
Student Life

Covering the Campus

Blonde Ann Young, sophomore co-ed from Oklahoma City, last month was elected University Band queen for 1942-43. Garbed in the appropriate red and white uniform, Miss Young will parade with bandsmen at football games this year. . . . The historic cannon, which for many years stood guard at the Armory entrance, last month became a war casualty when it was contributed to the melting pot by the R.O.T.C. Department. . . . Joe Brandt installed a glorified horseshoe desk in his office recently which would make many editors turn green with envy. Made last summer by NYA students, the desk was modeled after one owned by Novelist Louis Bromfield.

To serve as a co-ordinating center for student emergency projects at the University, a central activities office has been established in the Oklahoma Memorial Union. Besides acting as a clearing house of information, the central office will handle student war service projects. Supervisor and chief in charge is red-haired Sue Starr, co-ed from Oklahoma City. . . . A directed reading course in Russian was included on the University curriculum this fall.

A fancy, new-fangled identification card was issued this fall for the first time to all students enrolled in the University. On its face are the possessor's picture, name, address, telephone number, major and signature. Greatest innovation was the lineup of six consecutively numbered squares on the right side of the card which will be punched out during the year in casting votes at student elections. . . . Four hundred co-eds volunteered last month for the Cadette Battalion, a new type of women's army which will entertain sailors and Navy cadets stationed at the Naval Air Bases near Norman. . . . Four architecture students who recently received awards for design work entered in a Beaux Arts Institute of Design competition were Ralph Wyatt, Oklahoma City; Cecil D. Elliott, Perkins; Danny M. Daniel, Tyler, Texas, and Paul Heap, Tulsa.

Mrs. Josephine Williams, Elk City, was awarded the creative writing scholarship this fall which covers the fees for W. S. Campbell's professional writing course. . . . Plenty of baritones and basses reported for men's glee club tryouts this fall, but only one lone tenor showed up. However, Director Lara Hoggard apparently lured in enough tenors to strike a happy balance as regular practice got under way during September in the choral clubs' new practice quarters. . . . Pine steps to match the walls were constructed last summer at one end of the Pine Room in the Oklahoma Memorial Union for glee club use.

R.O.T.C. students last month bade farewell to choke-bore britches and lace boots,

Special guests who were introduced by President Brandt included Edwin DeBarr, one of four on the first University faculty in 1892 who is known to hundreds of alumni as Daddy DeBarr; J. W. Sturgis, professor of Latin since 1900 and senior member of the faculty; Mrs. Grace King Maguire, who directed the School of Music from 1895 to 1901 and is now employed in the University Library; C. Ross Hume, Anadarko, first University bachelor of arts graduate in 1898, and Mrs. Fantine Samuels Paxton, Norman, first woman graduate in 1901.

For Democracy's Sake

Creation of a Youth Resources commission with full power to designate or "freeze" young men and women in special fields of training to provide a balanced civilization after the war was proposed by President Joseph A. Brandt in a recent issue of the *Pathfinder* magazine.

As one of the prominent Americans chosen to write guest editorials, President Brandt pointed out that the nation will need a "reservoir of future political scientists, humanists, of those who have to do with the soul of democracy" in addition to the flow of young men into the armed services.

He warned of the danger of training all young men to "operate machines of war," a program which might be justified if the war were a short one.

"But there are many indications," Mr. Brandt said, "that the war may be a very long one, and consequently it becomes the obligation of the federal government to see that the civilian army be kept at the same high degree of efficiency as the military and naval arms."

Stanley Vestal Honored

Walter S. Campbell, well known state historian and author who conducts a professional writing class at the University, was one of three men selected for induction into the State Hall of Fame November 17.

The ceremony will take place at the Biltmore Hotel at the annual banquet of the Oklahoma Memorial Association commemorating statehood day. Also selected for induction were Lew Wentz, Ponca City oil man, and Houston B. Teehee, Tahlequah attorney and former U. S. probate attorney for the Cherokees in Oklahoma.

Mr. Campbell, who writes under the pen name of Stanley Vestal, has won distinction as a novelist, poet, historian and biographer. His own writings, together with those of his students, compose an impressive part of the regional literature of the Southwest.

