



# The Campus Review

**U**NIVERSITY enrolment for the second semester of this school year had reached 6,414 by mid-February and was expected to reach a final total of about 6,450 for the semester.

This continues the steady growth of the student body, as the final figure for the second semester a year ago was 6,380.

Enrolment for the second semester is normally less than the first semester because of various factors—some students complete work for degrees at mid-year; some run out of money and do not return; some quit school because of unsatisfactory scholastic records.

Final registration for the first semester of this year was 6,935, or in round figures, seven thousand students. For practical purposes (such as budget estimating) this figure is the most important of the year since a budget must be calculated and classroom facilities provided on a basis of the maximum number of resident students on the campus at any one time during the year.

The "cumulative" figure for the year, including every individual enrolled at any time during the two winter semesters or the summer session, is an interesting figure but not quite so significant from the viewpoint of financial needs.

## Gift made for project

Through a gift of six thousand dollars from Frank Phillips, Bartlesville oil man, continuance of work on University archaeological projects has been assured. This donation, the second Mr. Phillips has made for this purpose, will be used to increase the productivity of old sites and to explore new ones.

In the area of northeastern Oklahoma especially, where the land is to be inundated by the Grand River dam lake, excavations are being rushed.

The program is being carried out with the Works Progress Administration furnishing the labor costs and some materials. The University is supplying special equipment and laboratory facilities, which are not provided for in the regular budget.

Dr. Forrest E. Clements, associate professor of anthropology, is director of the state program.

## Relief load surveyed

A cross-section of the Oklahoma relief

burden and its distribution among the local, state and federal agencies will be surveyed by the University School of Social Work in a project sponsored by the Brookings Institution, Washington, D. C., through a direct grant of \$2,000.

Three counties have been selected for the survey, Oklahoma County for an urban area, and Pushmataha and Custer Counties for agricultural sections. The work will be in charge of William H. McCullough, University instructor in social work. He will be assisted by graduate students in the School of Social Work.

An effort will be made to determine the value of work relief as compared to the value of direct assistance, from both the financial and social welfare points of view, Mr. McCullough explained.

## Faculty salaries

With the University administration meeting its financial problems month by month as they arise, the Board of Regents at its February meeting authorized continuation of the plan of paying faculty members according to the regular scale as long as funds are available.

It was believed that by making stringent economies, it would be possible to pay salaries for February in full and stay with-

in the reduced budget for the first quarter of 1940 as allowed by the governor.

Doubt as to whether salary warrants of any kind would be available March 1 for state employes was ended in late February when the State Supreme Court ruled in a test case that non-payable warrants could be issued by the state up to the amount of legislative appropriations.

The regents approved a proposal from the Athletic Council to spend \$25,000 from athletic department revenues for an indoor track in the east wing of the Stadium, for portable bleachers, and for offices for the coaching staff.

Dr. D. W. Griffin, superintendent of Central State Hospital at Norman, was retired from the School of Medicine faculty, retaining the rank of professor-emeritus of mental disease. Resignation of Dr. J. J. Gable, '15med, former assistant superintendent at Central State Hospital from the medical school staff was accepted, and Dr. C. R. Rayburn, '25med, who succeeded him at the hospital, was appointed to the medical faculty position.

The board approved plans to seek WPA assistance for the construction of the Hal Niemann Memorial on the polo field. The plans call for a stone wall with score indicator.

## Conferences

Visitors from far and near converged on the O.U. campus during the last month for conferences and short courses and conventions of various kinds.

One of the largest was the third annual short course for retail pharmacists and sales personnel. National experts came to Norman to give druggists practical ideas to use in their businesses. Manufacturers cooperated by placing outstanding exhibits in booths around the walls of the Union Ballroom. Druggists went home inspired and instructed.

Nineteenth annual state conclave of De-Molays was held on the campus in mid-February, with Stratton D. Brooks, former president of the University of Oklahoma, as one of the principal speakers. Dr. Brooks is now executive head of the De-Molay organization, with offices in Kansas City.

While in Norman he was guest of honor at a dinner attended by ninety members of the University staff who knew him during his service at O.U. in the years 1911 to 1923. Interviewed by reporters who recalled Dr. Brooks' troubles with various Oklahoma politicians while he was University president, Dr. Brooks declared he still believes it necessary for college administrators to fight back at any efforts of public officials to dominate or control an educational institution, or dictate a faculty appointment.

