

# Campus Review

**S**TUDENTS come to the University from every county of the state, according to Registrar Wadsack's analysis of geographical distribution of students enrolled for the school year 1939-40.

Forty of the seventy-seven counties in the state sent more than fifty students each. Only six counties sent less than ten students, and no county sent less than seven.

Counties sending more than two hundred each are:

Oklahoma	1,842
Cleveland	1,169
Tulsa	424
Grady	223
Carter	207
Pottawatomie	205

The figure for Cleveland County is somewhat misleading as a great many families move to Norman temporarily while their children are in school, and the children list Norman as their place of residence while as a matter of fact their permanent homes are elsewhere.

The accompanying map shows the distribution by all counties for the last school year, including the summer and two winter terms.

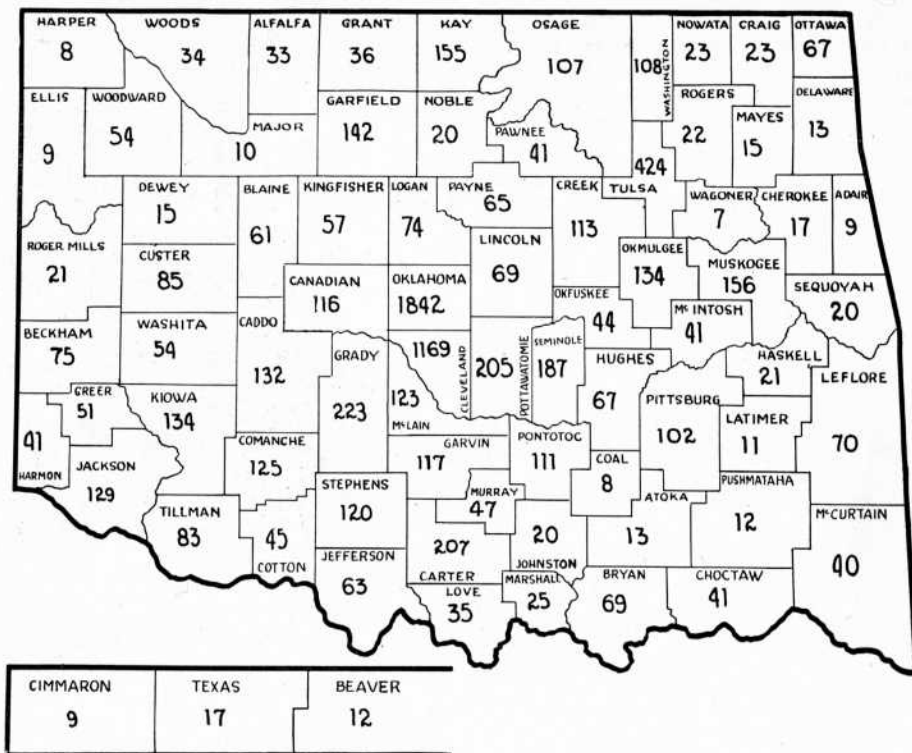
National prestige of the University is indicated by enrolment of students from forty states, the Canal Zone, District of Columbia, Alaska and Hawaii. International reputation in various fields, principally petroleum engineering, is reflected by enrolment of students from eight foreign countries—Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, B.W.I., and Venezuela.

Total registration from other states and possessions of the United States was 787 for the school year. Registrar Wadsack cautioned against using this figure to estimate out-of-state enrolment fee income, however, since some of those from out of the state were 21 years old and could establish legal residence in Norman, and some received scholarships or fellowships that involved waiver of the fee.

Total attendance from foreign countries this year reached fifty-one, in spite of the unsettled international situation.

The enrolment report showed that the total number of different resident students registered during the school year was 9,141. This figure does not include short courses, correspondence courses or extension classes.

Addition of the 1,310 students who enrolled in correspondence courses for which college credit is given, and 733 persons



Geographical distribution of the University's resident students this year

who enrolled in the in-service extension classes conducted over the state brings the grand total of persons receiving college credit instruction from the University to 10,131.

Breakdown of the 1939-40 enrolment by schools and colleges is as follows:

Graduate School	1,736
General Freshmen	69
Arts and Sciences	2,402
Business Administration	1,408
Education	730
Engineering	1,715
Fine Arts	634
Law	319
Medicine	237
Nursing	131
Pharmacy	128

Total of these figures runs slightly larger than the total for resident enrolment for the year, for the reason that some students change their major subject from one school to another during the year, and therefore

one student may be counted in two different schools during the year.

It is interesting to note that the enrolment in law, medicine and teaching, three white-collar professions that sometimes are said to be overcrowded, attracted considerably less than twenty per cent of the students. Chief increases in enrolment in recent years have been in engineering and business administration.

