

# Campus Review

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**M**ORE than three hundred high school and junior and senior college debaters attended the first annual University Debate Institute held recently on the campus.

Pros and cons of government ownership of railroads and United States isolation in the current European conflict were analyzed by such speakers as Paul A. Walker, member of the Federal Communications Commission; Josh Lee, junior senator from Oklahoma; Dr. H. L. Ewbank, professor of speech at the University of Wisconsin, and E. C. Buehler, director of forensics at the University of Kansas. Mr. Walker and Senator Lee are both graduates of O.U.

Plans to hold the institute again next year were announced by Dr. Walter B. Emery, associate professor of speech.

## Roundtable on state network

The University of Oklahoma Roundtable, which is in its third year of broadcasting regular programs over WNAD, can now be heard over the Oklahoma Network as well, thanks to the good offices of Kenyon Douglas, director of the network, and the generosity of the member stations. They are: KTOK, 1370 Kilocycles, Oklahoma City; KADA, 1200 Kilocycles, Ada; KBIX, 1500 Kilocycles, Muskogee; KCRC, 1360 Kilocycles, Enid; KG FF, 1420 Kilocycles, Shawnee; and KO ME, 1310 Kilocycles, Tulsa.

The program now goes on at 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday, the time having been changed from the old schedule which was 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

The Roundtable was started in September, 1937, to emulate the splendid example of extempore discussion established by the University of Chicago Roundtable. Chicago has abandoned the spontaneous discussion and taken to scripts and rehearsals, but the Oklahoma Roundtable is still sticking to the extemporaneous technique.

Discussion-type programs are becoming more popular with the listening public all the time, according to Leonard Power, in charge of radio research in the United States Office of Education, who recently called upon WNAD and requested, among other things, a description of the technique used by the University of Oklahoma Roundtable.

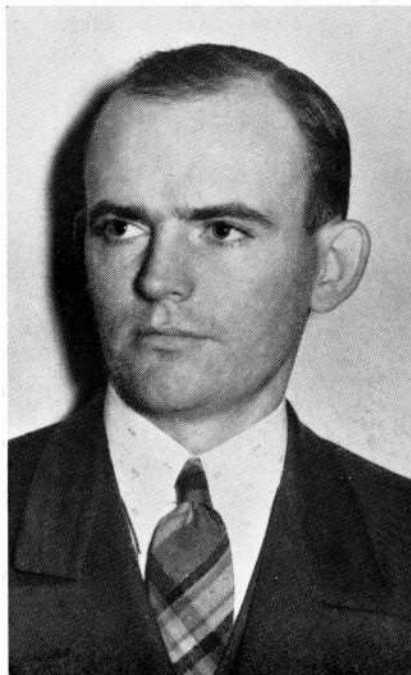
The panel of University professors from which members of the Roundtable are drawn from week to week is gradually being enlarged to provide a wider range of subject matter and a greater variety of viewpoints. Plans include a large number of visiting speakers also. The American Association of University Professors was instrumental in procuring the services of the Oklahoma Network for the broadcasts.

Following is the schedule of the Roundtable for January:

**PROPAGANDA**, January 3—Dr. Howard O. Eaton, professor of philosophy; Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, professor of government; and Dr. Walter B. Emery, associate professor of speech.

**TRADE AGREEMENTS**, January 10—Dr. John H. Leek, professor of government; Dr. Ronald B. Shuman, associate professor of business management; and Dr. Royden J. Dangerfield, professor of government.

**MIGRATORY WORKERS**, January 17—Dr. Willard Z. Park, professor of anthropology and sociology, in charge.



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**TAXATION IN OKLAHOMA**, January 24—Dr. H. Vern Thornton, associate professor of government, in charge.

## Promotion

R. Boyd Gunning, '37, '37law, head of the visual education department of the University Extension Division, last month was promoted by the Board of Regents to the position of assistant director of the division.

Mr. Gunning began work for the Extension Division while still a student, and became head of the visual education work on July 1, 1937.

Under his direction, the visual education department has been expanded rapidly to keep pace with the increased demands from high schools for various types of visual aids to instruction. Mr. Gunning has served as chairman of the visual education section of the Oklahoma Education Association. He is a member of the committee on visual education of the National University Extension Association and has appeared several times on the national convention program. In 1938 he was invited to speak on the program of the national visual education conference in Chicago. The same year he also was selected from the Southwest to attend a two-weeks workshop in safety education at New York University. He is a member of the executive committee of the Oklahoma State Safety Council.

In addition to his general duties as assistant director of the Extension Division, Mr. Gunning will continue as head of the visual education department.

## Five-Star-Final revived

Plans are now being completed for the revival on January 11 of the "Five Star Final," satirical skit on big campus and outside news of the year.

The banquet event, sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, was last held in 1937.

A widely-known speaker will headline the program, it has been announced. Guests will include prominent citizens from over the state.

## Union's business good

Monthly audit of the Union Building's finances for the month ending October 31 showed an improvement of \$3,000 over the same date in 1938. Manager T. M. Beard attributed the improvement to increased sales at the fountain and the news stand (now known as the Mart), and to installation of a better business control system.

## Early regent dies

Leander G. Pitman, of Tecumseh, last surviving member of the University's first board of regents, died last month. A resident of Oklahoma since 1889, he was 86 years old.

Mr. Pitman was appointed a member of the first board of regents by George W.

