SIX new faculty members were appointed, numerous transfers and promotions were made, the University budget for the next year was approved and contract for broadcasting 1938 Sooner football games was awarded at a two-day meeting of the Board of Regents in May.

Dr. L. N. Morgan, professor of English, was named to succeed T. H. Brewer, head of the Department of English for thirty years, who resigned as department head but remains as professor.

Dr. George L. Cross, acting head of the department of botany, was made head of the department, succeeding Dr. Paul B. Sears, resigned.

Dr. R. J. Dangerfield was appointed assistant dean of the Graduate School, a newly created position, and was advanced to rank of professor. He formerly was associate professor of government.

Savoie Lottinville, '29, formerly business manager of the University Press, was appointed director of the Press to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Joseph Brandt, '21. Mr. Brandt will leave the University July 1 to take a position as director of the Princeton University Press.

New faculty members include:

Clarence G. Brown, formerly head of the department of commercial subjects at Central High School, Oklahoma City, appointed assistant professor of commercial education.

Dr. Willard Z. Park, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, appointed head of the newly formed department of sociology and anthropology. The two departments formerly were separate. The former department heads, Dr. Forrest Clements, anthropology, and Jerome Dowd, sociology, remain as professors.

Fritz Frauchiger, University of Chicago, appointed assistant professor of German and French.

Mrs. Grace Davis, on leave of absence from Oklahoma City University, appointed instructor in modern languages.

Dr. Orrie J. Eigsti, Phillips Petroleum Company, assistant professor of geology.

Promotions, in addition to those already mentioned, are as follows:

R. V. James was given rank of professor of mechanics and made head of the department of mechanics, succeeding the late J. C. Davis.

Van Endicott, member of the staff of the printing division of the University Press was appointed superintendent, succeeding the late Samuel Crawford.

Dr. R. L. Huntington was transferred from professor of petroleum engineering to professor of chemical engineering and was made director of the School of Chemical Engineering, a position formerly held by Dr. Guy Y. Williams, who is head of the Chemistry Department.

W. R. Wehdrund was advanced from associate professor of music to rank of professor; Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, associate professor of government to professor; Dr. Oliver Benson, instructor in government to assistant professor; Katherine Culbert, instructor in physical education to assistant professor; and Helen Gregory, instructor in physical education to assistant professor.

While they retain the same rank the following faculty members were transferred to different departments: Dr. Loyd Harris, transferred from the School of Pharmacy to the department of chemistry as professor of chemistry; Dr. C. T. Langford, transferred from the department of chemistry to the School of Chemical Engineering as professor of chemical engineering; and Lawrence Cherry, transferred from instructor in engineering drawing to instructor in mechanical engineering.

Three physicians on the Medical School faculty were retired as professors emeritus. They are Dr. Edmund S. Ferguson, Dr. John F. Kuhn and Dr. William Taylor.

Dr. J. Rud Neilsen, professor of physics, was granted a year's leave of absence to devote time to research.

The Board of Regents approved a University budget of $1,220,000 for the next fiscal year, as submitted by President W. B. Bizzell.

The regents also authorized a study of possible modifications in the week-night study rule, better known to students as the "no-date rule."

**Football broadcasting**

Contract for broadcasting all Sooner football games on the 1938 schedule has
been awarded to WKY radio station of Oklahoma City by the University Board of Regents.

In view of the fact that controversy followed the signing of a football broadcasting contract last year, the Board of Regents had requested that bids be asked of all radio firms in the State, and that the bids be opened at a meeting of the board.

A formal notice to bidders was accordingly mailed to all radio firms in Oklahoma, and the three bids that were submitted were opened at a meeting of the Board of Regents May 2.

KOMA, the Oklahoma City unit of Hearst Radio, Inc., offered a bid of $3,800.

The Oklahoma Network offered a bid of $2,600.

WKY, Oklahoma City, offered $2,500 if the games should be unsponsored by an advertiser; and if sponsored, to pay the Athletic Council “fifty percent of the net amount received from such sponsor, such amount to be in excess of twenty-five hundred dollars.”

The regents and the athletic department concluded that the guarantee of $2,500 and a chance to share in revenue from a sponsor, as offered by WKY, was more attractive than the flat amounts offered in either of the other bids.

