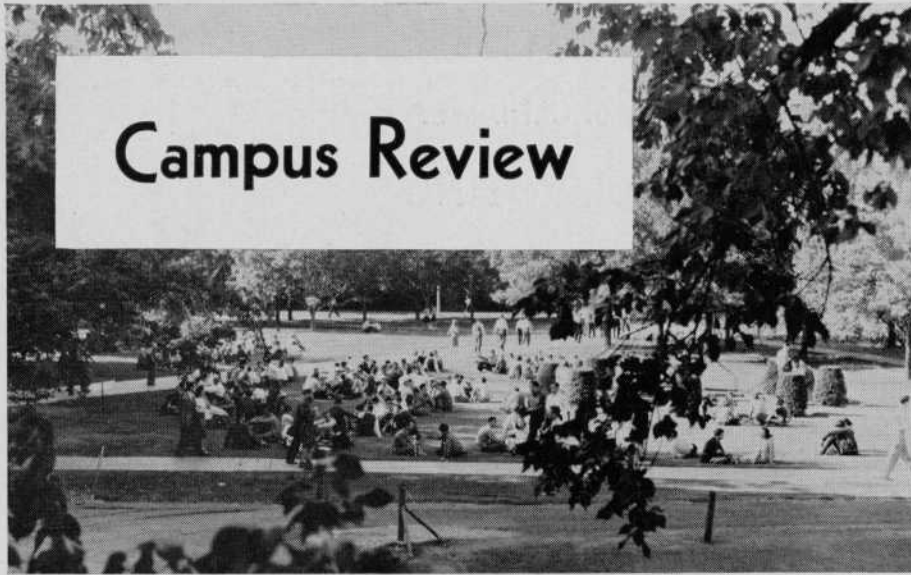


# Campus Review



## Co-ordination

Both houses of the Legislature by mid-April had passed a bill to vitalize the new educational co-ordination amendment to the state constitution, and only House concurrence on minor changes made by the Senate remained before final enactment.

As passed by the Senate, the legislative act contains the following main provisions:

1) Members of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education cannot be connected with any of the constituent institutions of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and of the nine board members, not more than four can be from the same profession or occupation, nor more than three graduates or former students of any one institution. The governor, in making appointments, is required to "give due consideration to the geographical location of the various members of said regents, and in no event shall more than three of the members serving at one time be from the same Congressional district."

2) The regents shall elect from among their number a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary and an assistant secretary. The board is to be given permanent quarters at the State Capitol, and is authorized to appoint "a staff of employes sufficient to maintain the administrative continuity of the system." Cost of maintaining the office and staff is to be assessed against the member institutions, pro rata, on the basis of their respective total student enrollments, such assessments not to exceed 50 cents per student enrolled per annum.

3) The regents are authorized to constitute a co-ordinating board of control for the state institutions of higher education; to prescribe standards of higher education applicable to each institution, and determine the functions and courses of study in each of the institutions; to grant degrees and other forms of academic

recognition, to annually publish requirements for admission or graduation for any or all institutions in the system. The law provides that all standards and requirements of the various institutions shall stand as they now are until changed with the approval or by the order of the regents. It is provided that in the determination of the functions of the institutions, and the approval or disapproval of courses of study prescribed by them, the regents shall afford a full public hearing before ordering a change.

4) The regents are required to recommend, prior to the convening of each legislature, the budget allocations to each of the constituent institutions, in detailed form to give the Legislature a complete picture. It is provided, however, that all appropriations made by the legislature for the institutions be made in consolidated form without reference to any particular institution. On April 1 of each year, the regents are to notify the state auditor of the amount allocated for the next fiscal year to each of the institutions.

5) The regents are given authority to accept gifts, endowments and so on for any individual institution and disburse the money only for that particular institution. The law specifically provides that the budget for each institution must be prepared without reference to any endowment income.

6) Private educational institutions may affiliate with the state system, but shall "never receive any financial aid out of any appropriations made by the Legislature and over which the regents have control."

7) No general tuition, except tuition on non-resident students, can be charged by the regents unless specifically authorized by law. The act "freezes" all fees now being charged by constituent institutions, but the regents are authorized to review all such fees and make recommendations to the Legislature for changes. Any in-

stitution may, however, add a fee already being charged by another institution in the system.

8) Members of the board and employes are specifically prohibited from directly or indirectly recommending to any constituent institution the employment of any person by the institution.

Except for the specific powers given the state board of regents, the various governing boards of the institutions—such as the University Board of Regents—are given full control of physical properties of the institutions, the supervision, management, control, and the power to make rules and regulations governing the institutions, and to appoint faculty and staff members and fix salaries.

