

Campus Review

The Regents

The Board of Regents met with President Joseph A. Brandt September 8 to accept recent faculty resignations, grant leaves of absence for army and navy duty, and approve appointments to the faculty.

In addition to personnel matters, the regents voted to file application in Washington, D. C., for a WPA grant to enlarge the size of the Research Institute Building. State funds totaling \$407,500 were appropriated by the Legislature for the building. President Brandt has expressed the hope that the University might secure enough federal funds to expand the construction into a million-dollar project.

A new plan by which the tenures of deans of schools and colleges and heads of departments will be shortened to terms of five and three years, respectively, was approved and will go into effect at the beginning of the school year 1942-43.

Heads of departments, to be known hereafter as chairmen, will be appointed for terms of three years, preferably not to succeed themselves. Deans will serve for five years and may succeed themselves. President Brandt and the regents believe that the plan will make for more democracy among faculty members, since those in each school, college and department will be eligible for selection as dean or chairman.

J. S. Walton, associated for the last four years with the research organization of the Standard Oil Development Company of New Jersey, was appointed professor of chemical engineering. He succeeds J. W. Donnell, who resigned to accept a position with the Dupont Company.

Other appointments to the faculty include:

Herbert G. Allphin, former associate physical director at the Y. M. C. A., Fort Worth, Texas, appointed instructor in physical education for men.

Howard Larsh, who received his doctor's degree this year at the University of Illinois, instructor in botany and bacteriology.

Samuel Silver, former research assistant at Ohio State University, instructor in physics.

R. D. Cool, former assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Akron, assistant professor of chemistry.

J. Bruce Wiley, '35eng, '41m.eng, of Norman, who fills a vacancy created by the absence of Carl T. Almquist for army duty, appointed special instructor in electrical engineering.

John J. Heimerich, former vocational teacher

at Concordia, Kansas, High School, instructor in engineering drawing.

Merl D. Creech, '29eng, '30m.eng, former engineer with the Clearing Machine Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, assistant professor of mechanics.

Claude Harris, graduate assistant at O. U. during the summer of 1941, special instructor in secondary education.

Henry S. Robinson, fellow at Princeton University last year, instructor in classical languages and literature.

Marion F. Robinson, camp counselor at Camp Chewase near Gallinburg, Tennessee, for the last five years, instructor in physical education for women.

Helene Moore Priester, '39h.ec, former head of the department of home economics at Normandy High School, St. Louis, Missouri, instructor in home economics.

Vernon A. Musselman, '38m.ed, commercial teacher in the high school and junior college at Bartlesville, assistant professor of commercial education.

Alma Gaardsmoe, former dean of women at Eastern State Teachers College in Madison, South Dakota, director of women's residential halls, Robertson and Hester.

Pierre Delattre, former teacher at Middlebury College in Vermont, assistant professor of French.

Margaret M. Burnham, '41ma, secretary in the office of the Graduate School and Research Institute.

Evelyn Coleman, '41bus, secretary in the Bureau of Business Research.

Billie Gary McKeever, '40ba, secretary in the School of Journalism.

Lawrence Vernon Scott, research assistant in botany and bacteriology.

Ruby Lee, stenographer in the office of the Counselor of Women.

Leaves of absences were granted to the following:

Leonard Logan, '14ba, professor of sociology, appointed to the position of assistant to the regional co-ordinator of health, welfare, education and related activities in the national defense program in the Federal Security Administration.

Maurice Halperin, '29ma, associate professor of Romance languages, selected by the govern-

ment of Haiti, through the Department of State in Washington, D. C., as an exchange professor to promote inter-American cultural relations. Mr. Halperin will not return to O. U. at the end of the year's leave.

F. F. Gaither, '21ba, '26m.ed, director of teacher education, working toward a doctor's degree on a fellowship at Stanford University, California.

C. Guy Brown, '23ba, assistant professor of commercial education, serving in the U. S. Army for the duration of the national emergency.

Quentin M. Spradling, '28ba, '32bus, '40m.ba, assistant auditor, now in U. S. Army.

Marjorie Stafford, '25ba, head of the acquisition department of the University Library, taking additional library training at University of Illinois.

Henry Rinsland, '20ba, 24ma, professor of school measurements, beginning a second year of service in the intelligence division of the War Department, Washington, D. C.

The regents accepted resignations submitted by the following:

E. E. Ambrosius, professor of mechanical engineering, who has accepted a position at the University of Kansas.

J. W. Donnell, '25ba, '31m.eng, professor of engineering, who has been appointed specialist in explosives for the DuPont Company.

