Members of the coaching staff that led the Sooners through one of the most successful seasons in O.U. football history are, left to right, Lou Hermada, Head Coach Bud Wilkinson, William "Dutch" Fehring, Walter Hargesheimer, Bill Jennings, Gomer Jones and Cliff Matthews.

Undergraduate Activities

'Truth or Consequences' Show Is Broadcast from O.U. Campus

"Truth or Consequences" and its funny master of ceremonies, Ralph Edwards, were received by a huge and enthusiastic Sooner audience December 5 when the popular radio quiz show was broadcast throughout the world from the University of Oklahoma's South Campus.

Sponsored by American Legion Post 303, the campus veterans' organization, the coast-to-coast program was featured by the identity of "Miss Hush," which netted more than $22,500 in prizes for Mrs. Ruth Annette Subbie, a Fort Worth, Texas, housewife. "Miss Hush," who had the whole nation speculating and sending March of Dimes contributions for a chance to reveal her identity and thus win the prize "pot," turned out to be Martha Graham, famous dancer.

Complete figures on the money collected from ticket sales for the show had not been compiled at this writing, but Preston Moore, post commander of the campus Legion post, said that he expects his group to "break-even" after all sums are added and bills deducted.

"Bringing 'Truth or Consequences' here focused the national spotlight upon our Legion post, the city of Norman and the University, therefore was much more than worthwhile," Moore commented.

Mary Boydstun—'Alien' Engineer

Besides being a tall, pretty brunette and wearing long skirts like other girls, Mary Lou Boydstun, Tulsa, is the only girl in six engineer classes.

Miss Boydstun decided to study engineering while she was in highschool. "I like mathematics and chemistry and thought I would like engineering—and I do," is Miss Boydstun's reason for entering this field.

After she has her degree, which will probably be in the spring of 1949, she wants to work with an oil company in T-town. She plans to begin work in a laboratory doing research and to work up to an office position.

Engineering is still a man's field, Miss Boydstun thinks. It offers many obstacles for women. For example, she is wondering how she will do her field work. Students in petroleum engineering work during the summer between their junior and senior year as roughnecks in an oil field.

She said the professors just laugh when she asks what she will do. Then they add that "something will work out."

"Nothing is glamorous about being the only girl in all my classes. I feel like an alien and sit on the last row in every class to keep out of firing range," Miss Boydstun informs all who think it might be easy.

Miss Boydstun said the men students were helpful and considerate and as tolerant as it is possible for a man to be toward a woman daring to invade his world. When asked if she made good grades, she said they were changeable. "The courses I like I study and make better grades in them," she added.

Student Radio, KUVY, Approved

The installation of radio station KUVY, to be operated and managed by O.U. students, was approved by the University Board of Regents at its meeting November 24.

The station, intended to provide a laboratory for radio students, is not expected to start operating for several months. A direct wire station, KUVY plans installation of transmitters in Sooner City, Woodrow Wilson dormitories, Niemann apartments, Residence halls, Sooner Courts, Jefferson hall and the infirmary, with facilities to be extended later to other dormitories, fraternities and sororities.
Contrary to the conventional radio service, the new station will be wired directly into the houses which will receive the broadcasts. A small oscillator inside the house will do the transmitting.

KUVY was authorized by the Federal Communications Commission in February, 1947. The station itself will be located temporarily in the Library Arts annex.

The Regents also met with representatives of bond-buying firms in connection with the sale of $2,500,000 in bonds to construct additional women's dormitories being planned by the University. The next scheduled meeting of the Regents was for December 17, but a special session was contemplated to award the construction contract. No bids were accepted at the November 24 meeting.

At another meeting earlier in November the Board of Regents approved summer session fees which recently were revised when representatives of O. U. and Oklahoma A. & M. College met at the request of the state regents' office. Out of this conference came the following recommendations which were approved by the University regents:

1. General fee for August intercession, per credit hour, $6, with a maximum of $18 and a minimum of $12.
2. Non-residence fee in addition to general fee for summer sessions of six or eight weeks, per credit hour, $10, with a maximum of $60 and a minimum of $30.
3. Non-resident fee for August intercession (in addition to general fee), per credit hour, $10, with a maximum of $30 and a minimum of $20.