## Appropriation Bill Signed

Governor Phillips last month signed a legislative appropriation for \$35,000, providing \$10,000 for new radiator antenna equipment for WNAD, the University broadcasting station, and \$25,000 as sponsor's share of a \$125,000 W. P. A. armory project. The University has asked a \$100,000 grant from the Federal Government to assist in building a new armory which is seriously needed to take care of the University's rapidly expanding program of military science work.

The new armory is to be located on Lindsey Street.

The new antenna for WNAD (technically known as a radiator) will be located somewhere on the east edge of the campus with operating studios in the east wing of the stadium.

## Research Grant

A \$109,000 grant for field and laboratory research has been granted the Department of Anthropology by the Works Progress Administration, the work to be directed by Dr. Forrest E. Clements, professor of anthropology.

The grant makes possible the excavation of prehistoric culture sites in the Denison Dam region. This region is expected to be covered by the lake to be formed by the dam. Approximately seventy sites have been marked for excavation in this area.

Dr. Clements hopes to discover material that will help fill in geographical and cultural gaps in the story of prehistoric Oklahoma.

## More Deferments Expected

A request last month for information on the records of nearly 1,500 University students registered for selective service was seen on the campus as an indication that students with good scholastic records who are enrolled in courses of importance to national defense might be given deferment beyond July 1.

Group deferment of students, which was granted in order to permit them to finish the present school year, extends only to July 1.

University officials believe that students with good records who are taking courses such as engineering, medicine, chemistry, and other fields in which trained men are especially needed for national defense work, will be granted deferment to complete their training.

Local selective service boards have authority to classify students, judging each case on its individual merits, and may put students in deferred classification if it is found that they are in training or preparation for a pursuit "necessary to the national health, safety, or interest." It was emphasized that there would be no further group deferments and that each individual case would be considered separately.

### Freight Problem Described

The State Legislature could greatly stimulate Oklahoma's industrial program by setting up a fund for the specific purpose of securing more favorable freight rates, Dr. Leonard Logan, professor of sociology, told a legislative committee last month. Dr. Logan, who made a survey of the state's industrial situation last summer for the State Chamber of Commerce, warned that a consistent effort is needed to secure freight rate reductions on first one commodity and then another.

### Freeland Piano Soloist

Two alumni contributed substantially to the success of the concert of the Oklahoma Symphony orchestra which was presented at the University last month as the final number of the Celebrity Series.

Merl Freeland, '32ba, concert pianist now on the teaching staff of the Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania, played Franck's "Symphonic Variations for Piano and Orchestra" with real mastery and was enthusiastically received by the audience. He was called back for two encores.

The audience was also enthusiastic over the orchestra's presentation of "Dance Suite," by Spencer Norton, '28ba, associate professor of music.

### New Athletic Award

A new award to be presented to the outstanding senior athlete in the University has been established by Phi Gamma Delta as a memorial to Hal Niemann, a member of the fraternity who was killed in 1936 in a Sooner polo game with New Mexico Military Institute. President W. B. Bizzell has appointed a faculty committee composed of Dr. M. L. Wardell, Savoie Lottinville, Walter Kraft and Bruce Drake to meet with Bob Trippet, representing the fraternity, and select the winning athlete. The award is in the form of a statue of a polo player.

### Faith in Democracy

"People of the United States should have more confidence in the ability of Congress to solve the problems of this

## Campus Calendar

May 5, 6, 7, 8—National University Extension Association national convention, Norman and Oklahoma City.

May 9, 10—Fifth Playhouse production, 8:15 p. m., University Auditorium.

May 11—Varsity Band Twilight concert, 7:00 p. m., University Auditorium.

May 11 to 16—Y. M. C. A. Popenoe Conferences.

May 13—Sooner-Oklahoma A. and M. baseball game, Haskell Field.

May 16, 17—Sooner-Missouri baseball games, Haskell Field.

May 20—Fifth University Symphony Concert, 8:15 p. m., University Auditorium.

May 28—Semester examinations begin.

June 4—Semester examinations end.

June 8—Baccalaureate services; Class Reunions.

June 9—Commencement exercises; alumni Board meeting; Senior Alumni luncheon; Stadium-Union Trustees meeting.

country," Ruth Bryan Owen, former minister to Denmark and a former member of Congress, declared in the principal address at the annual Matrix Table dinner of the O. U. chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, honorary and professional journalistic fraternity for women.

"If the public were better acquainted with the atmosphere that exists in Congress, they would have more faith and they would be proud of living in a democracy," Mrs. Owen said.

Theta Sigma Phi honored Muriel Wright, Oklahoma City, as the outstanding Oklahoma woman writer of the year; Virginia Reinecke, assistant counselor of women at the University, as the outstanding woman faculty member of the year; and Mildred Mae Teeter, of Grandfield, as the outstanding woman student on the campus.

### Enrolment Loss Only 444

Second semester enrolment at the University was 444 less than the corresponding semester a year ago, President W. B. Bizzell announced last month.