A. M. Lukens, associate professor of mechanics, appointed head of the department of mechanics at New Mexico A. and M. College, Las Cruces.

Ellen D. Kelly, instructor in physical education for women, appointed to the physical education faculty at the University of Minnesota.

Agnes Nohrnberg, director of residential halls, who has accepted a position in New York City.

The President

Activities of President Joseph A. Brandt last month made plenty of good copy for newspaper writers as he attacked numerous problems, put some new ideas into effect, and scattered miscellaneous precedents here and there.

► Some of the changes he made left the campus a bit startled, but the innovations were things that Mr. Brandt had been considering for many months and were not casual experiments. One of the changes most surprising to the campus was the approval by the Board of Regents of a plan for temporary "department chairmen" to replace the present system of permanent heads. Beginning next year, department chairmen will be appointed for three-year terms, preferably not to succeed themselves. This plan—used successfully at many universities—is expected to give younger men administrative experience at their most useful age and to encourage the development of new ideas. Deans are to be appointed for five-year

CAMPUS CALENDAR

October 4—Freshman-Varsity football game, Owen Field.

October 21—University Artists Series, Orrin Tucker and his orchestra, Fieldhouse.

October 24—Panhellenic dance, Union Ballroom.

October 24, 25—First Playhouse production, *George Washington Slept Here*, University Auditorium.

October 25—Sooner-Santa Clara football game, Owen Field.

October 29—University Artist Series, *A Night in Bali*, featuring the Bali Java dancers, University Auditorium.

November 1—Sooner-Kansas football game, Owen Field; Dads' Day.

November 8—Sooner-Iowa State football game, Owen Field; Homecoming.

terms instead of for permanent tenure. President Brandt emphasized that this action was not an indication of any lack of confidence in the deans, but rather a means of insuring the State of Oklahoma that "when progress is needed, it can be obtained."

► University committees were completely reorganized by President Brandt, with the object of making them as representative as possible of the entire University. A new committee, on readmissions, was appointed to see that a student rejected by one school is not permitted to enrol in another division of the University without investigation. A committee on examinations was appointed to work toward a system of examinations given by departments rather than by individual professors, and insuring that examinations be changed often. Also new is a faculty committee on tenure and grievance, to hear the case of any faculty member who believes himself treated unjustly. A committee on undergraduate life has started a broad survey in revising regulations for student life and conduct. Proposals being considered included a midnight curfew for men, a campaign for more extensive participation in intramural athletics, restrictions on student night life in Oklahoma City, revision of dance hours, centralization of student employment control, and general enrichment of student life through fine arts programs and associated events. Some of the new committees will have members of the Board of Regents serving on them, and some will have student members serving along with faculty members.

► In addition to the regular University committees, President Brandt is appointing a number of commissions to make broad-gauge surveys of general University problems. The first of these will investigate the general problem of curriculum, with the view of eliminating needless "frills" such as the pet courses offered at the instigation of a certain professor, or highly specialized courses for which there is little demand. President Brandt explained that O. U. in at least one field he knows about, offers in its catalog three times as many courses as numerous top-ranking universities. The commission also will investigate "useless degrees." In cutting off frills, the objectives will be both economy and also good education. Extreme specialization of courses is not necessary, because sound training prepares a student to proceed by himself in his particular field, President Brandt explains.

► In his first address to the Class of '45, President Brandt told the new students that they 1) should put aside any idea that they came to the University for a good time; 2) owe an obligation to work hard to their parents and the taxpayers of Oklahoma; 3) should take away from the University a general education that would

enable them to meet life's problems without shrinking.

► An elaborate matriculation ceremony for new students was scheduled September 23. Arrangements were made for freshmen to wear robes of high school style, and march in academic procession into the Fieldhouse for an impressive ceremony admitting them to the society of undergraduates, after which they were to discard their high school gowns in the Spoonholder as a symbol of becoming University freshmen.

► General reaction to the new administration at the University was well expressed by the *Norman Transcript* in an editorial "The Changing Order at O. U." The editorial was as follows:

When Joe Brandt was elected president of the University, nearly everyone well acquainted with him predicted widespread changes of one kind or another in University policies and practices. Those changes are now taking place, in rather rapid-fire order.

Some of the announcements have taken the campus by surprise, yet they are not sudden decisions reached by Mr. Brandt since assuming the presidency about a month ago. He has been studying University problems ever since his election to the office more than six months ago, and we may be sure his program has been carefully and advisedly worked out.