Following this action, the Regents approved Dr. Laurence H. Snyder, dean of the Graduate College, for the title as professor of zoological sciences and professor of medical genetics in the School of Medicine.

Also approved was an extended leave for Dr. Gustav Mettler, professor of philosophy, in order that he may continue his professional work in Switzerland.

The recommendation that Fred G. Oliver, who recently gave 60 acres to the University as a wild life preserve, be custodian of the tract (without salary) was approved.

Two O. U. Students Win Rhodes Awards for Study at Oxford

Two University students will be among the Rhodes scholars who will begin studies at Oxford, in England, next fall, being among the six chosen from the Gulf district for the academic honor.

They are William E. Slesnick, Norman, and William L. Howard, Oklahoma City. They were selected by the Gulf district Rhodes committee after competing with representatives from six states.

Along with Slesnick and Howard, two students from Texas, one from Arkansas and one from Louisiana received the awards.

Two University students are among the six chosen to represent Oklahoma in the district finals, along with John E. Wagner, Okmulgee, also an O. U. student.

Slesnick, 22, is majoring in mathematics, and Howard, 25, is working on a Master of Science degree at O. U.

They are scheduled to begin work at Oxford in the autumn of 1948 and will receive $2,500 for each year they study there.

One University alumnus, J. Raymond Hinshaw, is studying there now on a Rhodes scholarship received in 1946.

Delmar Nelson Manages 'Daily'

Delmar Nelson, Waurika senior in the School of Journalism, has been named managing editor of the Oklahoma Daily, student publication, for the second eight-week term of the first semester.

As an issue editor during the first eight-weeks, Nelson succeeded Lyle D. Copmann, Oxford, Kansas, to his present Daily post. Nelson, a navy veteran of 30 months service in the Pacific, is commander of the University post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

As managing editor of the student paper, he will serve immediately under Quinton Peters, Hominy senior, who is editor-in-chief of the Daily.

Other staff members named for the second eight-weeks of the semester include: Jim Harvel, Tishomingo; M. E. Mitchell, Enid; Tony Hillerman, Norman; Bette Ward, Alva, and Jake Hill, Shawnee, issue editors; Larry Grove, Konawa, sports editor; Edward Dycam, Elk City; Roy Jeffens, Durant, and Richard Wharton, Norman, assistant sports editors; Alma McKnelly, Norman; Elaine Webber, Mountain Park; John Clabes, Poteau; Martin Gudenberg, Ardmore; Ira A. Greenberg, New York; Lord D. Andrews, Nowata, and Edwin E. O'Brien, Oklahoma City staff writers.

Pops-a-Plenty at O. U.

Every eighth student at O. U. is a father. No wonder family life and children occupy such a prominent place in topics of conversation.

A recent survey shows that every other student is a veteran, and every other veteran is married. Of the married vets, every other one is a father.

Of slightly over 12,000 students enrolled at the University, 7,137 are former servicemen, 2,997 are married, and 1,120 have children. A further breakdown shows that 886 former G. I.'s have one child, 212 have two, 18 have three, three have four, and one has six.

In addition to 45 states represented in veteran enrollment, Washington, D. C., Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, Mexico, Hawaii, and Canada are also represented. A total of 7,050 are receiving subsistence under the G. I. Bill, 97 of them women.

O. U.'s Enrollment Ranks 12th

The University of Oklahoma ranks 12th among the nation's universities in the number of students enrolled this semester. Of the University's 12,531 students, 9,852 are men, 7,406 are veterans, and 2,499 are women.

The University of California, including the Berkeley and Los Angeles campuses, leads the enrollment figures with a total of 43,000. Of this number, 20,530 are veterans.

Other state universities with enrollments of more than 20,000 students are Minnesota, 28,312.
er by telling him his grandmother wasn’t aware that he existed. But the old colored cook was a little bit more accommodating. She wrote a letter to the grandmother, exactly as Jerry dictated it.