In discussion of the merits of the various bids, it was stated that under the WKY bid the Athletic Department might expect to receive more than under either of the other bids, if a favorable advertising contract with a sponsor were obtained.

**Sigma Xi initiation**

Three O.U. alumni were included in the group of scientists initiated as members of the University chapter of Sigma Xi, national honorary scientific society.

The three are Glenn C. Couch, ‘31, ‘37 ms, instructor in botany, initiated as a regular member; and George C. McGhee, ‘33, Dallas, Texas, and Ludwig Schmidt, ‘21, ‘24 eng, Bartlesville, who were initiated as alumni members. McGhee is on the staff of a petroleum laboratory at Dallas, and Schmidt is with the experiment station of the Bureau of Mines at Bartlesville.

The prospects for careers in the field of biology, chemical and allied sciences are now brighter than ever before, Dr. J. F. Findlay, dean of men at O.U., and Theatus Greason, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Independent Men’s Association, were elected on the executive board of the National Independent Student Association which was organized by convention delegates.

**Modernized summer session**

Classwork for the Summer Session will begin June 8, with an increased enrollment expected as a result of several important changes in curriculum and requirements and the addition of numerous special attractions.

In the College of Education, a master’s degree may now be obtained without a thesis, by substituting other work. Graduate courses are now arranged to enable a student to do work for a doctor’s degree during summer terms.

An Institute of International Relations, a Creative Writing Short Course, and many other short courses of general interest are scheduled during the summer term. A second summer term, of four weeks, will follow the main term. It is designed to provide an opportunity for graduate work to persons unable to attend the regular winter or summer terms.

**National I.M.A. convention**

The University of Oklahoma continued its national leadership in promoting the interests of non-fraternity men by playing host last month to the first national convention of representatives of independent student organizations.

Organization problems, including relations of non-fraternity and Greek letter groups, were discussed.

J. F. Findlay, dean of men at O.U., and Theatus Greason, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Independent Men’s Association, were elected on the executive board of the new National Independent Student Association which was organized by convention delegates.

Don Lesher, secretary of interfraternity affairs on the University campus, told the convention that he believes fraternity and non-fraternity groups can work together in sponsoring many activities. He blamed younger members of fraternities for most of the friction between Greeks and non-Greeks.

**Gas measurement course**

More than seven hundred persons from twenty-four states and Mexico attended the fourteenth annual Gas Measurement Short Course offered by the College of Engineering and the Extension Division.

This course is one of the oldest of this type given by the University and has attracted nationwide attention. W. H. Car- son, dean of the College of Engineering, has been invited to go to California in the summer of 1939 to organize a similar short course there.

**Men’s council dinner**

Seventy high school seniors representing the cream of the crop from state high schools were entertained by the Men’s Council during the annual Interscholastic Meet. The two outstanding seniors from each of the larger high schools in the State were invited to the dinner.

The guests bombarded the University deans and officials who were present with questions about the University and campus life. T. M. Beard, alumni secretary, and Tom Stidham, football coach, addressed the group.

**Student honor awards**

As the school year closed, Letzeiser medal winners were announced and University officials announced that three students had been chosen to receive the highest award the University can confer—a degree with honors.

Students who qualified for the honor degree are Katherine Armstrong, Ponca City; Patience Sewell, Clinton; and William Hilewicz, Oklahoma City. Oral examinations were given to the candidates by the honors committee, which was headed by Dr. J. J. Dangerfield.

Candidates for the degree were required to have a grade average of 2.5 for the last four semesters, and they were given a comprehensive oral examination covering nine different fields of study.

Gold Letzeiser medals were awarded to Ellen Ash, Cordell, and Jack Luttrell, Norman, as the most outstanding man and outstanding woman of the senior class.

Wyema Adams, Norman, and Bill Martin, Blackwell, won silver medals. The bronze awards went to Helen Anderson, Norman, and Ben Hill, Duncan.