## National Award

A fellowship, carrying a stipend of \$650, has been awarded by Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering fraternity, to Preston Nibley, petroleum engineering student, who was chosen outstanding senior in the College of Engineering this year. He is a member of Sigma Xi, national scientific research fraternity, and Sigma Tau, national honorary engineering fraternity.

Mr. Nibley, who will do his graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was one of eight students selected from a list of a hundred applicants representing most of the leading engineering schools of the country. This brings to seventy-four the total number of fellowships granted since the program was inaugurated eleven years ago.

## Student Government

By a vote of five to one, men students last month approved a set of amendments to the constitution of the Men's Council. The total vote was 1,163 to 297.

More effective student government is the object of the measures. Two men's legislative bodies are provided for, one to be composed of representatives of dormitories and other living units; the other will be a cabinet of delegates from schools and

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

- May 16, 17—Aerial Photographic Mapping and Geological Exploration Short Course.
- May 22—Semester examinations begin.
- May 28—Semester examinations end.
- May 30—Memorial Day, a holiday.
- June 2—Baccalaureate services, 11:00 a.m., Fieldhouse; Class Reunions, 2:30 p.m., Union Building; Reunion Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Union Ballroom.
- June 3—Phi Beta Kappa Breakfast for Alumni, 8:00 a.m., Union Ballroom; Meeting of Stadium-Union Trustees, 9:00 a.m., Union Building; Commencement Exercises, 10:00 a.m., Fieldhouse; Annual Senior-Alumni Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Union Ballroom; Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association Executive Board, 2:30 p.m., Union Building.
- June 4—Registration for Summer Session.
- June 5—Classwork begins, 7:10 a. m.

colleges, similar to the present council. While the cabinet will steer the legislative program of the ruling body, provision is made for veto of its actions by a two-thirds vote of the house of representatives.

Backers of the amendments expressed the hope that their adoption may eventually lead to a combined student government for both women and men and fuller participation by each student.

### Fraternity Averages

Phi Delta Theta led campus social fraternities in scholastic averages for the first semester of 1939-40 with a 1.517 rating. In second place was Delta Chi with an average of 1.480. The general average for all fraternities was 1.283.

Official rating of each fraternity was as follows:

Phi Delta Theta .....	1.517
Delta Chi .....	1.480
Phi Gamma Delta .....	1.475
Phi Beta Delta .....	1.470
Beta Theta Pi .....	1.459
Sigma Nu .....	1.414
Sigma Alpha Mu .....	1.365
Sigma Alpha Epsilon .....	1.345
Delta Tau Delta .....	1.328
Pi Kappa Alpha .....	1.281
Kappa Sigma .....	1.271
Sigma Chi .....	1.261
Acacia .....	1.248
Delta Upsilon .....	1.181
Phi Kappa Sigma .....	1.125
Alpha Tau Omega .....	1.056
Kappa Alpha .....	.993
Phi Kappa Psi .....	.826
Theta Kappa Phi .....	.811

### Budget Law Attacked

Although the University is only watching the fight from the sidelines, it has a considerable financial stake in a suit filed last month by State Superintendent A. L. Crable against State Auditor Frank Carter, in the State Supreme Court.

Boyd Gunning, director of visual education, examines O.U.'s newest film library

The suit questions the constitutionality of the law passed by the last Legislature which authorized the governor to reduce quarterly budgets of state institutions and departments. The court was asked to direct the auditor to allow certain claims of the Department of Education up to the full amount of the legislative appropriation.

Orel Busby, '14 law, Ada attorney and former member of the State Supreme Court, filed the suit for the state superintendent.

The suit contends that the Legislature, in authorizing the governor to order reductions up to 25 per cent in budgets of state departments and institutions, made an unconstitutional delegation of power.

Some indication of the importance of this issue to the University may be seen in the fact that the University's salary request for the quarterly period April, May and June was reduced \$89,267 under authority of this law, although the \$89,267 could have been granted the University without going over the Legislative appropriation for the year. The amount actually allowed for the quarter, according to press reports as this magazine went to press, was \$226,185.

### Film Center

The University of Oklahoma has been selected as one of five schools in the United States to serve as distribution centers in a program which will put cuttings from famous Hollywood films to use as teaching agents.

The project will be carried on in this area by the visual education department of the University's Extension Division. The program is sponsored by the Human Relations Commission of the Progressive Education Association in co-operation with the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America.

Under the program, cuttings from Hollywood movies carrying social or educational significance will be circulated on a non-profit basis to schools, churches, parent-teacher associations and similar non-theatrical groups.