Then on Christmas morning, just as Jerry was trying to explain to his friends why his grandmother didn’t come to see him, up drives a truck hauling a shiny pony. Parking in front of Jerry’s house, it is followed by a taxi from which steps an elderly lady—Jerry’s grandmother. After an affectionate embrace, Jerry supervises the unloading of his pony while grandmother and mother and father are tearfully reunited.

**Veteran Enrollment at Peak?**

Student veteran enrollment at the University of Oklahoma apparently has reached its peak and is expected to start leveling off with the fall semester in 1948.

George P. Haley, director of veterans’ affairs at O.U., says this trend is indicated by the number of former service men in the various classes. The 29.97 per cent of veterans represented in the freshman class is 5 per cent below the number in the sophomore class.

Total veteran enrollment the first semester is 7,650. A breakdown by classes shows 1,829 freshmen, 1,347 sophomores, 1,472 juniors, 1,167 seniors, 344 graduate students, 40 special and 8 unclassified students.

**A Tribute to Paul Walker**

(Late in November the Norman Transcript in an editorial commented on one of O. U.’s distinguished sons. The reprinted editorial follows:)

“Recent appointment by President Truman of Paul Walker (12law) as acting chairman of the Federal Communications Commission has met with approval in Oklahoma where Mr. Walker is so widely and favorably known.

“He has served with distinction for some 10 or 12 years as a member of the communications commission, and would make an excellent permanent chairman, should the President see fit to make his appointment permanent.

“Mr. Walker is an excellent example of a successful government career man. He started out as a party agent for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission many years ago, developed into a railroad freight and passenger rate expert, and later an authority on telephone rates. He has specialized in telephone organization and rate matters since becoming a member of the communications commission, and today probably is the best informed public official in the nation in that field.

“His many Oklahoma friends are hopeful the President will decide to make him permanent chairman of the commission.”

**Alumna’s Christmas Story Sells**

“Wanted, an elderly lady to spend Christmas in my home and pose as grandmother to my small son.”

This seemingly simple want ad was unusual enough that Mrs. Louise McComb Conrad, ’20ba, Oklahoma City, wrote a short story around the theme.

Mother of two sons, Mrs. Conrad had never realized the significance of a Christmas for children without grandmothers. After reading this want ad in a newspaper she started her imaginative powers working and ended up with “Another Kind of Santa Claus,” which appears in Holland’s December issue.

The story pictures a small boy who didn’t know he had a grandmother until some of his friends told of their grandmothers’ planned visits to see them at Christmas time. To keep from being not one of the gang, he too told his friends his grandmother was coming to visit him; and further more, she was bringing him a pony for Christmas.

Inquisitively, Jerry sought out his mother and found that his paternal grandmother wasn’t living, and his father’s mother had distanced her son after his refusal to remain on her huge Texas ranch.

Of course both mother and father refused to write to Jerry’s grandmother asking her to spend Christmas with them—and disillusioned him further.

**President Cross Salutes . . .**

In his regular weekly broadcast over University station WNAD (5 p.m. Monday) President George L. Cross salutes an outstanding O. U. faculty member or employee who has served the University for many years. The following are from the recent broadcast.

**Dr. E. E. Dale**

The man whom we are honoring this afternoon has become a legendary figure in the ranch houses of the Southwest, around the council fires of our Western Indians, in many of Boston’s most exclusive clubs, and, especially, in the classrooms of Oklahoma.

Nationally, he is known as an outstanding authority on western American History. In Boston he is remembered as “Two-Gun Dale.” All over Oklahoma he is famous for the many fascinating stories he tells of the early days. At the University of Oklahoma, he holds the titles, research professor of history and curator of the Frank Phillips Collection.

This man who is equally at home on the range in Boston’s exclusive clubs is Edward Everett Dale. His ancestors were Virginians, but his father prospected for gold in California and ranched in Texas.

Ed Dale was born near Keller, Texas, on February 3, 1879. He spent his early days on a Texas farm, punched cattle in old Greer County, and ran his own brand from 1896 to 1901. “Sheriff,”
men connected with the University. He is equally at home in the Library of Congress, addressing the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at a commencement address at a country school, or spinning a yarn while broiling a steak over a campfire. He is one of our ablest men, thoroughly efficient, particularly in his students and possessed of exceptional organizing ability. From personal experience, he is keenly aware of the problems and struggles of students, and his kindness and patience have been most helpful to many. He is one of Oklahoma's best-loved citizens, and he has been a source of personal inspiration to me.

