

## The University

### 18-Year-Old Draft Law

WITH the decision made by Congress that practically all men of college age are to be taken into the Army or Navy, high officials of the armed forces last month were seeking a workable plan for choosing some of the draftees to go to college at government expense and take essential subjects such as medicine and engineering.

After June, 1943, and perhaps sooner, the only males on college and university campuses fall within three groups: 1) boys under 18 years old; 2) men rejected for military service because of physical defects; 3) men in uniform who have been furloughed from active duty to take prescribed courses.

Latest information from Washington is that military authorities are planning some kind of aptitude test for selection of the most promising young men to be sent to college, with the government footing the bill. The financial ability of the young man to pay for a college education would have no bearing at all. Neither would the college nor the man have anything to say about the courses he would take; the armed forces would determine that.

*The United States News*, always well informed on the latest Washington developments, states that "All of this means that college education as it has been known is on the way out, for male students at least. The social life, the fraternities, the emphasis upon intercollegiate athletics apparently are to be sacrificed to war after this college year. There probably would be an end to granting of degrees for the war period."

This publication reports there is an argument over whether the government should contract directly with educational institutions to pay for the education of its soldiers and sailors at so much per head, or whether the men themselves should be provided with funds out of which to pay for their education. The first method seems most likely of adoption, says the *United States News*. "Colleges would, in effect, become officer-training institutions selected for use because they possess the plant and housing facilities needed."

Officials of the University of Oklahoma during the last two months have kept in close touch with other universities and with developments in Washington.

The attitude of most university presidents was summed up in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Association

of State Universities held in Chicago:

The state universities are the agencies of all the people, entrusted with the custody and training of youth under public mandate, support and direction. Their service is the public service.

To win the war is the highest and most critical public service of the moment, requiring trained intelligence and a maximum of technical skill.

The state universities are under moral obligation to set the example of hearty co-operation with the selective service principle of the war. They have plant, personnel and student manpower which must be selectively utilized and mobilized to serve our nation at war and beyond the war.

Thus far these facilities have had only partial, fortuitous and often competitive assignment instead of their full and rightful use in the war effort. Yet the universities contain a most valuable reserve of manpower already screened on the basis of intellectual achievement and promise.

The National Association of State Universities recognizes the lowering of the draft age to 18 years as clarifying the problem and offering the opportunity long sought to define the constructive job the universities can do.

Member universities of this association in placing their plants, personnel and youthful manpower unreservedly at the service of the country trust that a co-ordinated and authoritative national manpower policy may promptly allocate and utilize these with the greatest possible effectiveness.

Meanwhile the National Association of State Universities approves the adoption of such a program for enlisted training as that submitted to the Army and Navy by the committee of the American Council on Education on the Relations of the Higher Institutions to the Federal Government.

The program referred to in the last paragraph above involves the establishment of enlisted training corps in colleges and universities, to be composed of high school graduates or men with equivalent preparation, who meet competitive standards up



PARENTS' OFFICERS

Newly elected president of the O. U. Dads Association is Frank Sewell, president of the Liberty National Bank in Oklahoma City. With him is Mrs. Earl Foster (Alta Sawyer, '30ma), who was re-elected Mothers Association president on the first University Parents Day held in October

to quotas determined by the armed forces—these men to be in uniform, regularly paid and provided with subsistence, thus enabling students no matter what their economic circumstances to secure that training which will prepare them to serve their country most effectively.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information on how colleges can contribute immeasurably to the continued war effort, as well as the post-war world, by mobilizing them as training schools for enlisted youths, see Dean A. B. Adams' article *Training Superior Youths in War Time* on page 22.

### Parents' Day

As another wartime necessity, separate guest days for fathers and mothers of University students were merged into a single Parents' Day which was observed October 24 on the campus.

Meetings of both the Dads and Mothers Associations were held, with the Dads electing new officers. The Mothers agreed that present officers be re-elected for the coming year as their last meeting was held only six months ago. Mrs. Earl Foster (Alta Sawyer, '30ma), Oklahoma City, is president, and Mrs. A. B. Adams, Norman, secretary-treasurer.

