

Campus Review

The Regents

Joseph C. Looney, '20ba, '22law, Wewoka attorney, was elected president of the University Board of Regents in the March meeting, succeeding Lloyd Noble, '21, Ardmore, who served as president during the last year.

Other officers elected are Joe W. McBride, '28bus, Anadarko, vice-president, and Emil R. Kraetli, who was re-elected for his twenty-third year of service as secretary of the board.

Mr. Noble last month was appointed to a new seven-year term on the Board of Regents by Governor Leon C. Phillips.

The regents appointed Jack Baer, former Sooner football and baseball star as assistant to the baseball coach and assistant to the freshman football coach. No appointment has yet been made for the freshman football coach position. Jack Baer won football letters in 1935, '36, and '37, and baseball letters in '36, '37, and '38. During the last baseball season he played with the Class A team at Hartford, Connecticut. He was cameraman for the Sooner football team last year, and will continue in that capacity.

Final plans for securing a charter for the University of Oklahoma Research Institute, Inc., were approved by the Regents.

The Board also approved establishment of an engineering research division within the College of Engineering.

Engineer Queen

Helen Roemer, blonde sophomore student from Oklahoma City, was chosen Engineers' Queen last month after a hectic campaign which saw supporters of rival candidates resorting to loud speakers, musical entertainment, decorated automobiles, and many other varieties of high pressure campaigning.

John D. "Dink" Taylor, of Blair, was chosen by engineering students to serve as St. Pat in the annual St. Pat's celebration held the weekend of March 14-15.

The celebration included the usual stage show, a dance, at which the queen's coronation was staged, and an informal banquet. Speaker for the banquet was Dr. E. L. DeGolyer, '11ba, of Dallas, Texas, distinguished consulting geologist and geophysicist.

The Budget

Outlook for the University budget appropriation for the 1941-43 biennium was still uncertain in mid-March as the State

Legislature began to tackle the problems created by adoption of the budget-balancing amendment to the state constitution and the approval of the coordinating board amendment.

Some observers believed that the trend toward less ear-marking of state revenues and the plan for long-term funding of the present deficit might make it possible for the state administration to fulfill its promise of adequate appropriation for state educational institutions.

It was certain that the appearance of Dr. Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, president-elect of the University, before the legislative appropriation committees in late February made a very favorable impression.

Dr. Brandt emphasized that to offer a kind of education in Oklahoma that is below the standard offered elsewhere penalizes the young people who stay in the state. He also devoted much of his talk before the committees to an outline of the ways in which the University might help develop the state industrially through a program of research.

The appropriation committees also appeared to give a favorable reception to de-

tails of the University's budget request as presented by Dr. W. B. Bizzell in his last appearance before the Legislature.

Four members of the University Board of Regents—Lloyd Noble, John Rogers, Joe McBride, and Joe Looney—attended the public hearing on the University budget request. Mr. Rogers made a strong plea in support of President Bizzell's request for an adequate salary budget.

President Bizzell ended his talk before the committee with a prepared statement summing up his views and requesting support for the president-elect of the University. The statement was as follows:

The building of a great university is one of the challenging obligations of our people. Sufficient funds have never been provided to maintain the kind of institution that we should have. There are many services the University should be rendering to the people that it is unable to render under existing conditions. Technical instruction, graduate work, and research are not cheap; but if these services are adequately performed, they are worth all the cost.

The University has been maintained as effectively as possible under the handicap of inadequate resources. Under-paid teachers have been rendering heroic service at great personal sacrifices and they deserve the appreciation and good will of all right-thinking citizens. The University through the hard



Center of attraction at the annual St. Pat's Celebration of O. U. Engineers last month was Queen Helen Roemer, blonde co-ed from Oklahoma City, shown here with John D. Taylor, of Blair, chosen by fellow engineers to serve as St. Pat.

years of the last decade has lost many of its most brilliant scholars and teachers. It has been impossible to replace them with men of equal reputation and ability. It is easy for anyone to understand the effect of this situation upon the academic standards and public services of the institution.

The University has suffered not only from inadequate resources during the past ten years, but the uncertainty of financial support has presented difficult problems of administration. During most of this period revenues have declined as student enrolment has increased. There has been little relationship between teaching loads, physical facilities, and available revenues. No institution can perform its best service under such conditions.