Another large meeting on the campus was the third annual regional interfraternity council, which brought to Norman representatives of fraternities in eight states

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

- March 6—Public lecture, "Our Lakes as Fish Pastures," Dr. Arthur I. Ortensburger, Engineering Auditorium.
- March 8—Sooner-Kansas basketball game at Norman.
- March 9—State High School One-Act Play Conference, Fine Arts Auditorium.
- March 14—Cantata, "Elijah," Fine Arts Auditorium.
- March 15—Coronation of the engineers' queen, and fireworks display.
- March 16—Annual engineers' banquet to conclude St. Par's celebration.
- March 19—El Modjii festival.
- March 20—Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. Easter pageant.
- March 21—Easter recess begins, 5:00 p.m.
- March 26—Class work resumed, 8:10 a.m.
- March 30—Annual Reunion of Home Economics Alumnae.
- April 2—Third concert, University Symphony Orchestra, Fine Arts Auditorium.
- April 5, 6, 7—State boys' conference, Business Auditorium.
- April 7—Annual spring concert, University Band, Fine Arts Auditorium.

for discussion of college fraternity problems.

### Business research conference

The College of Business Administration was sponsor for a meeting February 13 of Oklahoma business men interested in the development of small industries within the state. The occasion for the meeting was the visit of Dr. Nathanael E. Engle, assistant director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in the United States Department of Commerce.

Dean A. B. Adams of the College of Business Administration outlined the industrial problems before the state, and commented that "new industries must be developed in Oklahoma—based on a thorough investigation of state problems and a sound financial foundation of home ownership." He also summarized the content and purposes of the Sheppard-Robinson Bill, now before Congress, which provides for "co-operative business research between the Department of Commerce and the state universities with reference to the development of small industries."

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, welcomed the out-of-town guests. "The University," Dr. Bizzell said, "is keenly interested in promoting the industrial development of Oklahoma, and profoundly concerned with appropriate ways and means of contributing to the welfare of the entire state."

Dr. Engle discussed the aims of the Department of Commerce in promoting the development of business research. "Great developments have resulted from scientific research," Dr. Engle asserted, "so why not from business research too? While we've crossed our last geographic frontier, opportunities for wealth are just as great as ever. But today they require the painful process of thinking. And hence business research—scientific fact-finding."

E. W. Smartt, member of the State Board of Affairs, spoke for the business men interested in state-wide industrial development. Mr. Smartt outlined the functions and aims of the newly organized Oklahoma Industrial Development Council, and pointed out means by which the University can co-operate with that organization by making available the research facilities of its Business Administration, Engineering and Geological Survey branches.

Dan W. Hogan, president of the City National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, spoke on business conditions in Oklahoma and told the group that "a lack of confidence in the federal government" is responsible for many business difficulties. "We don't know where we're going," he said, "and if we just had the confidence, business would start picking up."

In the afternoon session, devoted to business research technique, Dr. Findley Weaver, director of the University Bureau of Business Research, described its organization, methods, and service aims, and



Dr. Stratton D. Brooks

summarized the increase in research contributions being offered small industries by universities throughout the country.

Dr. Weaver also presided at a forum discussion of "What Business Problems in Oklahoma Should Be Studied." Short talks were given by Frank Hawkins, manager of the Oklahoma Retail Merchants' Association; Al Horton, of Independents, Inc.; T. B. Ross, of the Independent Grocers' Alliance; N. R. Graham, president of the Tulsa Clearing House Association; Marvin Hurley, manager of the Industrial Research Department of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce; and Robert H. Dott, director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

### Race question discussed

A movement to eliminate the unofficial ban against Negroes' residing in Norman gained headway in Norman last month.

Church women attending inter-denominational World Day of Prayer services at the First Presbyterian Church of Norman adopted a resolution seeking to remove the "anti-Christian and undemocratic" attitude of Norman people on this question.

The *Oklahoma Daily*, student newspaper, commented editorially "It is a sad commentary on a university town that, because of historical stereotypes and superstition, a Negro can't live here and attempt to make a living like the other proud Americans who point to Jefferson and snifle about democracy between comments on the black fellow who 'should keep his place'."