Praise for History Course

President Brandt's addition to the curriculum this fall of a required course in American history for all freshmen students was hailed with approval in the state press and received editorial compliments in several nationally known newspapers.

The following editorial appeared in the *New York Times*:

It is good to learn that beginning this fall every freshman entering the University of Oklahoma will be required to take a comprehensive course in American history.

In this experimental program, the staffs of the history and government departments are to co-operate in giving the students a well-rounded picture of the democratic principles and historic background of the United States.

Perhaps other colleges and universities, observing this project, may likewise recognize the immense importance of American history as a subject of study.

As President Brandt observes, in describing the new Oklahoma course, "Today, as in the past, the end of education is to keep alive the spirit of freedom." He is of the opinion, shared by thoughtful educators elsewhere, that every person educated at state expense "ought to have an understanding of our institutions and knowledge of our past, in order to love the nation and give intelligent participation in the duties of citizenship."

Obviously, we cannot expect the study of American history or government to be one single magic formula to create enduring love or patriotic devotion for the American way of life. Nevertheless, we can rightly assume that a study of United States history will help bring this attitude into being.

If more colleges and universities followed Oklahoma's example, we might get better educated students who realize the value and importance of their own land and are aware of the price that must be paid to maintain our way of life.

American history can be included in every college or university program without in any sense disrupting the existing schedule of either the institution or the student. Actually, it is difficult to see how a college graduate can take an intelligent or constructive role in American life, either as a voter or as a political leader, unless he possesses sufficient background of the culture and heritage of his own land.

Moreover, properly taught American history can be made just as vital and challenging as any other subject found in the classroom or on the campus.



DEAN GITTINGER PRESENTS

Climax of the brief 50th Anniversary ceremony September 15 was the presentation by Dean Roy Gittinger of the first copy of his new book, The University of Oklahoma. President Brandt, master of ceremonies, accepted the volume in behalf of the University.

whose swan song resulted from leather shortage. Successor is a slick-looking civilian-cut trouser which appeared more flattering on most of the R.O.T.C. boys. . . . War didn't shorten the list of Greek pledges as both fraternities and sororities scored an increase in neophytes over last year. Sororities pinned ribbons on 227 pledges, while fraternities gathered 290 into the fold.

War Loans Available

The U. S. Office of Education last month approved the University for participation in the student war loan program recently established to speed training in the technical and professional fields of wartime importance.

The University will receive \$24,886 of the total \$5,000,000 allocated by Congress for student war loans in a bill passed July 2. Students, either men or women, to be eligible must be majors in engineering, chemistry, physics, medicine or pharmacy.

Other qualifications include ability to complete college work in two years or 24 months after the first loan, agreement to participate in the wars of the United States in service designated by the War Manpower Commission and need for financial assistance.

The maximum amount for which a student may be eligible is tuition and compulsory fees, plus \$25 per month. If the student is called to armed service, the loan is canceled automatically.

New Staff for Daily

Embroided last spring in a payroll and censorship fight between student reporters and journalism faculty members, the *Oklahoma Daily* opened its 28th year last month in comparative serenity.

At the helm was an entirely new editorial staff composed principally of junior and sophomore students in the School of Journalism. Selected as editor was attractive Mima Magoffin, University co-ed from McAlester.

Under the new plan, tenures of staff members were shortened to half a semester with arrangements that some members might succeed themselves once. Due to the wartime slash in advertising, *Daily* format was cut to tabloid size.

Reserve Program at O. U.

Officers representing various branches of the armed forces spent several days on the University campus in early September, talking with men students, eligible to be drafted soon, about signing up for reserve classes.

Reserve enlistment programs, whereby students are allowed to finish college studies and then enter officers training schools, have been set up on the campus by the Navy, Army and Marines. All three services have opened their ranks to freshmen, sophomore, junior or senior students.

C. E. Springer, mathematics professor who was appointed co-ordinator of the reserve enlistment program, has charge of Army reserve enlistments.