I am soon to retire from the presidency of the University. I have served the institution to the best of my ability. The past ten years have been the hardest of my life. I realize these have been hard years for all of us and I have not complained about the difficulties and discouragements I have experienced.

But a new president is soon to assume the duties which I am relinquishing. He begins his administration auspiciously. He brings to his difficult task broad and accurate scholarship and a wide acquaintance with the people of Oklahoma and the problems and possibilities of the University. He was not an applicant for the position to which he has been appointed by the Board of Regents and in order to accept this responsible position, he is compelled to turn aside from a field of interest which has brought him distinction and success and which would certainly have brought him greater distinction in the years that are ahead. He accepted this position because the University is his alma mater, and a sense of duty caused him to respond to the call made upon him.

Joe Brandt has the advantage of knowing the people of Oklahoma and the problems and possibilities of the University. He comes with the good will and the enthusiastic support of every one, but I remind you that he cannot do the impossible. While he is forward-looking and resourceful, if adequate financial support is not provided for the institution, he will not be able to succeed; I bespeak for Joe Brandt your sympathetic understanding of the problems ahead of him and your help in solving them.

I remind you finally that education is a cooperative enterprise. It involves unity of purpose between public officials, citizens, faculty members, and students. I pledge to this new president my loyal support and complete cooperation. I urge you to join me in this pledge, and I am sure that with our united efforts the future of the University will be assured.

Dinner for Bizzell

A committee of faculty members last month began work on plans for a faculty dinner April 22 honoring Dr. W. B. Bizzell as retiring president of the University. Dr. J. H. Marshburn is chairman of the committee.

New Secretarial Curriculum

Beginning with the Summer Session this year the University will offer a new two-year secretarial science curriculum separate from the present four-year course, and designed to prepare students for positions in either private business or government offices.

Upon completing this special curriculum each student will receive a two-year secretarial science certificate. The student will then be prepared either to seek employment or to continue with University work. The new curriculum will emphasize typing and shorthand, but also will include instruction in accounting, business law, mathe-

tics, economics, and the operation of business machines.

The shortened curriculum is being offered because of increasing demand for trained secretaries, stenographers, and typists, according to E. E. Hatfield, head of the department of secretarial science.

Standards Raised

Stiffer scholastic requirements for initiation of students into fraternities were adopted last month by the Interfraternity Council. Hereafter, the prospective member must maintain a C average with no F's, I's, or E's for an entire semester before being eligible for initiation. The council also ruled that any pledge failing to meet the grade minimum for two consecutive semesters would have his pledge broken automatically.

Magazine Publicity

The University and members of the faculty are mentioned frequently in the 45-page article about Oklahoma which appears in the March issue of *National Geographic Magazine*.

The thirty illustrations published with the article include an excellent view of the Union Building, a picture of Mrs. Mary Alice Hansen working in the University Press office on a book jacket for *Cherokee Cavaliers*, a picture of Sarah White, curator in the anthropology museum, posing with pearls and a prehistoric god taken from Indian mounds, and a view of University R.O.T.C. students in summer training at Fort Sill.

Faculty members mentioned include Dr. E. E. Dale and Walter Campbell (Stanley Vestal), mentioned for their writings; and Dr. Forest E. Clements, archaeologist whose work in recovering relics of prehistoric Oklahoma is described at some length. Work of Dr. J. Willis Stovall and associates in the dinosaur quarry in the Oklahoma Panhandle also is described.

The article speaks highly of the Frank Phillips Historical Collection in the University Library, and the University Press is mentioned for its "many books on western history."

The illustrations include a color photograph of the Oklahoma City residence of Frank Buttram, '10ba, '12ma, geologist, oil man and civil leader who is credited with collecting some of the state's finest art treasures.

Frederick Simpich, *National Geographic* staff member who wrote the article, concludes that Oklahoma is precocious for its literature and its contributions to petroleum geology.

Symphony Soloist

Merl Freeland, '32ba, was invited to be guest soloist with the Oklahoma Federal Symphony Orchestra in the orchestra's appearance at the University April 3 as a number in the University Celebrity Series.

Mr. Freeland is now professor of music at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania.

Lehrer Honored

The University Band's annual concert March 30 was dedicated to Oscar J. Lehrer, veteran professor of music in the University who is former director of the University band and who has been active in musical work in Oklahoma for fifty years.

Band alumni who played under Mr. Lehrer's directorship were invited to attend the concert as a special tribute to him.

