What 1935 Saw

The calendar year of 1935 saw the University make constant progress in educational and related fields as the country slowly lifted itself out of depression conditions.

Much remains to be accomplished in 1936, but certainly the year of 1935 may be regarded as a significant one in the history of the University.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the entire year was the Southwestern Conference on Higher Education which was held on the University campus during November. Important educational leaders from all parts of the country, particularly the Southwest, assembled here for a frank discussion of the problems of education in a changing world.

Two months previously, the University had seen its largest fall enrolment in history. The final total of full-time resident students was 5,548, indicating that the total for the school year will be well past the 6,000-mark.

Placement of 600 students in positions made possible through the National Youth Administration was a large contributing factor to the registration increase.

The building program which was started during the fall also owes much to national relief efforts. Work was started on the new Business Administration building, the Union tower, a half dozen projects in the school of petroleum engineering and the ground was prepared for the start of work on the Biological Sciences building early in 1936.

During the summer, Walter Emery, junior law student, brought recognition to the University in the world of golfing. Out of condition during the national collegiate tournament which he won in 1933, Emery reached his peak later in the summer and gave Oklahoma its finest showing in any national amateur golf tournament in history. He won seven consecutive matches to reach the final round where he was pitted against Lawson Little, Californian. He took the first three holes from Little, but under the strain of the 36-hole final match, he went down before the nation's leading amateur golfer.

The creation of full graduate study courses in two of the three schools in the fine arts college was important. Work towards a master's degree is now offered in the schools of music and art.

Volumes of the Oklahoma Press continued to receive international recognition. Under the capable leadership of Director Joseph A. Brandt, the Press went forward. Dr. Paul B. Sears' Desert on the March was recommended by the Book-of-the-Month club and was the selection of the Scientific Book club. Another volume, The Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Republic, was awarded a cash prize by the American Historical association.

A full-timedeanship was created for the University medical school in Oklahoma City, and General Robert U. Patterson, retired Army physician, was appointed to fill the position. Under his leadership, the medical school enters a new era.

Revolution of arts and sciences college more clearly separating under and upper-classmen.

A museum of paleontology was created by act of the board of regents. The museum plays an important part in deciding the eligibility of private persons and organizations to make archeological excavations within the state. It was given the power by act of the state legislature.

Work in the college of arts and sciences was re-divided and re-arranged to make the distinction between under and upper-classmen more distinct. A student must now fulfill rigid requirements in courses of the lower division before he will be eligible to take advanced work. By this method, beginning students and advanced students will be kept separated so that greater efficiency and speed may characterize advanced work.

The Reserve Officers Training Corps was again given the highest rating ever to be awarded a student R.O.T.C. department at national inspection. The corps was rated as excellent-superior. Major Harry J. Malony completed his assignment at the
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University and was replaced by Major Reese M. Howell as commandant.

Captain Lawrence "Bill" Jones—soon to become a major—was assigned to the University R.O.T.C. department as a faculty member. He was appointed football coach and director of all University athletics.

Although his Oklahoma team did not win a conference championship, it managed to win six and lose three games for the best record in nine seasons.

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