The University of Oklahoma spends a larger percentage of its funds on instruction and less for administration and other purposes than the average state university, according to figures compiled by Comptroller J. L. Lindsey from official figures of the U.S. Office of Education.

Figures for 1938-39 show that the University of Oklahoma spent 10.4 percent of its total expenditures on administration and general expenses while the average for fifteen typical state universities was 11.4 percent.

O.U. spent 65.3 percent of its budget on instruction, while the average for the state university group was 62.4 percent, and the average for all land-grant colleges was 46.3 percent.

Mr. Lindsey compiled the following table of expenditures for three different groups of educational institutions, and the University of Oklahoma:

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The figures are significant in that they show how the University of Oklahoma has had to cut down on administrative expense, research and other functions in order to take care of the steadily increasing enrollment.

The figures above do not include expenditures for hospitals, which vary widely. There is considerable variation in extension division financing, also, and in order to make a fair comparison it is necessary to consider the extension division revenues as well as expenditures. This table shows only total expenditures.

The budget situation

University officials last month prepared to use $76,258.62 from the institution’s revolving fund to restore part of the new slash in funds from the state.

A total expenditure of $333,147.39 from the University’s state appropriation was approved for the January-February-March quarter by Governor Leon C. Phillips, using authority granted by the last Legislature, the governor has been cutting the appropriations for the state’s educational institutions each quarter of this fiscal year in order to try to avert a threatened deficit in the state’s general fund.

The $333,147.39 expenditure approved for this quarter by the governor is far below the University’s expenditure for the third quarter of 1938-39, which amounted to $469,850.57.

Chief loss was in the salary fund, since the budget as approved by the governor provided $296,732.39 for salaries, as compared to a budget expenditure of $576,323 for salaries during the corresponding period a year ago. The amount available from the revolving fund (which includes fees and other revenues from sources other than legislative appropriation) will be used chiefly to bolster the salary budget.

The normal needs of the University are considerably above the amount authorized,” J. L. Lindsey, comptroller, stated. “However, the faculty and administrative officers are delaying the purchase of everything not immediately essential to the operation of the University in an effort to maintain salaries and keep up the morale of the teaching staff.”

O.U. rises in national ranking

Annual enrollment survey of American colleges and universities made for School and Society shows that the University of Oklahoma has increased its rank in number of students, but is still below the average in the proportionate size of its teaching staff.

O.U. ranks twenty-first in enrollment among all colleges and universities, having advanced from the twenty-fourth position it held last year. Its enrollment of 6,935 makes O.U. fifteenth largest among all state-supported schools of the country.

Less favorable is the comparison of teaching staffs, as shown by the report on large universities and colleges under public control. The report shows an average, in this entire group, of one teaching staff member to every 17.2 resident students.

At the University of Oklahoma, the report shows one teaching staff member for every 29.3 resident students. The heavy teaching load at O.U. shows the effects of continued depression-level appropriations while the enrollment was steadily increasing.

The survey report, published in the December 16, 1939, issue of School and Society, states that colleges and universities of Oklahoma rank twentieth in collegiate population, while the population of the entire state ranks twenty-first among other states of the union.

Total figures in the survey show an increase of 2.7 per cent in full-time students over the fall of 1938. Aid from the National Youth Administration goes to 10 per cent of full-time students in schools covered by the survey.

Photography course announced

Announcement of April 11, 12 and 13 as dates for the fourth annual news photography course to be held at the University has been made by Albert A. Sutton, assistant professor of journalism and director of the three-day school.

The course is sponsored by the School of Journalism. It is expected to attract photographers and newspaper men from all over the Southwest.

Grade system changed

After considerable discussion of the grade report system by both students and faculty members, the Administrative Council put into effect a compromise plan at the beginning of the new term.

The new system seeks a middle ground between the mid-semester scheme and the plan of making full reports every four weeks. Under it instructors will give definite grades at the end of the first four
weeks to those students who are not passing; to all others a grade of "S" (C or better) will be given. At mid-semester each student will receive full grade reports in letters A to F. At the end of twelve weeks only the grades of students doing unsatisfactory work will be reported by the instructors.