Mr. Lehrer has been on the University faculty since 1916. He is widely known as a composer.

Scholarship Cups

Sorority scholarship cup for the first semester was awarded last month to Delta Gamma sorority. Hester Hall, and the rooming houses of Mrs. J. A. Morrison and Mrs. E. P. Moorman were awarded trophies in other divisions of the scholarship competition.

The ranking of the sororities was as follows:

Delta Gamma	2.0098
Pi Beta Phi	1.9261
Alpha Xi Delta	1.7753
Sigma Delta Tau	1.7717
Delta Delta Delta	1.7389
Kappa Alpha Theta	1.7134
Kappa Kappa Gamma	1.6546
Gamma Phi Beta	1.5913

Alpha Xi Delta, with an improvement of .2081 in grade average over the previous semester, was presented the cup for showing the greatest improvement.

Bizzells Prepare Home

Remodeling was under way last month on a residence at 830 Elm Avenue in Norman which Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell have purchased for their home when Dr. Bizzell retires from the presidency of the University next August 1.

The house is being enlarged to provide a library for Dr. Bizzell's large private collection of books. A special room will be provided for his famous Bible collection. Dr. Bizzell will continue on the University staff as president emeritus and head of the sociology department.

Samples Increase

The "library" of oil-well samples maintained by the School of Geology has doubled in size in the last two years, according to Dr. V. E. Monnett, director of the school.

The collection includes hundreds of thousands of actual rock samples obtained in the drilling of oil wells. They are filed and indexed to be used in classwork by students of geology. Samples have been taken from only about one well in each township of oil-producing areas of the state, and from a few key wells in other states.

Microscopic study of the samples is part of the University's curriculum in petroleum geology.

Defense Committee

A faculty committee with Dr. M. L. Wardell as chairman was organized last month to enlarge and to coordinate the Univer-

sity's national defense activities. The committee was set up at the suggestion of the United States Office of Education, in accordance with action being taken by numerous other universities.

The committee will seek additional ways in which the University can serve the cause of national defense, and will guide the University's efforts to meet the demands made upon it by the government.

Suggestion

Three essentials for avoiding a post-war depression, according to David Cushman Coyle in his recent appearance before the Norman forum, are: (1) a substitute for the defense program expenditures; (2) reforms to control monopolies and avoid over-concentration of wealth, and (3) a solution to the tax problem.

Mr. Coyle, economist and engineer and consultant to the national resources committee, advocated an old age pension of perhaps \$50 per month as a means of taking up the economic slack when war expenditures are stopped.

Attack Unlikely

The United States is in no danger of attack on its west coast from Japan or any of the Axis powers, in the belief of Dr. Thomas Greenwood, staff lecturer at Birkbeck College, University of London, who recently visited the University campus.

Speech Schedule

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, in his recognized capacity as an authority on Bibles, last month lectured at an evening service of the First Methodist Church in Ardmore. He spoke there March 2 on "Great Editions of the Bible in English."

In connection with the Baptist General Convention in Oklahoma City he made a radio address over station KOMA, entitled, "The Bible, the Textbook of the Church."

Okmulgee alumni of the University held a dinner for Dr. Bizzell the following week in Okmulgee, after which he addressed the Okmulgee Women's Forum.

April 1 he was to speak at the noon luncheon of the Lions Club in Oklahoma City.

Faculty

Although no official confirmation was forthcoming, the *Oklahoma Daily* and campus newspaper correspondents last month reported that Fayette Copeland, '19ba, associate professor of journalism, will be named counselor of men at the University when faculty appointments for next year are made by the University Board of Regents. The *Daily* reported that the plan is to abolish the title of "dean of men" and replace it with a "counselor of men" who would give more emphasis to personal contact with students. Since the resignation of J. F. Findlay as dean of men last year, Dr. C. C. Bush, Jr., '23ba, '32ma, has been serving as acting dean of men.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

April 7, 8, 9—State Finals Tournament of Oklahoma High School Public Speaking League.

April 7 to 19—Recreation Short Course.

April 8—Fourth University Symphony Concert, 8:00 p.m., University Auditorium.

April 10—Easter recess begins, 5:00 p.m.

April 15—Classwork resumes, 8:10 a.m.

April 17, 18—Sooner - Kansas baseball games, Haskell Field.