New officers of the Dads Association are Frank Sewell, Oklahoma City, president; H. L. Muldrow, Norman, re-elected secretary for the 18th year, and R. W. Hutto, Norman, re-elected treasurer. Mr. Sewell, president of the Liberty National Bank, is the father of Mrs. Trimble Latting (Patience Sewell, '38ba) of Tucson, Arizona; Virginia Pauline Sewell, '42ba, Oklahoma City, and Frank Sewell, Jr., sophomore business student in the University. Mr. Sewell succeeds Judge Albert C. Hunt, Oklahoma City.

Vice presidents elected by congressional districts were the following:

First District—C. R. Richardson, F. W. Abshire and W. S. Myers, all of Tulsa.

Second District—E. C. Lambert, '10, Okmulgee, and Walter Davidson and J. T. Griffin, both of Muskogee.

Third District—Dr. Charles A. Hess, Durant; Andrew B. Riddle, Ardmore, and S. N. Stallings, McAlester.

Fourth District—H. W. Carver, We-woka, and Frank Crane and Harold Bilby, both of Holdenville.

Fifth District—Walter S. Knight, Norman, and Earl B. Patterson and R. E. Chandler, both of Oklahoma City.

Sixth District—J. E. Ruggles, '31ma,

Cyril; Walter Smith, Lawton, and Grady Harris, '18, Alex.

Seventh District—G. C. Wheeler, Ray B. Cairns and W. M. Randle, all of Clinton.

Eighth District—J. R. Roberts, Blackwell; J. W. Hill, Cherokee, and R. A. McClintock, Enid.

Highlight of the Dads Association meeting was the annual presentation of trophy cups to the outstanding man student and outstanding woman student in the University. Winners this year were Dick F. Boyd, engineering student from Norman, and Amy Lee Hill, journalism student from Cherokee.

Mr. Boyd, who has a 2.8 grade average, is active in a number of engineering organizations and a member of Pe-et, society for highest ranking junior men, and the Y.M. C.A. cabinet. He has won two awards for outstanding work as an engineering student. His brother, Lt. Tom M. Boyd, '42 eng, received the Dads Day cup in 1940.

Miss Hill is a member of Mortar Board, Theta Sigma Phi journalism fraternity and president last year of Tri Delta sorority. She has a grade average of 2.71.

Other traditional awards went to the oldest dad present, Facundo Gamino, Bartlesville, 70, and the youngest dad present, R. E. Penney, Healdton, 39. The dad coming farthest from outside the state was J. L. Kennard, Evansville, Indiana, who traveled 800 miles, and the dad coming farthest inside the state was E. A. Edmondson of Muskogee.

Prizes also went to the dad having most daughters in the University, L. H. Rayl, Okmulgee, who has two daughters and a daughter-in-law; dad having most sons in the University, Ray B. Cairns, Clinton, two sons; dad having most daughters and sons, John R. Murray, Tulsa, two daughters and a son; and campus organization with most dads registered, Delta Delta Delta sorority, 21 dads.

## The State of the University

Closing Parents' Day activities, a luncheon honoring mothers and dads was held at noon in the Union Ballroom. Chief speaker was Dean Royden J. Dangerfield who reported to parents on the state of the University. Factual data giving an overall picture of the student body was presented by Dean Dangerfield.

Survey taken of the occupations of students' parents showed that the most numerous group of parents falls under the category of farmers. Other occupations in which parents are engaged, in successive order with the next highest ranking first, include merchants, employees of county, state or federal governments, engineers, attorneys and teachers.

As to the composition of the student body, Dean Dangerfield reported, sixty-four percent of the students now enrolled are men and thirty-six percent women. Of the male student body, twenty-one percent are completely self-supporting, thirty-eight percent partially self-supporting while only forty-one percent do not contribute toward

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

December 10—Artists Series concert by Henry Scott, pianist. University Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

December 13—Chamber music concert by University string quartet and trio, 4 p.m., University Auditorium.

December 16—Annual Christmas presentation of *The Juggler of Notre Dame* by Orchestis, 8 p.m., University Auditorium.

