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It's back to school this month and Ruth Garnett, arts and sciences junior from Altus, shows the kind of sensible clothes that O. U. co-eds wear to classes.

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## Student Problems at O. U.

EVERY year about this time you can hear a lot of talk about student living costs and student life in general at O. U. Some of the statements are inaccurate; some are quite misleading.

Alumni of the University ought to help keep the record straight in their own communities.

First, about tuition. There is still no tuition charge whatever for students who are actually residents of Oklahoma. There is a \$50 per semester fee for out-of-state students. In all probability there will never be a tuition fee at the University until the State Legislature enacts a measure prescribing a schedule of minimum charges for all state colleges.

Second, about jobs. More than half the students enrolled in the University work part time. That means about three thousand students are looking for jobs every year. Largest single source of jobs is the NYA, which takes applications up until August 15, and then selects approximately six hundred students on a basis of scholarship and

need of financial help. Those selected are assigned to work paying them an average of about \$12 a month. The University itself can employ, under its present budget, only about 180 students, including janitors, student assistants, graduate assistants and teaching fellows. Most of these jobs are held by students who stay in school from four to six years, so that only a small portion of these jobs become vacant in any one year. And when the vacancies occur, the replacements are selected by the heads of the departments—usually from the best qualified and trained students in their own departments.

Well-meaning alumni who hope to assist proteges from their home towns in finding campus jobs generally run into difficulty, no matter how many personal friends they may have on the campus, because the demand for jobs so far exceeds the supply. Certainly it's an unfortunate situation, for many reasons, but that's the way it is. When the jobs have been filled and budgets stretched to the limit, there just isn't any way to employ more students, no matter how deserving they may be.

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