As We Were Saying

The Month in Prospect
March 1. Kahyle jewelry ornament display, fine arts building.
March 1. Kappa Sigma dance, Tepee.
March 2. Missouri, basketball, fieldhouse. (Final of season).
March 2. Acacia dance, house.
March 2. Sigma Alpha Epsilon dance (bowery), house.
March 8. Alpha Tau Omega dance, College shop.
March 9. Mestrovic painting display, fine arts building.
March 9. Beta Theta Pi dance, College shop.
March 10. Willard Darrow, pianist, faculty recital, auditorium.
March 15. Kiowa Indian painting display, fine arts building.
March 15. Sigma Nu dance, College shop.
March 16. Kappa Alpha dance, College shop.
March 22. Delta Tau Delta dance, College shop.
March 22. Sigma Chi dance, house.
March 23. Alpha Sigma Phi dance, College shop.
March 23. Delta Chi dance, Tepee.
March 24. Ruth Moore, pianist, faculty recital, auditorium.
March 28. Easter recess begins.

Respectable Again

German, the language of Goethe, Heine, Schiller, and Wagner, is again being offered by the University of Oklahoma as a major subject, according to an announcement made at the beginning of the second semester.

For three years during the period of liberty and culture of the late World war, German was not offered at the university at all. Prior to the war, that language was the most popular offered by the university in the foreign language field.

The university is to be congratulated on removing the shroud from German. It is a sad commentary on modern education that universities must yield to popular prejudice, and so become followers instead of leaders, of public opinion. Refusal to teach one of the world's greatest and historic languages is on a par with legislation of certain states not to teach evolution. Our university is one of the first to restore German to its proper place in the curriculum.

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Semester Enrollment

Enrollment figures for the University of Oklahoma continue to mount, according to George Wadsack, registrar of the university. Although there is a slight decrease in the number of students from last semester, there is a larger enrollment now than at the beginning of the second semester in 1928.

JOSEPH F. FRANCIS
An Appreciation

Professor Joseph F. Francis whose untimely death at the age of thirty-eight occurred January 19, 1929, had given the eight best years of his life to the University of Oklahoma law school. He became a member of the faculty in 1921. He was preeminently a student and thinker. He was deeply interested in current legal problems and likewise in the early history and origin of the common law. His investigations were just crystallizing into somewhat ambitious articles for legal periodicals.

Some of these were completed and will be published later. He intended soon to ask for a leave of absence so that he might take a scholarship at one of the eastern universities for special investigation of the year books and court rolls of the time of Henry VIII.

He was an excellent instructor, thorough in analysis and clear in his exposition. He understood how to draw out and stimulate the interest of his students. He also earnestly desired to assist them directly and in collateral ways, and therefore, possessed their friendship and confidence. They regarded him as a wise counsellor and received much sympathetic help on the many problems which they carried with them in his study. His loss is deplored and deeply felt by his students and his colleagues on the faculty.—Julien C. Monnet, dean of the law school.

Second semester enrollment always takes a drop from the figures for the first half of the academic year. In cold, hard figures the enrollment stands thus: 4,570 for the present semester; 4,535 for the second semester last year; and 4,915 for the first semester of the present academic year.

Making Professors Citizens

Whether university professors shall be qualified as officeholders in Norman is as yet an uncertainty, and a matter for a great deal of speculation over the quiet, evening meal of the absent-minded ones. The question will become a matter for decision March 19 at the city election. City commissioners delayed action on the proposal until they had had time to study the situation carefully. Under the present provision no state office-holder or employee is allowed to hold city office, but if the clause is repealed university professors will be exposed to politics in an active manner.

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