December 16—Sooner basketball game with Pre-Flight Clippers from Olathe, Kansas, Air Base, at Kansas City.

December 17—Christmas concert by choral choir and glee club, 8 p.m., University Auditorium.

December 17—Artist Series dance with Louis Armstrong's orchestra.

December 19—Christmas vacation begins at 5 p.m.

December 19—Sooner basketball game with St. John's University in New York City.

December 21—Sooner basketball game with the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

December 26—Sooner basketball game with Bradley Tech at Peoria, Illinois.

December 28—Christmas vacation ends. Classwork resumed at 8:10 a.m.

their support. The latter figure is much larger than usual, he pointed out, because many men students worked last summer on defense projects and saved money, many are attending school on "borrowed time" to complete as much school work as possible before entering the armed forces.

Surveys of where students live showed that the largest percentage of women students enrolled live in sorority houses with the next highest group in approved rooming houses. Largest group of the men students however live in approved rooming houses with fraternities second.

Data collected on the ages of male students revealed that with the lowering of the draft age to 18 years eighty-eight percent of the male student body would be subject to military service, if not enlisted in the reserve programs. "Because of the needs of the military services, the number of students who will be in school in the future will be reduced," Dean Dangerfield said. "We may find that it will be necessary for us to bring to the campus groups of trainees and to offer work here for the Army, the Navy or war industry."

Before such groups can be brought to the University, he pointed out, the lack of housing problem must be solved, and efforts are now being made to remedy the situation.

Changes in student courses mentioned by Dean Dangerfield included emphasis on technical subjects and declining enrollment in liberal arts subjects. "It is hoped by educational leaders that some way will be found to continue the liberal arts education," he said. "Strenuous efforts on the part of educational, army and navy leaders are now being made to secure some solution to the problems involved in this situation. The signs are far more hopeful today than they were some weeks ago."

The dean described the twelve-month

plan as an "accelerated program being adopted as a war necessity. It will enable all male students to secure more educational work before being drawn into the Army and Navy." The twelve-month plan does not mean that students will be required to attend all three terms but that the State makes the third term available if the student desires or needs it. (Under the new plan, the University year will consist of three sixteen-week terms.)

Seventy members of the faculty have been lost to the war effort, Dean Dangerfield reported. "Faculty members are receiving more lucrative offers elsewhere. Their salaries, cut soon after the World War, have never been restored. To hold the faculty together, it will be necessary that funds be made available for the purpose of increasing salaries to meet the rising living costs."

## Three-Term Plan Launched

New University dates to conform with the year-round college plan of the State Regents for Higher Education were announced last month by President Brandt.

President Brandt said the dates were revised at the request of the State Regents in order that the 16-week semester program, which will permit three terms during the year, may be started.

Under the new arrangement the fall semester will be shortened by one week. Classwork for the spring semester will begin January 18 instead of January 25 as previously planned.

A convocation for mid-year graduates will be held this year for the first time on the night of Thursday, January 14. President Brandt explained that many of these graduates will be unable to return for the spring commencement as in previous years. A ceremony similar to last spring's commencement at which President Brandt and students appeared on the program is planned.

By starting a week earlier in January and shortening the term by a week, the spring semester will close with commencement on May 7. The summer term, which will also be sixteen-weeks long, will begin May 10.

Christmas vacation this year will continue as previously arranged, beginning Saturday, December 19, and ending Monday, December 28.

## The Regents

At meetings of the University Board of Regents November 12 and 13, President Brandt was authorized to co-operate with the Army and Navy in the plans now being formulated by the services for the use of the colleges and universities in the training programs for the two branches.

It is contemplated that the Army and the Navy will utilize the colleges and universities in the training of future officers, of skilled technicians, of scientists. In some cases the students will be men ordered to report to the colleges after they have finished the period of indoctrination.

The regents also authorized the president

to push negotiations for approval of construction of Washington House to enlarge dormitory facilities and relieve the housing situation.

Washington House is the third unit of the N.Y.A. housing program started at the University on funds appropriated by the 18th session of the Oklahoma Legislature. The first unit, Jefferson House, and the second unit, a long dining hall, are nearing completion. Many of the materials needed for Washington House are on hand at the University and beginning of actual construction depends on the Washington approval.

