Requirements increased
A new ruling by the Board of Regents requires three years of college work for entrance to the University Medical School, effective with the freshman class of 1939. Medical Dean R. U. Patterson stated the action is in line with a national trend.

Chinese viewpoint explained
China in the last five years has adopted a policy of militarization and "armed diplomacy," Dr. T. Z. Koo, associate general secretary of China's Y.M.C.A. Council, told a University audience.

Japanese encroachments have stimulated a feeling of national unity among the 400,000,000 people of China, although it has slowed down the recent movement for definite political unity, he said. Dr. Koo reported he found the United States friendly to China and resentful of Japanese aggressions, but he urged that Americans harbor no hatred toward Japan. The Japanese government is unable to control the Japanese army, he said.

Athletic tax ruled out
Probability that the one percent federal tax on University athletic contests will be eliminated was seen after the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals held at New Orleans that the federal government has no right to collect taxes on athletic admissions at state supported institutions. The case on which the ruling was based was filed originally in Georgia. It was expected that the New Orleans ruling would be appealed to the United States Supreme Court for final adjudication.

Economist is speaker
The only way to escape steady increase of government debt is to maintain circulation of money from the great centers of wealth to the masses of people, with the government acting as a pump by means of its taxing power, David Cushman Coyle, economist and writer, told a Norman Forum audience.

General confusion in Washington contributed materially to the recent business recession, he said.

Commenting on the general demand, particularly on the part of the metropolitan press, for tapering off the national debt, Mr. Coyle declared that it is preferable to add ten million or so to the government debt than to add fifty billion to business debt.

Taxi troubles settled
Fist fights, boycotts, strikes, legal battles and bitter accusations gave Norman a taste of labor troubles in December and January, but a peaceful settlement finally was agreed upon. Original cause of the trouble apparently was a "courtesy card" plan adopted by one taxi company, by which fraternities participating in the plan would enjoy reduced tax rates. Under terms of an agreement reached after drivers of other companies went on a protest strike, the courtesy card plan was abandoned and all Norman taxi companies agreed to use union drivers.

Psychological guidance discussed
"Spray gun" methods of higher education were criticized and the need for individual guidance of students was emphasized at the University's first Psychology Guidance Institute, attended by about one hundred representatives of school systems, religious groups, labor organizations and social agencies.

"We must develop a new profession of guidance workers trained to deal, not with masses of students, but with individuals..."
by means of careful diagnosis of aptitudes and interests,” said Dr. E. G. Williamson, director of the university testing bureau at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Parental pressure that often forces a student into a certain occupation because of good employment opportunities in that occupation was criticized by Dr. Williamson who said that it often puts young people into fields in which they have no particular ability.

Dr. H. Meltzer, director of the Psychology Service Center, St. Louis, Mo., the other principal speaker of the institute, declared that “emotional aliveness” is as necessary as knowledge for a good life.

While not advocating a sinful life, he described as inadequate the life that is “good” in the sense of confining itself to a narrow groove.

At the close of the three-day institute, the group passed resolutions urging that guidance courses be included in the curricula of prospective teachers, and that extension courses be established to give guidance training to persons already teaching.

New meter course
An oil metering conference, patterned after the nationally known annual gas measurement short course, has been scheduled April 7-8 at the University. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers is sponsor.

Astronomy facilities improved
A well-equipped observatory and classroom for astronomy work are included in an $8,000 WPA grant given the University. Work is to begin in February.

The Undergraduate Scene
Continuing Oklahoma’s outstanding record as a producer of Rhodes scholars, Jack Luttrell and LeRoy Earley, both O.U. students, are winners in the 1937 regional competition.

It is the third time within the last five years that Oklahoma students have scored the maximum of a possible two scholarships from the four allotted this six-state region.

Luttrell, a senior who is outstanding in debate and many student activities as well as making a straight-A average, plans to study international law at Oxford.

Earley is in the University Medical School and expects to continue his study of medicine at Oxford.

Commenting on the double victory of the Oklahoma students, the Oklahoma News stated editorially:

“Nor is this the first time that Oklahoma students have fared well in these tests. Most of the group that examined applicants in the state tests here this year are men who won Rhodes scholarships in past years. The achievement of men chosen for this honor is a high compliment to the individual students, of course, for there is a place for personality as well as for educational progress in the choosing. It also speaks well for Oklahoma’s educational system, particularly its institutions of higher learning, which have occasionally been too harshly criticized.”

Pre-rush dinners banned
Eliminating the expensive series of fraternity rush dinners and dances held in Oklahoma City by many chapters, the Interfraternity Council has announced a ban against all rush activities for ten days prior to the opening of the official rush period on the University campus next September. The regulation will prohibit rushing activities by individual members, active chapters or alumni organizations, said Don Lesher, secretary of fraternity affairs.

