Faculty Briefs

R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, director of the Extension Division and executive secretary of the University of Oklahoma Foundation, attended the National University Extension Association convention in Chicago in late April. Gunning, who is visual education chairman of the Association, had charge of two sessions of the convention program. The trip included a study of fund-raising methods employed by the University of Minnesota and Ohio State University.

Leonard Good, '27ba, professor of art, received first prize for his painting, "Clay Banks," from the Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia. The painting was one of the exhibitions of the Student Memorial Building at the college, was selected from the prairie water color painters exhibition. It is a landscape of an eroded gully, located southeast of Newton.

Seven faculty members recently were chosen from among 60 candidates to serve on the faculty senate as advisers to President Cross. The balloting, which was secret and carried out by mail, was done by the faculty. Those elected are Dr. Fayette Copeland, '19ba, director of the School of Journalism; Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, professor of government; Dr. Frank Farrar, associate professor of electrical engineering; Dr. W. Page Keeton, dean of the School of Law; J. Ray Matlock, '25eng, associate professor of engineering; Dr. Lawrence H. Snyder, dean of the Graduate College; and Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19ba, professor of history.

Dr. Ross Pugmire, professor of school administration, has been named to direct school finance research for the 1949-50 legislative program. The research will be for study by the legislative council's committee on education.

John Reed, associate professor of law at O.U., has been granted a $3,900 research fellowship from the Columbia University School of Law. Mr. Reed will do research in the field of procedure during the year 1948-49. He has been a member of the O.U. faculty since 1946.

President George L. Cross was elected chairman of the board of trustees for the University of Oklahoma at a meeting held recently in Norman.

The annual Patricio Gimeno Memorial Award for excellence in Hispanic studies has been received by Milton R. Hahn, graduate assistant in modern languages at the University of Oklahoma. The award is presented each year to the outstanding upperclassman whose major is Spanish, by Harold Gimeno, Oklahoma City, in memory of his father, the late Patricio Gimeno, Oklahoma City, who was president of Los Dos Americas, Spanish Club, and Kappa Gamma Epilson, national language fraternity.

Walter Campbell, professor of English, is one of the author-owners of '48 Magazine of the Year. The magazine is controlled and owned by those who wrote, paint or photograph professionally.

Dr. Charles E. Decker, research geology professor, has been awarded a grant-in-aid for continuation of his research of Ordovician graptolites in Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia. The grant was made by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Mildred Andrews, '37ba, University organ professor, will commence to Chicago, Illinois, for five weeks beginning the last week in June, to take organ lessons a week from the world-famous organist Marcel Dupre, professor of organ at the Royal Conservatory in Paris, France, who will be at the University of Oklahoma. Miss Andrews was one of 35 representatives in the United States and Canada chosen to study organ with Dupre, with whom she studied two years ago in Chicago. Since she already was scheduled to teach organ at O.U. during the summer, she will commute to Chicago by train once a week.

Among the 400 contributors to the new Britannica Junior, the reference work for boys and girls published this year in Morristown by Thomas Y. Crowell & Company, are Mildred L. Wardell, '19ba, chairman of the department of history at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Wardell is author of an article on Oklahoma.

Power Plant Bids Received

Bids on the main campus power plant, which will cost an estimated $1,800,000, including building and equipment, have been accepted by the Board of Regents. The plant, which is expected to be in operation by the fall of 1949, will be located at the corner of Jenkins and Felgar Streets.

The following low bids were accepted: $39,000 bid on a boiler feed-water pump by Ingersoll-Rand Company, New York. $1,900 base bid on one electrical switch gear or panel by the General Electric Company, Schenec- tady, New York.

Bids were rejected on turbo-generators, but were received again later.

Work is expected to begin soon on building, piping and electrical wiring of the plant. Contracts will be let on those three items within the next 90 days, officials estimated. Coston-Frankfurt, Oklahoma City, are contractors and architects for the project.

Two escalator clauses on some items may result in increased costs because of labor and materials.

The present University power plant, which was erected in 1933, is expected to be expanded. Two turbines, for example, operate under 25 per cent overloads at peak periods, Walter Kraft, director of the physical plant, said. Two additions have been made to the old plant, but it still cannot carry peak loads without overloading, Kraft pointed out.

New buildings being erected on the main campus will increase the overload capacity and are expected to bring illumination standards on the campus up to par, he added.

Kraft said that the old plant probably will be used as a standby or to house engineering laboratories.

Phi Beta Kappa Elects

Phi Beta Kappa, honorary fraternity, elected 37 new members and one honorary member at the University this spring. All able candidates were selected on the basis of distinction in science or letters attained since graduation.

Dr. J. Rud Nelson, research professor of physics in the University, was elected an honorary member. Alumni members elected were Gladys Carmen Bellamy, '32ba, '38ma, '46PhD, special instructor in English; Harold Linwood Bowen, '09ba, Evan- ton High School, history; Thomas C. Bishop, '46, Colorado diocese; C. Ross Hume, '98ba, '00ma, Anadarko attorney; and Wyatt Mays, '17ba, pro- fessor of sociology in the University.