Steele, governor of Oklahoma Territory, and was elected secretary of the board at the first meeting. He had a leading part in the selection of David R. Boyd, then superintendent of schools at Arkansas City, Kansas, as first president of the University.

Elected to the first territorial legislature in 1890, Mr. Pitman later was a practicing attorney, Pottawatomie county attorney, Pottawatomie county superior court judge, and was founder of the townships of Shawnee, Tecumseh and McLoud.

#### Editor favors tuition fee

To the growing ranks of prominent state citizens declaring for a tuition fee at the University of Oklahoma was added recently the name of Richard Lloyd Jones, editor and owner of the *Tulsa Tribune*.

In a campus interview, Mr. Jones, one of the southwest's most distinguished editors, said he favored a "pretty large" tuition for University students.

The editor, in Norman to address the Faculty Club, suggested \$50 as a reasonable yearly tuition charge.

"With 7,000 students at the University, each paying \$50 a year, that would bring in \$350,000, which would help considerably in alleviating the school's financial difficulties," he said.

Mr. Jones expressed his strong disapproval of any proposition to earmark special funds for the support of the University.

"The legislature is the representative of the people," he asserted. "It's supposed to see what is best for the institutions. If we're going to start earmarking everything, we might as well send the legislature home. And one earmarked fund leads to another."

The newspaper owner added that in his belief Oklahoma is overloaded with educational institutions. He was pessimistic about the chances of entirely correcting this condition, due to the opposition which he said would be raised in state towns in which institutions are located.

One partial remedy, he said, would be to make over some of the state's schools into institutions of industrial vocations.

In his speech before the Faculty Club he admitted that teachers are underpaid, but added, "The teaching profession will get its due when its first obsession is teaching students how to be citizens." He spoke at the club's first formal dinner of the season.

#### Sudden service

The owner of a Parsons, Kansas, railroad station restaurant has a special reason to remember the Oklahoma-Missouri football game.

At 4 o'clock the Saturday morning of the game, a football special from down Oklahoma way pulled into the small sunflower state town. On the special were two hundred hungry fans, who had a 20-minute stopover in which to eat. The restaurant had two waitresses.

With hunger pangs in their stomachs



Part of the speakers' table at the University's Debate Institute. Left to right, Mrs. T. M. Beard, Senator Josh Lee, Mrs. W. B. Bizzell, Federal Communications Commissioner Paul Walker, Dr. Walter B. Emery, Mrs. Josh Lee, University President W. B. Bizzell and Alumni President Hicks Epton

the Sooners marched into the building and crowded around the counter. Only the first ones could get waited on.

Five minutes passed. Then suddenly, unable to wait longer, one fan made a break for the kitchen. Most of the remainder of the two hundred followed closely behind. They proceeded to help themselves and in a few minutes the kitchen was emptied of all food which could be eaten uncooked. Dignified Oklahoma City business and professional men, who a few hours before had been sitting behind polished mahogany desks, joined in, fixed their own sandwiches and poured their own coffee.

One thoughtful fan (probably a chamber of commerce representative), ate his fill, then mounted the center of the counter for a brief address:

"Fellow citizens," shouted he. "Don't give our fair state a bad name by stealing these good people's food. Pay as you leave."

On their way out, the satisfied fans told the dumbfounded waitresses how much they had eaten and paid accordingly.

#### New tradition, maybe

The new Missouri-Oklahoma peace pipe, to be held each year by the winner

of the football game between the two schools, has gone to Missouri, but not without its being in the possession of the Sooners for a few days, due to the excitement of Jack Marks, from Holdenville.

A few days before the game at Columbia, the Mystic Seven, a University of Missouri senior honorary organization, wired Ted Beard, executive secretary of the O. U. Alumni Association, that it would donate a peace pipe to go to the winner of the annual gridiron game between the two schools.

Mr. Beard appointed Marks to represent the University in the ceremonies. At the half, the Missouri representative, believing that Oklahoma would win the game, presented the peace pipe to Marks. The University student, caught in the after-game traffic jam, got away without returning the pipe to the Missouri delegate, whose team won the game. Mr. Beard sent the pipe back to Missouri.

#### Guard duty

Approximately 125 University students, members of National Guard units either in Norman or in their home towns, took seven-day enforced vacations recently to attend special guard maneuvers.

#### Aid for small businesses

A program of research designed to help the little business man will be undertaken by the University's College of Business Administration in co-operation with the federal Department of Commerce.

The University will take part in a nationwide research program for business schools of state colleges and universities.

Oklahoma business men and members of the University faculty will meet soon with Dr. Nathanael H. Engle, assistant director of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, to discuss the program, Dean A. B. Adams of the College of Business Administration announced.

The program is intended to put to use for the small business man research facilities which he cannot by himself afford—facilities which large enterprises provide for themselves.

#### CAMPUS CALENDAR

- Jan. 2—Christmas recess ends. Class work resumed, 8:10 a.m.
- Jan. 11—Children's concert, University Symphony Orchestra, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 18—Semester examinations begin.
- Jan. 20—Sooner-Iowa State basketball game at Norman.
- Jan. 26, 27—Enrolment for new semester.
- Jan. 29—Class work begins, 8:10 a.m.
- Feb. 2—Sooner-Kansas State basketball game at Norman.
- Feb. 2, 3—Orchestra directors' conference.
- Feb. 7—Second concert, University Symphony Orchestra, 8:15 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
- Feb. 7—University public lecture, "The Newspaper and the Historian," by Fayette Copeland, 8:00 p.m., Engineering Auditorium.