Looking back, the Board members had every right to be pleased. The yearly report was the best yet since the Fund was established in 1948. First there was the matter of funds. A total of more than $15,000 had been contributed by alumni and friends of the University, $6,901 earmarked by the donors for University Band uniforms, and about $8,000 to help take care of the special needs of the University. More than 900 contributors had shared in the program. On both counts the score doubled the preceding year's total.

And from the increased funds available, the Directors were able to approve 10 additional scholarship for the coming year. This was big news.

Twenty students had been helped to gain their education through the Fund scholarship program in 1949-50. The number was not sufficient to cause rejoicing among Fund Board members. Not when they considered the many worthy applicants they had been forced to refuse because of lack of funds.

But the encouragement offered to these 20 indicated the great possibilities available for alumni to help their University and the young people who needed assistance. And now, 30 scholarships could be invested in youthful leaders.

Other projects that will receive some financial assistance from the fund for the coming year are Asiatic Institute, studies in local government, educational aids for the blind, motion picture production, President's emergency fund, equipment for research, International Students' fund and publications of research.

Then, still on the encouraging side, was the matter of Cushing. The response from the alumni in the area had been most gratifying. In fact, on a percentage basis, Cushing far outstripped other towns. Fund counselor A. R. Intel, '14ba, and a committee composed of Mrs. Betty Bailey Hall, '42 ba, Mrs. Jeanie Walters Cook, '47-48, Richard A. Bryant, '38ba, '35Law, Mrs. Mary Lou Humphreys Emery, '45ba, Mrs. Ophelia Jones Simon, '30-'32, chairman, and Dennis Cubbage, '35Law, contacted 80 area alumni. When they had finished, 75 percent of the Cushing alumni had subscribed. In recognition of the fine work done by Intel, the

Scholarships Were Woefully Short
At the left is the new University comptroller Quentin M. Spradling, '28ba, '32bus, '40 m.bus. He is shown talking with J. L. Lindsey, '15, University comptroller since 1938, who resigned in July.

J. L. Lindsey Retires

The University’s comptroller since 1938, “Judge” Lindsey stepped down July 1. He will continue to serve as auditor of special funds.

After serving 38 years with the weighty problems of University finance, J. L. Lindsey, ’15, University comptroller, retired July 1.

But he will continue to serve as auditor of special funds in the office where he acted as financial clerk for 26 years before being named comptroller in 1938.

His retirement, announced at the June 14 meeting of the Board of Regents, is in accordance with the recent ruling requiring retirement of administrative officers after the age of 65.

“Mr. Lindsey has our sincere gratitude for the excellence of his many services,” Dr. Cross said. “He has contributed much to the progress of the University. He established the school’s accounting system and broadened it. Today we have a first class machine system. He trained hundreds of students employed in the comptroller’s office.”

Known as “Judge” to students and associates, Lindsey came to the University in 1912. Then the administration building was not yet completed and enrollment totaled 600 students.

He will be succeeded by Quentin M. Spradling, now assistant comptroller.

Spradling joined the University staff in 1928 as assistant auditor. He holds BA, BS and MBA degrees from O.U. receiving his master’s in 1940. From 1925 to 1927 he taught in Longsdale Consolidated school in Major County. He is a member of the committees on space planning, job evaluation and enrollment trends. During World War II, he served seven years in the infantry, reached the rank of colonel and was supply officer, executive officer and administrative finance officer.

As a youth the “Judge” saw Oklahoma when it was passing from a range country to statehood. He worked in a notary’s tent at Lawton when the Kiowa-Comanche-Apache reservation was opened to settlement by drawing. Dr. E. E. Dale, ’11ba, research professor of history, was a young cowboy helping locate claims, but the two future University staff members didn’t know each other then.

In 1902 Lindsey saw the last open-range roundup in Comanche County before the area was fenced up by settlers. He rode with a posse headed by the late Chris Madsen, frontier marshal and Indian fighter, pursuing the Dalton boys after a bank robbery at Anadarko.

“We made a night ride to a spring where Madsen thought the Dalton boys might camp,” Lindsey grins. “Fortunately for us, I guess, we didn’t intercept them, but it was an exciting time.”

Lindsey liked to work with figures and he soon got a job in a Rush Springs bank. From there he went to Chickasha and then the University. He has served as president of the Central Association of University and College Business Officers and of the Oklahoma association of the organization. For many years he was a member of the board of directors of both associations.

He is assistant treasurer of the Lew Wentz Foundation, treasurer of the Research Institute, the University Foundation and has been treasurer of the O.U. Student Loan Aid Association since its founding in 1918.

Principal hobby of the popular “Judge” is fishing, particularly trout angling. Each year he makes a trip to New Mexico trout streams with Emil Kruek, secretary of the University and the board of regents, and Bennie Owen, former Sooner football coach and athletic director.