**Lecture announced**

“The Newspaper and the Historian” will be the subject of a University public lecture given Wednesday evening, February 7, by Professor Fayette Copeland,19, of the School of Journalism. The address will be presented in the Engineering Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Copeland was one of four students who changed the semi-weekly University Oklahoman to the present Oklahoma Daily, student newspaper, in 1916. He edited both the newspaper and the Sooner Yearbook.

**Couple graduate together**

“Together” seems to have been the key word in the lives of Earel Coldiron,40law, and his wife, Mrs. Pearl Coldiron,40law. Married sixteen years ago, they operated a store in Enid together until 1937.

Although it was a profitable establishment, “Earel always had wanted to be a lawyer, somehow.” So they enrolled in the School of Law of the University together.

Last month they passed the bar examination and graduated together, and were sworn in, side by side, by the State Supreme Court with their twelve-year-old daughter, Natalie Jane, sitting in the spectators’ row. Now they have moved back to Enid, and have hung out their shingle together.

There was one phase of their work, however, in which they couldn’t stay together.

Mr. Coldiron became a member of Phi Delta Phi, honorary law fraternity, and Mrs. Coldiron was dean of Kappa Beta Pi, law fraternity for women.

**Parents willing to trust co-eds**

Parents who send their daughters to the University are generally firm in the belief that the girls are old enough and discreet enough to take care of themselves. This has been indicated by answers to questionnaires sent out by Miss Margaret B. Stephenson, counselor of women.

The purpose of the letters sent to the homes of some 2,000 co-eds was to place responsibility for the girls when they leave Norman. Miss Stephenson said, “The University feels keenly its obligation toward women students, yet there are times when it is impossible for us to assume responsibility. One of these times is when the students make over-night or week-end trips from campus.”

Parents were asked to list places where their daughters might go on off-the-campus trips. A space was provided for blanket permission, and that was the space used in over half of the first replies received by the counselor’s office. “Any time, any place, any way,” wrote one word-saving parent.

Typical of the majority of the replies was the feeling expressed by one father who wrote, “Please permit my daughter to go any place at any time without restriction as to transportation. I feel that if I have not fulfilled my duties as parent by properly training my daughter to know what she should do by this time, I have certainly missed my mark.”

**Short course for druggists**

Pharmacists and retail druggists from all over the Southwest are expected to gather at the University for the third annual three-day school in pharmacy and drug store merchandising February 13, 14 and 15. It is being jointly sponsored by the School of Pharmacy, the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association, the Oklahoma Drug Travelers Institute and the Oklahoma Board of Pharmacy.

The program includes discussions of the proper merchandising of toiletries, the photographic department, the baby department, the soda fountain and luncheonette departments, and others.

**New Editor for Daily**

At the beginning of the second semester a new editor, Carter Bradley, Norman, took over the head job in the Oklahoma Daily office. He replaced Bill Brinkley, who became Norman correspondent for the Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times. Mr. Brinkley did not seek re-election to the student newspaper position.

Bob McWilliams, Norman, who completed his University work the first semester, formerly held the correspondent’s job for the Oklahoma City papers.

The Covered Wagon, student humor magazine, remains under the editorship of Miss Eleanor Lain, Frederick, during the second semester.

**Death takes Toberman**

Widely known old “Tobie,” who possibly has furnished more indirect help to campus romances than any other person, has passed away after a brief heart illness. The veteran florist—Norman’s first—is seventy-one years old. His full name was Albert W. Toberman.

For thirty years he operated his florist shop at the corner of Toberman Street and Park Drive, and is said never to have refused credit to students.

**Methodists most numerous**

The Methodist church is the preference of more university students than any other denomination. Baptists rank second. Of 5,482 students stating a preference, 1,765 indicated Methodist and 1,047 Baptist.

Other denominations in their order are Presbyterian and Christian, each with the same number, 720; Catholic with 325; Episcopal with 224; Church of Christ, 147; Christian Science, 127; Jewish, 114; Nazarene, 43; Lutheran, 32; Congregational, 27; Unitarian, 15; Evangelical, 11.

Others represented were the United Brethren church, the Mennonite church, the Latter Day Saints, the Greek churches, the Church of God, the Anglican, Assembly of God, Seven Day Adventists, Holy Rollers, and Community.