Meningitis fatal to student
Kenneth Read, senior from 13,G Springs, Texas, died soon after the Christmas holidays from an illness diagnosed as spinal meningitis. He apparently contracted the disease while in his home town for the holidays. Fifteen other students rooming at the same house as Read were carefully examined by Infirmary officials but no other cases developed.

Student friend dies
Death of Fred Swisher, 48-year-old proprietor of the Varsity Shop, from an influenza attack, griefed thousands of students who had become acquainted with the genial, rotund Swisher during their college days. He had been connected with the student shop for fifteen years and was owner and manager since 1930. Many persons now well known as singers and musicians had their first public experience in his shop. Mr. Swisher was a World War veteran and saw active service in France.

Punished for poor taste
Three fraternity chapters responsible for distribution of a miniature humor publication at the annual Triad dance were penalized one dance each on their schedules for this school year because a faculty committee found the publication to be in “extremely bad taste.” References to coeds named in the publication were found particularly objectionable.

Win tax decision
University fraternities, represented by Albert C. Kulp, ’30, ’34, Oklahoma City attorney, have won a decision from the State Labor Department exempting fraternities from state taxation under the Social Security Law.

Faculty News
Dozens of faculty members took advantage of the Christmas holidays to attend conventions of professional societies in many parts of the country and a number of them were elected to offices in national organizations.

H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the American Association of Teachers of Journalism for the eighth year. The groups met at Columbia, Mo. -Charles P. Green, head of the speech (PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 32)
Belles Lettres and Bell Ringers


The distinguished members of the American Statistical and Geographical Society were meeting in New York.

A young captain of the United States army read a paper on his explorations in a remote and little known country. Their close attention and much applause were a tribute to the novelty of his report, which was on a country "far beyond the limits of civilization."

In view of the fact that the country he dismissed as the territory along the upper Red River, where thousands of Oklahomans now dwell in a reasonable measure of civilization, the accounts of this early-day exploration form a valuable and interesting chapter in the history of the Southwest.

The speaker in the incident described above was Capt. Randolph B. Marcy, and his account of his discoveries, first published by the United States government in 1853, has been edited by Grant Foreman and published by the University of Oklahoma Press under the title Adventure on Red River.

Captain Marcy was a close observer, intelligent in reporting what he found, and not lacking in a sense of humor. The result is a book that is quite readable, as well as presenting excellent source material on Southwestern history.

An introduction by Grant Foreman describes the circumstances under which the explorations were made.

Oklahomans will find in this book a refreshing view of their own state in the eyes of a man viewing the country for the first time. As the jacket blurbs remarks, the day-by-day entries of Captain Marcy's contacts with the various Indians of the country have something of the fascination of Robinson Crusoe's exploration of his island.

Sooner writers

Green Corn Rebellion, by William Cunningham, '25, Oklahoma City, originally published by Vanguard in 1935, has just been published in England by John Long, Ltd. The author was interested to note that the English publishers had attempted to "translate" Oklahoma language into English. A sentence in the original book that read "He was old enough to ride fence and carry a gun" was interpreted by the English publishers' staff to mean "He was old enough to ride, fence, and carry a gun."

An article by J. D. Deason, '29ournal, city editor of the Lawton Constitution, is scheduled in a new book, Photographic Hints and Gadgets, published by the American Photography Publishing Company. The article is on adaptation of the Graflex camera for aerial photography . . .

Dr. Paul Sears, head of the University Botany Department now on leave of absence, has written a number of magazine articles recently, one being Death From the Soil which was published in The American Mercury. Dr. Sears is author of two widely praised books, Deserts on the March and This Is Our World.

Groundwork of Music is a new textbook on theory of music for high school students by C. F. Giard, professor in the University . . . Arnold W. Johnson, assistant professor of accounting, is author of a 691-page textbook, Principles of Accounting published recently by Farrar and Rinehart.

Historical material on the Cherokee Indians from 1832 to 1872, consisting mainly of excerpts from letters, has been prepared for publication by Dr. E. E. Dale, '11, head of the history department, and Gaston Litton, '34, who is employed in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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department, was elected to the committee on interpretive speech at the meeting of the National Association of Teachers of Speech held in New York City.

Dr. Charles M. Perry, head of the philosophy department, was elected vice-president of the Southwestern Philosophical conference at a meeting held in Dallas.

The largest delegation from the University went to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and associated groups.

Dr. Alice Sowers, nationally known specialist in parent education, has been appointed by the Board of Regents to serve as lecturer in the Extension Division.

Herschel Elarth, Los Angeles architect, has been appointed assistant professor of architecture for the second semester, to take over classes of Otho Sparks. Mr. Sparks is taking a leave of absence to do commercial architectural work in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Ralph Records, professor of history on leave of absence during the first semester because of illness, will continue on leave during the second semester to do research work for two books.