**The undergraduate scene**

Jim Flinchum, Wichita, Kansas, has been named editor of the Oklahoma Daily for the first semester of next year. Harry
Roberts, Oklahoma City, has been made editor of the Covered Wagon, humor magazine. Marvin Johnson, Tulsa, will edit the 1939 Sooner Yearbook. Don Stowe, Blackwell, has been installed as president of the newly established chapter of Delta Chi social fraternity. Flossie Greene, senior arts and sciences student from Erick, has been awarded a scholarship to Columbia University, New York, and plans to take special work in languages. Wendell Tomberlin, Oklahoma City, was selected by the Art School faculty to be the first University art student to study abroad, as holder of the Parsons scholarship to the Paris branch of the New York School of Fine and Applied Art.

Leaving a note telling that he was failing in some of his University courses and that he did not want to disappoint his father, Harold Pittsenbarger, 20-year-old freshman student, gassed himself at Shawnee and died in a hospital there. University men voted 347 to 126 in favor of a proposal to allocate 10 cents from each enrolment fee paid by a male student, for activities of the Men's Council. The ballot figures and a proposed budget of expenditures were submitted to the Board of Regents for possible action. The Oklahoma Daily commented that the vote was so small that it was inconclusive.

Worried over election of popular co-eds to numerous activity positions, the Women's Self Government Association has adopted a regulation restricting the number of offices a woman student may hold in thirty-six principal campus organizations.

Faculty news

John H. Casey, professor of journalism, has been elected president of the Faculty Club for next year. Joseph E. Smary, director of the School of Architecture, was elected president pro tem of the American Institute of Architects at a meeting of officers in New Orleans. Howard O. Eaton, professor of philosophy, has been elected a member of the executive board of the western division of the American Philosophical Association.

Dr. J. J. Rhine, director of the School of Social Work, has been re-elected editor-in-chief of the publications for the Southwestern Social Science Association. W. K. Newton, head of the department of accounting, was named chairman of the accounting division, and Dr. John H. Lreck, professor of government, was named editor of the division of government.

A new type of prehistoric reptile fossil has been discovered near Norman by J. Willis Stovall, assistant professor of paleontology. The fossil is that of a lizard-like reptile, with an eye in the middle of its head, which lived in the Permian geological age. Dr. J. M. Thuringer, professor of histology and embryology, has been elected president of the University of Oklahoma Society of Medical Sciences.

Annual banquet of the society was held May 20 in the Skirvin Hotel at Oklahoma City, when the main speaker was Dr. Meyer Bodansky, professor of pathological chemistry at the University of Texas Medical School and director of the John Sealy Memorial Hospitals.

Dr. Ernest C. Ross, associate professor of English, will return in June from a year's leave of absence spent in England. He has spent two years in England in research on Mary Lamb in the British Museum and in private libraries, and will return with his biography of Mary Lamb ready for publication in September. Mr. Ross was elected a member of the distinguished Charles Lamb Society April 11, and during the winter he gave a lecture to the society on Mary Lamb.

Harral heads group

Stewart Harral, '36ma, director of press relations and assistant professor of journalism, was elected president of district 10 of the American College Publicity Association at a meeting held at Stillwater this spring. Seventeen Oklahoma and Texas schools were represented at the meeting at which Dr. M. L. Wardell, assistant to the president, was one of the principal speakers.

Woodworth play presented

John Woodworth, '25, speech teacher at Roosevelt Junior High School, aided in preparations for presentation of his play, Cheat and Swing, by the University Playhouse April 22 and 23. This play is the Oklahoma prize play for the last year.

Home economics honor

Florence Dietrich, Oklahoma City, graduating senior in home economics, has been selected as one of ten students from United States colleges and universities to do graduate work in dietetics at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. She was one of two hundred applicants.

High school groups entertained

An innovation at the University this year was a series of campus tours sponsored every Thursday by the Extension Division, headed by Herbert H. Scott, for representatives from high schools over the state. Students from a particular county are selected by school officials to be guests of the University on a date specified by extension officials.

From forty to fifty students, a few school executives and parents usually make the trip to Norman, remaining from 10 o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon. Their day's schedule includes a tour of the campus with guides, an educational motion picture, and a thirty-minute broadcast over radio station WNAD by talented members of the group. Frequently the students in the county represented meet in special assemblies to hear their classmates broadcast.

The tours, supervised by University authorities and planned through offices of county superintendents, have proved beneficial for all concerned. Many superintendents have written to express enthusiasm over the project, stating that these tours bring students in contact with University methods and serve to interest them in securing higher education.