The regents approved the University budget for the next biennium for presentation to the State Regents for Higher Education on November 30. No figures were announced but President Brandt said the contemplated expenditures were sufficiently "flexible" to cope with prospective war changes in the University.

The following appointments were approved by the regents:

Harold J. Binder, associate in pediatrics in the School of Medicine.

Virginia Hawk, '37, director of radio station WNAD.

Mrs. Josephine Bowen Battenfield, '40bus, secretary of WNAD.

Gene Adee, part-time assistant in the Bureau of Business Research.

Lois Osborne, part-time secretary of the Bureau of Business Research.

June D. Cleveland, '42journ, acting employment secretary for women.

Mrs. Marie E. Butts, secretary of the School of Home Economics.

Gertrude Jensen, '32nurse, general services secretary.

Mrs. Lois Trueblood Walter, '39lib.sci, librarian and dispensing clerk in the School of Pharmacy.

Juanita Lowry Ormsby, secretary to E. E. Dale, graduate professor of history.

Among other faculty matters passed on by the regents were the resignation of Andre F. Reno, instructor in physics, and the change of Warren McGonnagle, '42ms, from part-time to full-time instructor in physics.

Leaves of absence for military service were granted E. Thayer Curry, assistant professor of speech, Navy, and Moorman P. Prosser, '35med, associate in mental diseases, Army.

Promotions on the School of Medicine faculty were approved for Rufus Q. Goodwin, assistant professor of medicine to associate professor of clinical medicine; and Bert F. Keltz and Elmer Ray Musick, from associates in medicine to assistant professors of clinical medicine.

President Brandt announced to the regents that six new officers have been assigned by the War Department as assistant professors of military science and tactics in the University R.O.T.C. They are Capt. Greer Wright, Jr., Lt. Ted M. Beveridge, '37-'40; Lt. Jess E. McDonald, '41; Lt. John Van Cortlandt Keppelman, Lt. Harry L. King, and Lt. Jerry J. Nolan, '39bus.

### First Semester Enrolment

University enrolment for the first semester of the school year 1942-43 was announced last month as 4,605 students, in-



### DADS' AWARD WINNERS

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cluding those enrolled on the Norman campus and in the Medical School in Oklahoma City.

This figure showed a decrease of 21 per cent compared with enrolment of a year ago. Schools which had the greatest student loss were the School of Law, 61 percent, and the College of Education, 51.4 percent. Approximately 370 students are enrolled in Oklahoma City.

Statistics prepared by University officials revealed that most of the men students now enrolled in the University are 19 years or younger, while in 1940 the median age centered around 20 years with more than 25 percent of the men over 22 years.

Divisions having the heaviest enrolment were the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering and the College of Business Administration.

### Industrial Institute Proposed

Establishment of an Industrial Relations Institute in the University College of Business Administration was recommended by several hundred labor leaders, employers and officials who attended the War Labor-Management Conference held November 4 and 5 in Oklahoma City.

First one of its kind staged in the nation, the conference was sponsored by various labor organizations, employer organizations, individual employment companies, Federal and State government officials, and the University of Oklahoma.

General conference chairman was Dean A. B. Adams, of the College of Business Administration, who had charge of five sessions included on the program. Others from the University who served on the planning committee were President Joseph A. Brandt, Edward Petty, associate professor of economics, and Thurman White, director of short courses.

The committee on resolutions at the close of the two-day session recommended the conference go on record "favoring the estab-

lishment of an Industrial Relations Institute in the College of Business Administration of the University of Oklahoma, that the same be supported and financed by labor and management, the details to be hereafter arranged by labor, management and the University of Oklahoma."

Theme of the conference, "Mobilization of Manpower for Victory," was developed by speakers who talked on the manpower problem in Oklahoma agriculture, labor, armed forces and industry.

Citing the need for a labor relations institute, President Brandt stated, "We are really beginning a new industrial development and if we do not . . . start by avoiding the mistakes that have been made in the East . . . anyone who looks at the balance sheet of Oklahoma knows we are doomed."