Among the important changes are the establishment of definite terms for deans, doing away with permanent tenure; abolition of the title of department head and creation of department chairmen who will be selected for one-year terms; reorganization of committees with both the board of regents and students represented on them; creation of commissions to revise the curricula, eliminate "frills" and needless courses, and reduce the number of degrees offered, and tightening of scholastic requirements with additional regulations also to put the brakes where needed on student social life and keep students away from Oklahoma City "night life."

Some of the proposals have met with instant and widespread approval. Tightened scholastic regulations will please all except students who are here for the social life.

Because of the sweeping nature of the changes affecting deans, department heads, and faculty members generally and the suddenness with which they hit the campus some folks may be slow to accept them, but Mr. Brandt's ideas appear sound and are patterned after practices that have proved successful in many leading universities.

As the president has pointed out, he is trying to build a greater university through evolution, not revolution, and he should be given every chance to make his plans work.

We like the energy, the enthusiasm, and the vision that Joe Brandt has brought to his position. We like his courage in following through on his convictions, even though he upsets the way we have been doing things here for many years. He may make some mistakes, but we believe his general program for the school is sound and will bring the growth and development to it that all of us hope for.

Stillwater Editor Bitter

University people were startled in early September to hear about a long Page One editorial in the *Stillwater Daily Press*, headed by a six column caption LET O. U. SERVE OKLAHOMA WITHOUT THROWING MUD AT A. AND M.

Editor Otis Wile, usually amiable and good humored in his clever stories about

Aggie sports, proceeded to object vociferously to an editorial in the *Oklahoma City Times* which inferred that some of A. and M. College's research program had been of the impractical variety. In making a defense against this charge, Editor Wile implied that, although he couldn't prove it, he believed that the University of Oklahoma had something to do with the criticism.

Some of the choice phrases from his article:

"When O. U. prompts the idea that worthy research is new to Oklahoma and that A. and M.'s fifty years of research have been so much useless piddling and not to be considered in a class with the research that O. U. is going to do (in the future) then A. and M. is interested in O. U.'s fiddle-faddle x x x"

"x x x there has been carried on an effort to discredit the aims and objectives of Oklahoma A. and M. College. One would hesitate to conclude that this harping campaign against A. and M. is inspired, yet the broad implications would certainly draw the attention of any loyal Oklahoman who knew A. and M.'s history and admired the great agricultural college for its work."

"x x x isolated, piddling and playing state universities, in all their arrogant self-appreciation x x x"

The *Norman Transcript* replied through its Press Box column, that "As far as the Press Box knows, no one at the University has publicly expressed the idea that A. and M. is not doing its part and has not been doing its part in the field of research."

The Press Box further added: "Apparently Mr. Wile took the editorial in the Oklahoma City paper as being the voice of O. U. If he will stop and consider, he will realize that the Oklahoma City paper doesn't consult O. U. officials regarding its editorials. Charges and insinuations which A. and M. sees in the editorials are not the views of O. U. officials. O. U. wants to co-operate. There is room enough in Oklahoma for both schools and a great field of opportunity for both. Let's bury the hatchet again, but not in each other's back."

Only a short time after Mr. Wile inferentially accused the Oklahoma newspaper of being more or less a tool of University sentiment, the publishing company passed up an opportunity to broadcast O. U. football games and scheduled instead a broadcast of all the Aggies' home games!

Also, the O. U. alumni magazine commended the appointment of an Aggie alumnus as administrator for the newly established State Board of Regents for Higher Education.

Also, the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association invited members of the executive board of the A. and M. College Former Students Association to

be guests at a luncheon in Norman on the day of the Sooner-Aggie game.

And no poison in the soup, honest!

Famous Chemist Secured

One of the world's leading scientists, Samuel Glasstone, will join the University in September, 1942, and will devote much of his time to developing the industrial uses of native plants.

The widely known electrolytic chemist will be brought to the southwest by President Joseph A. Brandt to help in the state's research program. He is the author of eight books on chemistry, which have been translated into French and Russian.

Artist Series Announced

Orrin Tucker, his orchestra, and the songstress, wee Bonny Baker of *Oh, Johnny!* fame, will come to the O. U. campus October 21 as the first number of the 1941-42 University Celebrity Series.

Maestro Tucker will play for an all-University dance. Second number will be a musical review, *A Night in Bali*, featuring an East Indies troupe of native sarong girls and acrobatic comedians.