Even with this decline, registration still was over 6,000, the exact figure being 6,004. The enrolment decline was attributed chiefly to the war situation which caused many students to be called to military service or to leave school to volunteer.

Total resident enrolment for the year is 7,054 as compared to 7,436 for the previous year, Registrar George E. Wadsack announced. Thus the actual decline in cumulative enrolment was only 382.

### Home Dangerous Place

Ways in which home accidents may be averted and the necessity of emphasizing safety measures through organizations and individuals are discussed in a pamphlet *Keeping Safe at Home*, issued by the Oklahoma Family Life Institute last month.

Pointing out that habit causes many ac-

cidents, the booklet states, "For years we have done the same things with no serious results. But, like the bucket that went to the well too frequently, there comes the last time. A tub of hot water is left on the floor or cleaning fluid is left on the window sill. We start the fire with kerosene. The handles of the cooking utensils extend over the edge of the stove. We run down stairs. We put pins in our mouth while sewing. We take medicine from the shelf in the dark. Let's check up on our habits."

"People have accidents because they take a chance, because they are careless, because they are tired or penny wise and pound foolish. Some mishaps are caused because too many persons put things off...they meant to fix that chair tread...to get a rubber mat for the bath tub...to replace the cellar light bulb...to fasten the upstairs screen...to clean up the broken glass or to get a rack for the kitchen knives."

Through educating parents and others on safety practices, the institute hopes to lower the number of home accidents.

### The President's Schedule

Three out-of-town trips last month took President W. B. Bizzell to widely separated parts of the country. He spent the Easter vacation visiting his son, W. S. Bizzell, and family in New Orleans.

On April 19 he attended a board meeting of the William Rockhill Nelson Foundation in Kansas City, Missouri.

Traveling east to Annapolis, Maryland, during the latter part of the month, he participated in the first meeting of the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy to which he was appointed recently.

### Phi Gams Win Trophy

For the fifth time, the University chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has been selected to receive the national fraternity's annual award of merit. The trophy is presented each year to the undergraduate chapter of the fraternity that shows the greatest all around efficiency in scholarship, fraternity relationship, and general collegiate activity.

The O. U. chapter has won the cup previously in 1929, 1931, 1934, and 1940. Tommy Trower is chapter president this year and Bob Trippet was president in 1939-40.

### Band Honors Lehrer

Six years before congress gave its official "Go" sign to the admission of Oklahoma as a state, a young Transylvanian immigrant named Oscar Lehrer, who had come to this country at the age of eighteen, became the first man to teach instrumental music in the Indian Territory.

It was a territory that previously had known little of music beyond the lusty strains of honky-tonk harmony, for it was 1901 and the Indian country was

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wide open and rarin' to go. The Wild Western Mulhalls were riding high, and William McKinley, newly inaugurated president, had been feted with much pomp as he took oath of office in Washington, D. C.

Colorful among the bands at the inaugural "command" concert was the old Guthrie regimental band, directed by this same young Oscar Lehrer, who a few weeks later moved up a step and became musical director of the normal school at Edmond.

A few weeks ago "Daddy" Lehrer, now nearly seventy, stood before the huge University of Oklahoma Band and demonstrated that he had lost none of the inherent musical ability that has made his name famous in state musical circles for decades.

To jovial Oscar Lehrer and to thousands of his friends it was a day for remembering, for recalling events even beyond the twenty-five years spent on the Sooner faculty. The University Band, saluting the man who has been actively related to its history since its inception, dedicated its annual spring concert March 30 to "Daddy" Lehrer, who directed one of his own compositions—*The O. U. March*—on the program.

Born in Transylvania into a music-loving family, Oscar Lehrer early began his formal musical training. Conservatories in Transylvania and Rumania awarded a series of diplomas to the diligent young violinist, who at eighteen decided to come to the United States. It was in a day when the minds of many young European youths turned to thoughts of opportunity in the United States, and Oscar Lehrer succumbed to the lure of the land of opportunity. He left Europe in 1889 and has never been back.

Young Oscar first hit Oklahoma in 1891 as a member of the cavalry posted at Fort Reno. In the fifty years since, he has injected the vital Lehrer personality into dozens of musical organizations. While he was at Edmond he directed the Zack Mulhall show band on the side and with it toured the nation as part of the old Mulhall entertainment group.

In 1916 Lehrer was named director of the University band. For ten years he directed the group and then retired to become conductor of the University Symphony Orchestra, which placed him in closer contact with his first love, the violin. Later he decided to devote his full time to teaching counterpoint, harmony, orchestration and instrumental music.

Today no symphony concert or practice session would be complete without "Daddy" Lehrer in his place in the violin section. Strangers in the audience never fail to ask about the colorful, silver-haired musician who plays so adeptly and assuredly among the student performers.

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