Faculty

► Homer L. Dodge, dean of the graduate school and director of the Oklahoma Research Institute, became director of the Office of Scientific Personnel of the National Research Council, Washington, D. C., in September. He was granted a year's leave of absence by the University. Mr. Dodge's office will co-operate with the War and Navy Departments and the Selective Service in the effective use of scientifically trained personnel in the war effort.

► Resigning for the duration his position as director of the Bureau of Business Research, Findley Weaver last month became senior price economist in the Office of Price Administration, Dallas. Mr. Weaver has had nationwide recognition for his studies in marketing and business since joining the University faculty in 1932.

► Eugene Springer, professor of mathematics, was appointed faculty armed service co-ordinator by President Brandt early this fall. Mr. Springer serves as official adviser for students entering active service or any one of the reserve programs.

► David K. Spradling, '41law, has been added to the staff of the College of Business Administration as assistant professor of business law. Mr. Spradling is a former Waurika attorney and newspaper publisher at Ringling and Wilson.

► A former R.O.T.C. commandant is mentioned several times in the new best-seller, *See Here, Private Hargrove*, an impertinent commentary on the life of a rookie, written by a newspaperman who got drafted. Brig. Gen. Edwin P. Parker, now commander of the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, is the general who, in the book, came down to the station to see a bunch of his boys off to a new camp, while they

reflected that he was "a good soldier and a good fellow, and it was damned white of him to come down to see us off."

► Helen F. Lauterer, new assistant professor of drama, is a former stage and motion picture actress and an authority on costume designing. She was a member of Theater Guild and has appeared in six movies. In 1938, she designed the costumes for the San Francisco presentation of *Murder in the Cathedral* by T. S. Eliot, and at one time was head of the Cleveland Playhouse costume department.

► Maj. Garth B. Haddock, newly appointed assistant professor of military science and tactics, is a veteran of World War I, and has seen service in both the Infantry and the Army Air Corps. Before joining the R.O.T.C. staff this fall, Major Haddock was military science instructor in the Guthrie High School.

► Vernon Baker and Jack McDaniel, both graduates of Phillips University, Enid, have been appointed assistants in the department of physics.

► Spencer Norton's *Dance Suite* was played by the National Symphony Orchestra at a Pan-American concert in Washington, D. C., recently. Mr. Norton, professor of music, has gained wide recognition for this composition since it was first played by the University Symphony Orchestra in 1940.

► William E. Livezey, assistant professor of history, and Mrs. Livezey have chosen the name Elnora Beth for their baby daughter born last August.

► Stella Sanders, '26ma, assistant professor of Romance languages, attended the University of Mexico, Mexico City, last summer.

► Mrs. Henry D. Rinsland, '36d.ed, formerly on the faculty of the College of Education, has moved to Washington, D. C., where Major Rinsland, '24ma, former education professor, is stationed with the War Department.

► Clarence Frost, '31journ, member of the School of Journalism faculty last year, is the new news editor of the *Chickasha Express*. He was formerly a newspaperman at Hobart.

► Wilson Wilhite, small red-haired son of Virgle Wilhite, associate professor of economics, was adopted into the Sac and Fox Indian tribe and given the name Charging Buffalo, in ceremonies at Shawnee this fall.

► Miss Rosa Louise Stimbart, of Milwaukee, and W. A. Willibrand, associate professor of modern languages, were married August 20 at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mrs. Willibrand attended school in Mexico and France, and has taught in this country and abroad. Mr. Willibrand is associ-

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

October 7—Public lecture, "Growth of Social Background of the Spanish-American Novel," by A. M. de la Torre, 8:00 p. m., Engineering Auditorium.

October 10, 17, 24, 31—Children's Movie Institute, 9:30 a. m., Holmberg Hall, on successive Saturday mornings.

October 10—Sooner-Texas football game at Dallas.

October 17—Sooner-Kansas football game at Lawrence.

October 24—Sooner-Nebraska football game, Owen Field.

October 30, 31—First University Playhouse presentation, 8:15 p. m., University Auditorium.

October 31—Sooner-Iowa State football game at Ames.

November 4—Public Lecture, "Lasting Results of Cherokee Occupants," by Leslie Hewes, 8 p. m., Engineering Auditorium.