Other artists and numbers for the series include the Fray and Braggiotti piano team, the Chekhov Players, New York Theatrical Troupe; the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra conducted by Victor Alessandro, and a bonus number to be announced later. J. F. Malone, director of the lecture and entertainment bureau of the Extension Division, is director of this year's Celebrity Series.

Enrolment Loss Is 633

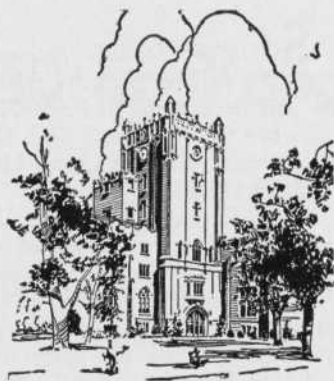
A decrease of 633 students in first semester enrolment has been announced by Registrar George Wadsack. The fiftieth school year at O. U. opened with 5,902 students as compared with 6,535 for the first semester of last year.

All except four schools and colleges showed decreases from last year's total. The four with gains were the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy and "general freshmen," those enrolled without majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. A table showing comparative enrolments of the first semester of school years 1940-41 and 1941-42 follows.

	1940	1941
Business Administration	959	880
Arts and Sciences	1,981	1,770
Education	400	307
Engineering	1,539	1,406
Fine Arts	517	453
Law	276	189
Medicine	232	235
Nursing	107	133
Pharmacy	104	118
General Freshmen	97	106
Graduate	323	305

Remote Tribe Studied

Willard Z. Park, professor of anthropology, has returned to his home in Norman after spending three months study-



ing the civilization of the Kagabas Indians who live high in the mountains of Colombia, South America.

Mr. Park, who made his first expedition to visit the tribes in 1937, is making the study under the sponsorship of the Carnegie Foundation, New York City. He traveled thousands of miles, by every known means of transportation, to reach the villages of the Kagabas.

War, and even individual fights, are unknown to these Indians.

Program Honored

Nationwide recognition has been given the Family Life Forum program broadcast over WNAD, University radio station, in a new book entitled *Radio's Listening Groups*.

Written by Frank Ernest Hill and W. E. Williams, the book points out the qualities of an effective radio program and states that "all such advantages are well illustrated in the Oklahoma Family Life Forum." Alice Sowers, professor of family life education at the University is program director.

Plants for Perfume

In the near future, milady may be buying perfume made from Oklahoma-grown plants if plans of University officials for a new state industry are developed.

Oklahoma climate is believed to be favorable for the growth of certain herbs and other materials, now raised principally in foreign countries, which perfume manufacturers have been unable to obtain since the war started.

President Joseph A. Brandt has appointed a committee of University faculty members to investigate the possibilities of starting the new industry in Oklahoma which would provide plants requisite for the distillation of perfumes.

College Goes to Camp

Despite the fact that they're in the army now, hundreds of former University students are keeping up with their college work through the correspondence study department in the Extension Division.

In addition to drafted students, men in army camps throughout the nation are taking high school courses from O. U.

by correspondence. Most popular courses are mathematics, Spanish, English, government, history and a three-hour credit course in the study of hydraulics.

Educational Films

"Learning by seeing" is becoming widely popular as one of the newest teaching methods in Oklahoma. Promoter is the Department of Visual Education at the University which furnishes films on a variety of subjects to state schools.

Largest in the Southwest, the University film library serves both city and rural schools. During the past year, Oklahoma schools from the lowest grades to colleges showed 4,626 subjects from the film library of the visual education department, R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37law, supervisor, reports.

Most popular films are those on natural science, history, arts and crafts, government and industrial topics. Outstanding among the films is a Hollywood-produced series of nine movies in technicolor on different phases of American history.

Faculty

Lorenz Shock, '37ba, '38ms, and Mrs. Shock have moved from Dallas, Texas, to Norman where Mr. Shock has accepted the position of instructor in physics at University while working toward a doctor's degree. He was associated with the National Geophysical Company of Dallas.

► Capt. Carl T. Almquist, associate professor of electrical engineering now on leave of absence for army duty, has been transferred from the office of the chief of ordnance at Washington, D. C., to the ordnance office at Des Moines, Iowa, where construction has just started on an ammunition plant.

► Herman Larson, assistant professor of music, and Mrs. Larson have announced the birth of a son in Chicago, Illinois. The Larsons also have a small daughter, Carna.

► Elizabeth M. Kee, '20, who has held the position of secretary to O. U.'s president since 1926, is continuing her duties as secretary to President Joseph A. Brandt.

