Betty Love Jones, Tulsa; Eleanor Osborn, Oklahoma City; Channing Schwartz, Medford; and Harold Spain, Custer City.

The last eleven received degrees in 1938, but became eligible for Phi Beta Kappa only upon completion of the spring semester's work and therefore were not considered in last year's Phi Beta Kappa election.

### Scholarship cups

To Phi Gamma Delta fraternity has been awarded the interfraternity scholarship cup for the first semester of the present school year. The cup was won the previous semester by Beta Theta Pi.

Delta Gamma led sororities in scholarship for the first semester of this year.

The fraternity averages: Phi Gamma Delta, 1.560; Beta Theta Pi, 1.552; Sigma Chi, 1.477; Delta Tau Delta, 1.397; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1.367; Phi Delta Theta, 1.326; Alpha Tau Omega, 1.317; Delta Chi, 1.305; Kappa Sigma, 1.291; Sigma Nu, 1.290; Delta Upsilon, 1.260; Sigma Alpha Mu, 1.225; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1.198; Kappa Alpha, 1.034; Acacia, 1.028; Phi Kappa Psi, 1.019; Phi Beta Delta, 1.005; Pi Kappa Alpha, .890; Alpha Sigma Phi, .813, and Theta Kappa Phi, .727.

The sorority averages: Delta Gamma, 1.7881; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1.7837; Pi Beta Phi, 1.7492; Delta Delta Delta, 1.7452; Kappa Alpha Theta, 1.6727; Gamma Phi Beta, 1.5987; Phi Mu, 1.5925; Chi Omega,

1.5901; Alpha Xi Delta, 1.4602; Alpha Phi, 1.460; Alpha Chi Omega, 1.3552; Sigma Delta Tau, 1.3.

### Distinction for Bizzell

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, has been selected by the editors of the *American Encyclopedia*, to write the articles on higher education for their forthcoming edition. Dr. Bizzell last year was president of the National Association of State Universities.

### Covering the campus

Charles Roberts, junior student in the College of Business Administration, from Pawnee, has been elected editor of the 1940 *Sooner Yearbook* . . . A net profit of \$265.49 was realized from the Scholarship Prom held in March. The money will be used to help needy students in the form of small scholarships . . . Robert Henson, Shawnee, won the annual poetry contest conducted by Chi Delta Phi, national honorary literary fraternity.

. . . Don Loewen, Clinton, won first prize at the annual El Modjii ball for having the most original costume, and was awarded a gold key for his striking Aztec dress . . . Ten of 110 applications for admission to army air training at Randolph Field were accepted when examinations were given at the University last month.

. . . Herman Ziemer, University band manager, is planning an all-girl band on the campus, through which horn-toting co-eds may get a break they've been needing for some time. A survey showed the number of girls in high school bands is increasing enormously, and the gals need an outlet for their training when they reach O. U. . . . Camera fans, news photographers and lens artists of all kinds came in large numbers to the annual three-day short course sponsored by the School of Journalism in mid-April . . . Also conducted in April was a Machinists' Short Course sponsored by the College of Engineering.

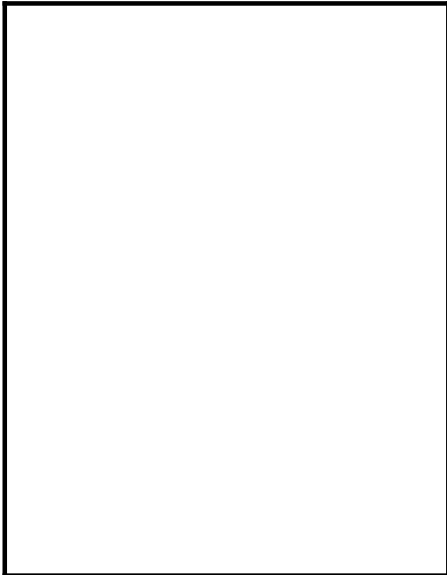
. . . The Union Building added a new service for students last month when a postal substation for outgoing mail was established at the news stand on the ground floor. The substation offers all regular services for outgoing mail, but no box rentals or general delivery for incoming mail. These latter services are available at the University Boulevard substation of the Norman Postoffice . . . The usual large crowd assembled in the University Auditorium in April to hear the annual concert of the University Band. Wilda Griffin of the voice faculty sang a solo and was joined by Gordon Berger, glee club director, for a duet that pleased the audience. The red-coated band gave the usual versatile performance of numbers ranging from a lively march to classical symphony music. Singing of *Oklahoma Chant*, written by Jessie Clarkson Gilkey, '27fa, now of Chickasha, by the entire band was a number popular with the audience.

. . . A supplemental appropriation of \$10,000 voted by the Legislature last month

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—we sent him a receipt for \$3.00 as a renewed annual member!