April 17, 18, 19—News Photography Short Course.

April 18—Pan-American dinner dance, Union Ballroom.

April 21—Sooner Carnival on the South Oval.

April 24—Southwestern Gardening Short Course.

April 24, 25—Sooner Review, 8:00 p.m., University Auditorium.

April 27—Mothers Day.

April 28—Phi Beta Kappa initiation and banquet, Union Ballroom.

May 1, 2, 3—Annual Interscholastic meet.

► Death last month claimed Joseph B. Thoburn, Oklahoma historian and former member of the University faculty. Mr. Thoburn was appointed to the faculty in 1913 and served there until July, 1917, when he was named curator for the Oklahoma Historical Society. He served in this position until his removal during the administration of Governor William H. Murray. Mr. Thoburn was 74 years old.

► Ima James, director of physical education for women, attended the third national conference for college training of recreational leaders held in New York City recently. Miss James was appointed one of the official delegates at this convention because of her outstanding record in recreational leadership. The New York meeting discussed plans for training recreation leaders to serve in army training camps and communities where the national defense program is concentrated.

► Stewart Harral, '36ma, director of press relations, Frances Hunt, '29ba, instructor in journalism, and Joe Holland, '37journ, assistant in press relations, attended the southern district meeting of the College Publicity Association held recently at Dallas. Mr. Harral spoke on the program.

► Dr. A. I. Ortenburger, professor of zoology, was speaker at a twentieth anniversary dinner of the Phi Sigma chapter at Montana State College, Missoula. Phi Sigma is a national honorary biological fraternity.

► Dr. C. T. Langford, '20ms, member of the University staff since 1929, took a position February 1 as chemical engineer in the northern research laboratory of the federal government at Peoria, Illinois. The laboratory is one of four the government has set up to investigate new uses of farm products. Dr. Langford was accompanied to Peoria by Mrs. Langford.

► Dr. A. B. Adams, dean of the College of Business Administration, presided as chairman of the Oklahoma Bankers Con-

ference in Oklahoma City recently. The conference was sponsored by the Oklahoma Bankers Association with the University College of Business Administration co-operating.

► Charles H. Brown, '33journ, '34ma, faculty adviser for the *Oklahoma Daily*, was awarded the \$200 first prize in the highway safety essay contest sponsored by the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company. The contest was open to newspaper workers all over the state.

► Lt. Col. M. M. Pharr, formerly assistant professor of military science, and his family have moved to Alexandria, Louisiana, where he was ordered for Army service.

► Robert H. Dott, director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey, has been named secretary of the Association of American State Geologists. Mr. Dott and M. C. Oakes, field geologist with the survey, attended the Association's annual meeting held in Washington, D.C.

► Lt. Thomas P. Ewing, '38bus, Lt. Dale D. Desper, '39ba, and Lt. J. G. Morgan, '38, all on the military science faculty, have been promoted from rank of second lieutenant to that of first lieutenant.

► Gerald Tuma, '39eng, last month took over the teaching duties of Carl T. Almqvist, associate professor of electrical engineering, who was called to active service in the Army as a first lieutenant in the Reserve Corps.

► Dr. Royden J. Dangerfield, assistant dean of the graduate school and professor of government, was a speaker at a round-table of the Institute of Public Affairs held at Dallas in late February. Dr. Dangerfield advocated basing a large part of the United States fleet at Singapore through an arrangement with the British as a logical step in dealing with the Far Eastern situation.

► Stewart Harral, '36ma, director of press relations, has been named chairman of the Educational Committee of the American College Publicity Association.

► Dr. Maurice Halperin, associate professor of Romance languages, has been appointed associate editor of *South Central Modern Languages*, published at Tulane University, New Orleans.

► William Sattler, assistant professor of speech, last month completed requirements for a Ph.D. degree at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. His thesis was on "Conceptions of Ethos in Rhetoric."

► Dr. F. Lyman Tibbitts, special instructor in extension education, will teach courses in occupational guidance at Texas A. and M. College during the summer session.

► Dr. Lloyd E. Swearingen, professor of chemistry, has been elected president of the University chapter of Sigma Xi, national scientific research society.

► Julien C. Monnet, dean of the School of Law, was invited to be the honor guest at the annual initiation banquet of Phi Delta Phi, national honorary law fraternity, held at Tulsa last month. Federal Judge Royce Savage was principal speaker on the program.