### Newspapers aid scholars

American historians in recent years have begun to accept old newspapers as a valuable source for historical research, Fayette Copeland, '19, associate professor of journalism, declared in a University public lecture last month.

Speaking on "The Newspaper and the Historian," he commented that "Old newspapers tell the story of the daily life of a people, simply, directly, without adornment or pretense."

The effort of the newspapers of today to get the "story behind the story" and give readers the background of fact about current events is one of the most significant trends in journalism today, he said.

### Football party

Five hundred Sooner football fans gathered in the Union Ballroom in late January for the annual football appreciation dinner sponsored by the Norman Chamber of Commerce. They enjoyed razz skits directed at members of the coaching staff, a dance revue program, and applauded the presentation of a handsome pair of hand-stitched cowboy boots to Lloyd Noble, '21 ex, Ardmore oil man and member of the University Board of Regents who has quietly done many things to assist the O. U. athletic program.

The gift was presented by Jiggs Walker, former Sooner football man, speaking for the "O" club.

Mr. Noble, in acknowledging the gift, said that boys from the O.U. football squad who have worked for his oil company have given more satisfactory service than new employes from any other source.

He complimented the football squad for the high proportion of boys who finish their work for degrees at the University instead of dropping out of school when their football eligibility is finished.

King G. Price, '25ex, Norman insurance man and former assistant athletic director at the University, presided over the dinner program.

### Blind students helped

The lives of eight university students handicapped by blindness has been brightened by the purchase of a Braille writing machine by the department of modern languages. The students are using the machine in compiling class notes and for taking quizzes.

Credit for the idea to purchase the machine, which is similar to a typewriter except that it has only six keys and a space bar, goes to Dr. Fritz Frauchiger, assistant professor of modern languages, who "thought it was wholly unfair for the blind students to be penalized by not being able to go to the book store and buy their textbooks," as can other students.

If the use of the machine proves successful, it may lead to the eventual establishment of a center for blind students at Norman, Emil R. Kraettli, secretary of the University, said. The University is considering the purchase of additional machines and Braille books for a library for blind students.

The machine is operated in a manner  
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similar to that of the typewriter, but combinations of dots are formed rather than letters of the alphabet. Its operation is slower than that of a typewriter.



### Roosevelt is choice in poll

As far as the students of the University of Oklahoma are concerned, Franklin D. Roosevelt can have a third term in the white house. Mr. Roosevelt was first choice of the students in a poll held by Congress Club, campus literary and forensic society, on the question, "Who do you want for the next president of the United States?"

Tom Dewey ran second in the race, in which 1,633 students cast votes.

Senator Josh Lee was choice of the students for the next vice president.

Of the 1,633 votes cast in the presidential poll, Roosevelt received 675. Dewey was far behind, with 373 votes. Jack Garner was third, with 137 votes.

Lee received 290 of the 769 votes cast in the vice presidential race. William Bankhead was second with 174 votes and Sam Rayburn third with 65.

The vote according to parties was:

President: democrats, 1,104; republican, 506; socialist, 12; communist, 8; and independent, 3.

Vice president: democrat, 628; republican, 114; independent, 32; socialist, 3, and communist, 1.

Following Garner in the presidential poll were Paul V. McNutt, 110 votes; Cordell Hull, 79; Arthur Vandenberg, 71; Robert Taft, 38; Josh Lee, 31; James Farley, 25, and Norman Thomas, 14.



### Safety course prepared

An extensive program of safety instruction has been inaugurated in the elementary schools of Durant by G. T. Stubbs, '39ex, city superintendent, who did work on his doctor's degree last summer at the University. He states that "credit for the course is due to those classroom teachers who served so faithfully under the leadership of the chairman, J. H. Crockett, Jr."

Mr. Crockett, '39ed.m, principal of Robert E. Lee school in Durant, with the teachers in the city's schools, formulated a course of study to be used in the first six grades. Each of the teachers prepared one phase of safety education for a two-hundred-page manual for the course.



Nannie Kate Pace, Oklahoma City student, has been elected honorary colonel of the University R.O.T.C. ... Felix Mendoza, 1937 graduate of the School of Petroleum Engineering, is co-author of a recently published volume entitled "The Petroleum Industry in Colombia," published by the ministry of national economy in the South American country. Mendoza is a petroleum engineer in the exploitation service in Bogota, Colombia.

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