► S. R. Tompkins, associate professor of history, was one of the guest speakers at the Canadian Institute of Public Affairs held near Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in early fall. Mr. Tompkins, an authority on Russian history, is a native of Canada.

► Ben A. Botkin, former University English teacher, has been awarded a fellowship by the Rockefeller Foundation to do research in folklore at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. Mr. Botkin, aided by funds from the WPA, has completed four years of work with folklore.

► H. C. Peterson, associate professor of history, spent the summer in New York City where he did research work.

► Preparation of more than 1,000 Oklahoma plant specimens for use in state

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schools has been completed by Milton Hopkins, associate professor of botany. The specimens, mounted on large pieces of cardboard and covered with cellophane, are divided into duplicate sets of 20 state plants as traveling collections. State schools may obtain the plants through the University Extension Division.

► F. F. Gaither, '21ba, '26m.ed, director of teacher education, has been granted a sabbatical leave of absence from the O. U. faculty to do research work in teacher education at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. Mr. Gaither has been awarded a Mary E. Fletcher fellowship to do the research.

► O. J. Eigsti, associate professor of botany, has been awarded a grant of \$100 from the Society of Sigma Xi, national scientific research society, for the promotion of research. The money is to be used for the purchase of optical equipment.

► Stewart Harral, '36ma, associate professor of journalism and director of press relations, has been elected vice president in charge of research of the American College Publicity Association.

► Lt. Richard F. Thweatt, formerly stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, has been appointed professor of military science and tactics on the University R. O. T. C. staff.

► Odeal Locke, '24ba, '40ma, graduate assistant in the O. U. English Department for the last three years, has been appointed speech and English teacher at Norman High School.

► V. Lauren Shelton, University business teacher and a certified public accountant, has been elected an associate in the American Institute of Accountants. Mr. Shelton is one of 117 recently chosen members.

Covering the Campus

The University is sponsoring three college-grade defense courses in Oklahoma City. They include engineering drawing, engineering physics and a course in the inspection and testing of non-metallic materials. . . . Many persons trained in special defense engineering classes at O. U. are now working, or expect to go to work soon, at the Douglas Aircraft Bomber plant in Tulsa. . . . Another of the ways in which the University is co-operating with the national defense program is an arrangement whereby men interested in going into the U. S. Air Corps can take the 19 hours of college work needed for entrance in one semester. . . . Although several divisions of O. U. have contributed faculty members to the national defense setup, the College of Engineering leads all other schools and colleges at O. U. with twelve staff members in military and industrial service. . . . The University Hospital in Oklahoma City expects to re-

ceive federal funds for expansion of nurses' training, which will allow the School of Nursing to accept from 20 to 25 more applicants.

► Due to a reduction of more than \$15,000 in the University NYA appropriation for this year, the number of students who pay part of their expenses with NYA jobs has been cut approximately 20 per cent. Grades, as usual, played a prominent part in the selection of students to receive the NYA assistance. About 600 students are receiving NYA aid this year compared with 833 last year. . . . Work on two new NYA dormitories, made possible through a \$40,000 allocation by the State Legislature, has begun. They will provide living quarters for 90 men and 90 women and a dining hall to be located between the two buildings. In addition to sleeping rooms, the dormitories will provide rooms for study, recreation and entertainment. Location is the northeast corner of Jenkins Avenue and Lindsay Street.

► Rush held in early September was climaxed with the pledging of 244 students by fraternities and 190 by sororities.

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How To Watch a Football Game

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vote for them in the next legislative election.

Football watchers are badly split on the merits of aisle seats vs. inside seats. Some argue that it's best to sit on the aisle where you can get in and out without tripping over feet, pop bottles and overcoats. Others contend that it's better to get settled in the middle of a row and stay there, letting all those who want to see a man about a dog depart on either side of you.

Football watching, like the automobile, seems to be here to stay and there are numerous modern improvements and accessories. Fully equipped with program, pennant, souvenir football on a cane, arm band colors, chrysanthemum, seat cushion, raincoat, blanket, thermos jar of hot coffee, a hot dog with mustard, and a portable radio with which to keep up with other games—the modern football watcher is well prepared for a happy afternoon or a polar expedition with Admiral Byrd.

One off-brand football watching system is the Scotch variety. This type of fan relaxes beside his radio in a comfortable chair at home, perhaps with a tall drink of his choice, and hears the game via the ether waves. Sometimes two or more fans get together to listen this way. That is known as a Double Scotch.

However, for fresh air, sunshine and a thoroughly hoarse throat we recommend the regular varieties of football watching.

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