HELEN HADLEY, '38, of New York City (assigned to Oklahoma City on special Federal Court reporting work) in to visit with us—and whata girl that Helen! IRENE SHAUL, '33fa, in to tell us she is away from her position in Idabel next year to do graduate work, and for us to send a Sooner to take her place! We will and we did!

JOHN F. WILKINSON, '23, of St. Louis, pausing long enough to tell us, "You know, some of the 'mad men' of Europe are makin' it tough on bond sales!" BILL CRAM, '30, formerly attorney at law, St. Louis, now of Hartford, Connecticut, dropping us a note to tell us of the fine Sooner alumni organization in ole St. Louis!

CHARLES B. MEMMINGER, '14, '35law, growing suddenly ill while on special alumni work and being "administered to and for" by DR. BEN COOLEY, '21med, of Norman. HICKS EPTON, '32law, of Wewoka, breezin' in to tell us about his new daughter. E. H. SKINNER, '23, of Kansas City, votin' like any good Sooner.

JOSEPH BENTONELLI (JOE BENTON, '20, '21fa), telling us he will try to skip special contracts and be with us June 4 to help with the alumni program.

SENATOR JOSH LEE, '17, REPRESENTATIVES MIKE MONRONEY, '24, WILBURN CARTWRIGHT, '20law, WILL ROGERS, '30 ms, and JED JOHNSON, '15ex, giving us one of those long distance pannings because we must have class reunions on Sunday, June 4—before Congress adjourns, etc., etc.,!! Still—some of those boys were instrumental in sending CLARENCE MUSSER, '34, to Atlanta, Georgia, last week in a fine Federal position—so all's well!

JULIAN ROTHBAUM, '36, '38law, adding a rose where there had been only *thorns* by telling us he is happy in his work in Oklahoma City—and that is some reward.

NORMAN BRILLHART, '17, Madill, JUDGE HARRY L. S. HALLEY, '15, '17law, Tulsa; COLEMAN HAYES, '24, '26law, Oklahoma City; CHARLES B. MEMMINGER, '14, '35law, Atoka; HICKS EPTON, '32law, Wewoka; State Representative OWEN TOWNSEND, '39, and BILL SELVIDGE, '38, along with C. O. HUNT, '38; W. W. HEFFNER, '33, Chickasha; B. S. "CHEBIE" GRAHAM, '24ex, Oklahoma City; RAYMOND TOLBERT, '12, '13law, Oklahoma City; LEE B. THOMPSON, '25, '27law, Oklahoma City; ELMER FRAKER, '20, '38ma, Chickasha; TOM CAREY, '08, Oklahoma City; CHARLES W. HAXEL, '28ex, Ponca City; CY ELLINGER, '26, Purcell; and JIM ROBINSON, '32, '32law, Tahlequah, all on L. D. with the office in less than two hours this April 14 leads us to believe—"business is good."

Yes, business is good—so good in fact we will (providing five hours of sleep will do the trick) drive early in the morning to Oklahoma A. and M. College for all day and evening work with 26 other Sooner grads in from the four corners of the ole Sooner Commonwealth—so we'll be off to Ride the Sooner Range!

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### In South America

Frank and Morgan Bell, both '38 engineering graduates, are now employed by the Engineers Limited in Barranquilla, Colombia, South America.

The two men, both of Salina, Kansas, arrived in South America in December, and are now preparing for the time they will spend up the river, where the South American Gulf Oil Company is laying 260 miles of pipe to bring the oil from the Barco concession, said to be the most important oil area outside the United States.

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made it possible for several hundred students to stay on the University payroll the remainder of the present semester. Working as student assistants, they received from \$10 to \$15 a month . . . George Charon, Wewoka, is winner of the annual Spanish contest.

. . . Margaret Davis, Norman, has been elected president of the Associated Women Students, formerly the Women's Self Governing Association . . . Robert Stone, Tulsa, heads the Y.M.C.A. for the next year . . . The University Celebrity Series faced a deficit at the end of the year's schedule, and University officials said that financial difficulties threaten to force the abandonment of the series.

. . . Paul Cummings, Enid, won first place in public discussion in the national tournament of Delta Sigma Rho at Madison, Wisconsin. Ed Edmondson, Muskogee, won first place in men's oratory . . . Two seniors from each high school entering the annual Interscholastic Meet were entertained by the Men's Council of the University April 28.

. . . W. N. Elledge, pioneer Oklahoman who was instrumental in selection of Norman as the site of the University, died in late March at Houston, Texas. He was 83 years old. Mr. Elledge was a merchant in Norman in early days.

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### Lewis family sets record

W. C. Lewis, '18ex, Mrs. Lewis, and their son, W. C. Lewis, Jr., '35law, are believed to be the first family ever to have all of its members admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Lewis appeared before the court last month at Washington, D. C., and requested that Mrs. Lewis and their son be admitted to practice in the highest tribunal. He had been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court in 1923.