The proposed institute would be primarily a fact finding agency doing research available to management and labor, President Brandt said. Among other duties it would give instructions in the problem of management and labor so that a constant flow of trained men would be available, maintain a working library, and publish from time to time its research findings.

Officials who spoke included Hon. Leeland Olds, chairman of the Federal Power Commission; Hon. George E. Bigge, member of the Social Security Board; and Robert K. Burns, of the National War Labor Board in Chicago. Other speakers were Governor-elect Bob Kerr, Senator Jim A. Rinehart of El Reno; Tom Creek, president of the Farmers Union in Oklahoma City; Col. Clive Murray, state director of Selective Service; Hon. W. A. Pat Murphy, state commissioner of labor, and Bert S. Bell, representative of the American Federation of Labor in Oklahoma City.

### Navy Day in Norman

Miles from sea and ships that sail, the University observed Navy Day October 27 with a parade blocks long and all the fixings.

Nine units of marching men, the majority dressed in Navy Blue and khaki, paraded from the University to downtown Norman and back to the campus. A splash of color was lent by the crimson-uniformed Sooner bandsmen and flags borne aloft down the parade line.

Taking part in the parade were the Naval R.O.T.C., Army R.O.T.C., men and officers from Navy bases north and south of Norman, the Navy band, Norman Boy Scouts, Norman High School band, American Legion and the University Band. From a reviewing stand on the Cleveland County courthouse lawn, high ranking Navy officials, headed by Capt. J. F. Donelson, commandant of the University N.R.O.T.C., watched the parade.

### New WNAD Director

Virginia Hawk, '37, former Purcell resident and University alumna who worked for radio station WNAD while a student, returned to the O. U. campus in November as the station's new director.



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# Student Life

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## Covering the Campus

Louis Armstrong and Orchestra will play for a dance on the University campus December 17 as part of the 1942-43 Artists Series, Charlotte Shepherd, secretary to the series committee, has announced. Bandman Armstrong has just finished a movie with an all-Negro cast, *Cabin in the Sky*, in which he and his orchestra are starred along with Ethel Waters, colored torch singer.

A collection of Russian war posters was on display last month in the Art Building. Consensus of students and faculty members who saw the exhibit was that the Soviet posters were more gruesome and displayed more intense hatred for the Axis than war posters by U. S. artists. One showed Hitler as a huge beast feeding on human bones. . . . A five-point war program for artists was outlined by O. B. Jacobson, director of the School of Art, in a lecture. In order to be of service, Mr. Jacobson said, artists can enter actual military service, carry on art work in war industries, participate in war camp entertainments, specialize in propaganda material or help in the post-war reclamation.

Because of the tire and gasoline situation, the annual fall meeting of the Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association at the University was canceled. Instead the association purchased a \$100 war bond with the treasury surplus and membership dues, Grace Ray, secretary-treasurer, announced. . . . University debate teams, which have won an average of four trophy cups a year at various forensic tournaments over the country, this year will stay at home for their verbal tiffs. To replace intercollegiate debating activities at O. U., a number of student discussion and forum groups were planned as well as an intramural debate tournament.

Night classes in Spanish for sailors stationed at Norman and townspeople interested in learning the language have been organized at the University. Those in charge are W. E. Chapman, former U. S. consul at Gibraltar, and Kenneth C. Kaufman, head of the Modern Languages Department. . . . Students in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps live in a big white house "for Navy men only" in the same block as President Brandt. The house, a three-story affair, was converted into Navy cadet lodging by a group of naval officers at Norman. Signaling equipment, blackboards and desks are available for study and the entire house has taken on a Navy atmosphere.

For the third successive semester, Pi Lambda Phi fraternity was awarded the Interfraternity Council's scholarship cup with a grade average of 1.773 for the last term. Second and third place winners were Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi.

Miss Hawk succeeds Homer R. Heck, '35, who resigned to accept a position doing dramatic productions for N.B.C. in Chicago. Before returning to Norman, she was employed in the Office of War Information in Washington, D. C., helping with the government's wartime programs.