It is a distinctive pleasure to salute one of the nation's outstanding historians, a man who has contributed so much to his students and to his state during the thirty-three years he has been connected with the University of Oklahoma as teacher, head of the History Department, research professor, and curator of the Frick-Phillips Collection—Professor Edward Everett Dale.

DELR. CHARLES E. DECKER

Oklahoma quite rightfully has been termed "the geologist's laboratory." Much has been written regarding its many geological features. Far too little may have been said, however, concerning the value of Professor Decker's particular work bench in the geologic laboratory. It is fitting that we should pay tribute this afternoon to one of the most ardent workers in Oklahoma geology, Professor Charles Elijah Decker.

The Arbuckle Mountains are among the most outstanding topographic and geologic features of the state. All the people of Oklahoma are interested in them in one way or another. Any work to increase knowledge of them is a service to the state at large. Those mountains have been Professor Decker's particular work bench in the geologic laboratory of the state. No one knows better than he the wealth of scientific knowledge they hold. Their structure, their stratigraphy, their fauna and their history have unfolded before his searching examination. His published works testify to his exhaustive researches.

Charles E. Decker was born September 27, 1868, at Dixon, Illinois. He received the Bachelor's degree from Northwestern University in 1906; the Master's degree from Chicago University in 1909; the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Chicago University in 1917; and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Oklahoma City University in 1935. His major title of Research Professor in recognition of the eminence of Professor Decker as a scholar, teacher, and curator of the Frank Phillips Collection.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and is listed in Who's Who in America. He is the only Oklahoma who is a member of the exclusive Boston Author's Club. He is a past president of the Agriculture History Society, past president of the Oklahoma State Folklore Association, a member of the Twentieth Century Club, and the Puddingstone Club of Boston. He has served on the Executive Board of the Mississippian Valley Historical Association, and as a member of the Board of Editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

Decker is a scholar, poet and writer of distinction. He has written more than a score of books, monographs and articles, and all of them reflect his scholarly approach. Some of his works are particularly notable. His plays and light poems are particularly noted. Others are seriously historical, contributing to the science of history and to the fund of knowledge of our great Southwest. But, in general, the great charm and value of his books, plays and poems lie in the fact that they are replete with facts, experience, love, and enthusiasm. His books make the whole region, its people and its history come to life. Some of his pamphlets and articles are collector's items. The Arbuckle and Wichita Mountains have been published in numerous articles by the leading trade and professional journals. He has written several authoritative books on the subject, and he has presented countless papers before leading professional and honorary societies.

The aggressive way in which Professor Decker has carried on his research program has always been a source of great pleasure to me. His presence on our campus is an inspiration to the younger men who are developing research projects. His continued productivity in the field of research was recognized by the Board of Regents on January 1, 1944, when they conferred on him the title of Research Professor in recognition of the meticulous and sustained investigations in paleontology which have brought him a position in international eminence.

Great as has been his contribution to the state along purely scientific lines, his contributions along other lines have been even greater. As an instructor, he has devoted himself to giving his students a thoroughly understanding of the subjects of geology and paleontology in a concise, yet sympathetic manner. As a companion on numberless field trips, he has had few equals.

Professor Decker is a kindly, sympathetic and even-tempered man. He has a remarkable sense of humor, and his nature is readily apparent as you observe him working in his flower gardens. His hobby is Iris breeding. He now has several hundred seedlings from select specimens. Professor Decker is a member of the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Norman, and for many years has served on the Board of Directors of the University YMCA.

The beneficial influence of such a man as Professor Decker on the young men and women just entering adult life is difficult to overemphasize. His standards are high. By precept and teaching, he has taught the students that the value of work alone is the service to the state, or his university, or his state.

It is a real pleasure to salute one of the nation's outstanding paleontologists, a man who has given thirty-one years of service to the University of Oklahoma as a teacher and a builder of men, Professor Charles E. Decker.