Some seventy-five films are now available for distribution and this list will be

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Indian costumes mingled with orthodox clothes at the state convention of college Indian clubs on the O.U. campus. Left to right, George Owl, O. U. student from North Carolina; Ada Joen Schenandoah, Tahlequah; Mildred Schenandoah, Tahlequah; Mildred Snipp, Tahlequah; Nadine Buckner, O.U. Indian queen; Stan Woodall, chief of Sequoyah Club at O.U.; Dixie Lee Talley, Norman; and Amos Goodfox, Stillwater, state chief of the college clubs

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augmented from time to time with new cuttings, Boyd Gunning, head of the visual education department, announced.

Setting up of the program comes as the culmination of several years of planning by leaders in both education and the motion picture industry. Previous to the definite establishment of the program, experiments were conducted to test the effectiveness of the Hollywood films as agents of teaching.

When these experiments proved successful, it was decided to launch the program on a nationwide basis.

Films from which cuttings are now available include *Captains Courageous*, *Alice Adams*, *White Banners*, *Lives of a Bengal Lancer*, *Life of Emile Zola*, *Life of Louis Pasteur*, *Oil for the Lamps of China*, *The Devil Is a Sissy*, *A Family Affair*, *Four Daughters*, *The Good Earth*, *Arrow-smith*, *Big House*, and *Wife, Doctor and Nurse*.

## Funds for Spectrometer

A gift of \$2,400 from the Reynolds-Lee Engineering Service Company, Dallas, Texas, has made it possible for the University department of physics to construct a new spectrometer. This instrument, which breaks light up into its various wave-lengths, is to be used by graduate students for research in chemical physics.

Dr. J. Rud Nielsen, professor of theoretical physics, is in charge of the graduate work. With aid of colleagues, he prepared the design for the new instrument.

Next fall a \$750 fellowship in spectroscopy will be available for the first time. This, also, was established by the Reynolds-Lee company.

## Law Journal Associates

Dr. Maurice H. Merrill, '19, '22law, professor of law, and a staff of thirty law students will aid the Oklahoma Bar Association in the publication of its expanded *Oklahoma State Bar Journal*. As associate editor, Dr. Merrill will have supervision over the student work, consisting of notes and comment upon recent cases and current legal questions.

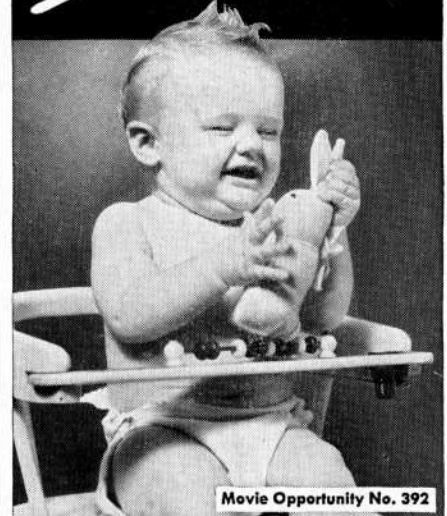
Highest ranking members of the junior and senior law classes receive the writing positions. "Election to the staff," Dean Julien C. Monnet stated, "will be a high student honor and participation in such work will be of great benefit to the members of the staff."

## Covering the Campus

A group of University of Oklahoma students and alumni who pushed through the last legislature a law which they thought would exempt University law graduates from the state bar examination have lost their fight. The State Supreme Court last month handed down a decision approving new rules and regulations covering admission of university graduates to law prac-

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tice and the rules require candidates to take written examinations ... Margaret Ruth Carden, junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, died in an automobile crash near Tulsa last month. Miss Carden, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, was enroute to Tulsa from Seminole where she had attended a house party.

... Probably the most glamorous and imaginative event on the campus is the annual costume ball of El Modjii, honorary allied art society. This year, first award for costume went to Wendell Tomberlin, instructor in art. Second and third places went to Hayden Jordan and Elmer Capshaw, both of Norman ... This is the time of year that student groups begin electing officers for the next school year. The new president of the Y.W.C.A. is Mary McLaury, daughter of two University of Oklahoma alumni—Finley McLaury and Mrs. Neola Jarret McLaury, of Snyder. James Davis, Oklahoma City, has been elected by the Publication Board to edit the 1941 *Sooner Yearbook*, and Charles Nesbitt, Tulsa, will be the new editor of the *Covered Wagon*, student humor magazine.

... Women graduate students attending the summer session this year will be exempted from house restrictions that apply to undergraduates, unless they choose to stay in a house for undergraduate women. Miss Margaret Stephenson, counselor of women, announced the new policy has been adopted because a large proportion of the summer students are women who have been in the teaching profession several years, and University officials believe they should have the privilege of staying where they wish. . . . Ninety-two drawings, sketches, and water colors by students and teachers in the School of Architecture were exhibited in the Oklahoma Art Center in the Municipal Auditorium in Oklahoma City last month. . . .