Miss Hawk attended the University for three years, majoring in drama and English. Her first radio experience in writing and acting was obtained in the WNAD studio. After leaving the University she attended George Washington University where she took special work in creative writing.

The following year she concentrated on free lance writing and acting for radio in Washington, wrote a number of dramatic shows for the National Education Association program broadcast over N.B.C. In 1939 she joined the N.B.C. staff in Washington and continued until last March when she was "drafted" by the Office of War Information (then the Office of Facts and Figures).

## Time Lauds President

Accomplishments of President Joseph A. Brandt during his first year as head of the University were described as "extraordinary" by *Time* magazine which devoted a 500-word article to O. U.'s chief in its October 26 issue.

The magazine made particular mention of the president's University College plan for giving two years of liberal education before specialization is undertaken and to his belief that colleges should be places where students learn to think.

*Time* also told of President Brandt's informality—how he invited students to his office; how he worked in his shirtsleeves; how he used his own typewriter, and how he strode about the campus hatless and with a pipe in his mouth.

## Entertainment for Soldiers

Organized student groups went into action this fall presenting concerts, shows and plays to service men throughout the state. Most of the student entertainment has been given at the Naval bases north and south of Norman and the Army Air Force stations near Oklahoma City.

Under the direction of Helen Gregory, assistant professor of physical education for women, talent groups from organized houses on the campus have prepared short programs for presentation at the bases.

*The Eve of St. Mark*, first production of the season by the University Playhouse, was presented twice in Oklahoma City to audiences made up exclusively of service men and their guests. Included in the play's cast were Pvt. Elisha Cook, former Broadway and Hollywood actor, Cpl. Joe Tonti, professional strong man and jujitsu expert, and several other soldiers, all from Will Rogers Air Base near Oklahoma City.

The Cadettes, organization of co-eds which holds dances for men from the Norman Naval establishments, instructed the sailors in square dancing at a session No-

vember 21. Cadette dances, under the direction of Ima James, professor of physical education for women, are to continue throughout the year.

University choral groups, under the direction of Lara Hoggard, have gone all-out for the entertainment of service men. The men's glee club held a smoker for members of the glee club from the Aviation Maintenance Base south of Norman last month, at which the boys got acquainted and did some joint singing. The South Base group comes in regularly two nights a week to practice in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Pine Room, new rehearsal room for University choral organizations. Mr. Hoggard donates his services as director of the Navy glee club.

Choral group members went to Will Rogers Field in Army trucks November 15 to give a concert in a hangar packed with service men. Other concerts there and at Oklahoma City Air Depot are being planned. All University singers under Mr. Hoggard's direction were to appear with the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra December 6 in Oklahoma City in a memorial concert. The program, featuring Brahms' *Requiem*, was planned as a memorial to Oklahomans who have lost their lives in the war.

Charlotte Shepherd, director of the Lecture and Entertainment Bureau in the Extension Division, keeps a talent file and arranges for appearances of student entertainers at service camps.

Entertaining on a smaller scale, organized girls' houses have started the practice of inviting sailors and marines out to parties and faculty families are frequent Sunday dinner hosts to groups of service men.

## Mr. Bullard Dies

E. G. Bullard, 72, Norman resident since 1917 and long-time employee of the University School of Pharmacy, died October 23 of a heart attack while on his way home from work.

Funeral rites were held in Norman with Rev. Don Schooler, '24ba, Chickasha, as minister in charge. Masonic funeral services were conducted for Mr. Bullard, who had been a member of the Masonic Lodge at McLoud for the last 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Maj. R. E. Bullard, '24med, Fort Lewis, Washington, and Fred M. Bullard, '21geol, '22ms, Austin, Texas, a sister, six granddaughters and two grandsons.

## War Film Sessions Planned

A series of conferences in eight Oklahoma communities for the purpose of planning community use of government war films was outlined last month in Washington, D. C., when Thurman White, director of Visual Education, met with Office of War Information representatives.

Cities where the conferences were scheduled include Enid, Ponca City, Bartlesville, Tulsa, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Ada and Oklahoma City, Mr. White announced. The meetings are to be held in December.