... Outstanding business men of the state were initiated as honorary members of student groups in the College of Business Administration last month. Frank Phillips, Bartlesville oil man and philanthropist, was made a member of Delta Sigma Pi, international professional commercial fraternity, and was principal speaker at the initiation banquet. Erle P. Halliburton, Duncan, head of the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company, became an honorary member of Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary scholastic business fraternity.

... Well advertised was the first annual costume ball of the University Advertising Club. Guests came attired to represent popular advertised products, an Oklahoma City radio station broadcast a description of the scene direct from the ballroom, and delegates attending the News Photography Short Course were invited to attend (provided they brought six flash bulbs each and used them)... The Independent Women's Association, expanding its program, has opened an office in the Union Building which provides definite head-

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quarters for the first time. A student executive secretary has been appointed.

### Conventions, Short Courses

Almost every day last month, the Union Building was thronged with campus visitors, in Norman for state, regional and national meetings of various kinds.

Many phases of higher education were discussed at the Southwestern Regional Conference of the American Association of University Professors. Displaying the independence of thought that has sometimes made college presidents lukewarm toward the association, delegates spoke frankly on teaching salaries, tenure, educational problems in general.

Dr. Raymond M. Thomas, dean of the College of Commerce at Oklahoma A. and M. College, urged that Oklahoma's institutions of higher education form a united front in seeking adequate legislative appropriations, rather than competing with each other. "If the schools themselves can't decide on their own needs, how in the world do they expect the legislature to figure out these needs for them?" he commented.

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University of Oklahoma, declared that people in general have lost faith in education. "If we could convince the American people that we could solve the nation's problems," he said, "millions of dollars now going to relief would be given to education—and we wouldn't need social security."

A plan for a tuition system in which the state would provide free tuition for young people from families with income of less than \$1,800 annually, in private as well as state schools, was advanced by Dr. R. J. McKnight, professor of finance at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Other speakers criticized the influence "big business" exerts on education, defended married women in the teaching profession, urged solidarity in advancing the interests of the profession as a whole, condemned the "increasing collaboration between government and education," favored closer cooperation between college heads and faculty members.

Most spectacular gathering of the month was the annual News Photography Short Course. Bulb-flashing cameramen—both amateurs and professionals—heard nationally known experts describe the latest techniques and then tried out the advice on University athletic fields, at the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority openhouse, and other points of vantage. Said one speaker, "If you take a two weeks' vacation these days, you find when you come back that your photographic technique is out of date." William Wyatt, *Tulsa Tribune* picture editor, was elected president of the Southwest News Photographers Association. Camera-

men were advised to "be sure you have enough of the right kind of light, in the right place." An Associated Press photographer suggested, "Figure out what your exposure should be—then open up one more stop."

Classen High School of Oklahoma City won the grand championship in the annual debate tournament of the Oklahoma High School Public Speaking League by defeating Sulphur, the Class B division winner. Both teams went to the national high school speech tournament at Terre Haute, Indiana, in late April.

Alpha Epsilon Delta, national honorary pre-medical fraternity, held its national convention at O.U. last month. Delegates from chapters in twenty states attended.

Delegates to the thirtieth annual national meeting of the Association of University and College Business Officers enjoyed a barbecued buffalo dinner in the Union and heard William A. Lydgate, editorial director of the Institute of Public Opinion, declare that polls of public opinion may become a new instrument of democracy. "A steady, consistent knowledge of what the people believe gives voice to a great mass of common folk who would otherwise remain silent," he said. In business sessions, the delegates discussed various college financial problems.

... Specialized problems in the oil industry were studied at a Fluid Metering Short Course and a meeting of the petroleum division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, held on an overlapping schedule. The program included two University alumni, M. D. Creech, of Black, Sivalls and Bryson, Inc., Oklahoma City, and N. B. Chenault, Jr., British-American Oil Producing Company, Oklahoma City.

... More than sixty Indian youths met in Norman for the annual state conference of Indian Clubs of Oklahoma, with O.U.'s Sequoyah Club as host chapter. Guests enjoyed a reception in the Woodruff room of the Union, a tour of the campus, a dinner and dance, a sunrise dance and breakfast and a business session. At the dinner, Dr. M. L. Wardell, assistant to the president of the University, made the principal address. Dr. Claude S. Chambers, of Seminole, member of the Board of Regents, was a special guest. New officers are Thomas Churbbie, Tahlequah, state chief; Scott Tonemah, O.U., keeper of the tomtom; Mildred Schenandah, Tahlequah, sachen; Mildred Emoch, Stillwater, state princess; Joe Paden, Stillwater, medicine man; Louis Griffin, Stillwater, outstanding senior. A side attraction was a conference of Indian artists and writers, with Dr. Wardell presiding.

The Southwestern Gas Measurement Short Course, oldest short course in the University program, was scheduled later in April. The session this year is the sixteenth annual meeting to study gas measurement technique.

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