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The University

51st School Year

With facilities mobilized for defense, the University opened its 51st school year this month with a war-changed curricula designed to educate students for after-the-war living as well as for the present emergency.

All freshmen enrolling in O. U. this fall will automatically go into the University College, the new division of the University designed to separate the freshman and sophomore years of college work from professional training which was established last January by the Board of Regents.

The University this year will have reserve classes for practically all branches of the armed forces. According to an announcement from the State Selective Service office, students preparing themselves for "critical occupations" will be deferred from military service. Some will be allowed to complete college work while others will be given a limited deferment.

Students who will be considered for deferment are those studying to be accountants, chemists, economists, geophysicists, industrial managers, mathematicians, meteorologists, personnel administrators, physicists, psychologists, statisticians and engineers.

During the two-week period before classwork begins September 14, fraternity and sorority rush will be held and the freshman program for new students will be carried out as usual. (See calendar of campus events.)

Under new Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council rush rules, parties this year will be de-frilled and as inexpensive as possible. Innovation in sorority rush was the ruling that rushees wear summer clothes during the rushing period rather than new fall wardrobes which usually are worn.

The freshman orientation period, scheduled from September 8 to 12, will include placement tests, consultations with advisers and registration. Matriculation program for the new and transfer students will be held September 22. The ceremony was innovated last year by President Brandt as a means of formally inducting new students into the University and received nationwide publicity.

Union War Projects Expanded

The wartime program instituted last

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- September 1 to 6—Sorority Rush.
September 4 to 7—Fraternity Rush.
September 8 to 12—Freshman Orientation Period.
September 11—Registration of Freshmen begins.
September 12—Registration of Freshmen and Upperclassmen.
September 14—Classwork begins.
September 22—Matriculation Ceremony for new and transfer students, Fieldhouse, 9 a. m.
September 26—Sooner-Aggie football game at Stillwater.
September 26—First of eight Saturday-morning meetings in Children's Movie Institute.
September 28 to October 3—Civilian Camouflage Institute.
October 3—Sooner-Tulsa University football game at Tulsa.

year for the Oklahoma Memorial Union will be expanded for the year 1942-43 to include many more defense projects according to plans outlined by Virginia Reinecke, director of Union activities.

In her annual report to the Board of Governors, Miss Reinecke stated that the new Campus Activities Center of the University War Council would begin operating in earnest as a clearing house and



INDIAN LINGUIST

William Burgess Perry, 74-year-old Ojibwa Indian, demonstrates with gestures how to say some Ojibwa words. Lookers-on are missionaries and missionary candidates who spent the summer on the University campus attending the Linguistics Institute which attracted persons from all over the United States, as well as from several Latin American countries.

information center for all University war effort activities. Its biggest job, Miss Reinecke said, will be to organize the Volunteer Battalion of coeds to entertain Navy cadets.

Among last year's war work carried on in the Union were financial drives for the Red Cross, Navy Relief, March of Dimes and so forth; a "Keep 'Em Smoking Dance" which netted 300 packages of cigarettes for Will Rogers Field soldiers; the selling of tickets to University-produced road shows to be sent to Army camps, and a party for 100 Will Rogers men.

During the coming year, plans have been made to open the annual series of all-University dances to Navy cadets stationed at the Air Base near Norman.

Linguistics Institute

"Wi:lawahota:yiwahinisposithik," a Shawnee word meaning "their cats," is just the type of expression that the students of the Summer Institute of Linguistics have been writing, reproducing, and analyzing this summer on the University campus.

Several students of the University, and 130 missionaries and missionary candidates from 32 states and 12 foreign countries attended the ninth session of the Institute this summer. Former students of this group have gone to more than 15 countries on four continents, and they are associated with more than 20 different denominations and mission societies.

The courses, which have been opened to all University students, introduce phonetics with the analysis of at least 2,000 different sounds. The course in phonetics, treating the problem of a scientific alphabet enables natives to read their language in two or three weeks instead of two or three years, as is the case in English. Study of the words and grammar of all types of languages helps prepare these students to reduce to writing the 1,000 languages which as yet have no written form. Students this summer did not study any one language or group of languages, but the fundamental underlying principles applicable to any language in the world. The usefulness of this approach is indicated by the outstanding success which graduates of this group have had in dealing with more than 50 unwritten languages in the world.

In a language such as the Tule, a word like "amposuarkisarsolesana," means "We two once with a stone just about got hit but we didn't." Verbs in the Tule language can have as many as 50,000 different forms—a thing which makes Greek and Latin seem quite simple in comparison.

To make the course intensely practical, more than a dozen Oto and Shawnee Indians were brought to the campus for two weeks. Groups of four or five students each worked several hours a day recording strange sounds and grammatical structures. For this practical aspect of the work, which has proven so essential in training linguists, Oklahoma has proven ideal for the Institute. The state has speakers of some 30 Indian languages within its borders, and a keen interest in Indian life. The sojourn at the University of Oklahoma this summer made a real contribution to the knowledge of Indian life and language in the state.

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Navy Men to Arrive

For the duration, the once-unhurried city of Norman will bustle metropolitan-like as the homeport of thousands of sailors and Navy cadets who will begin moving in this month for training at the Naval Reserve Air Base north of town.

Already the white and blue of Navy uniforms are a familiar sight along Norman streets where cars from California and New York park side by side in truly cosmopolitan manner.

The first contingent of Navy cadets, totaling about 40, was to report at the Air Base September 10 and others are to be brought in as quickly as conditions permit. Construction work at the base, which was carried on at an accelerated pace during the summer, was tapering off in late August as dismissed workers moved on to other war projects.

Designation of Norman as a defense rental area was made following an appeal by University officials that students might be forced to withdraw from school if rents skyrocketed. All privately owned and operated rooming houses will be under rent control as a result.

The *Norman Transcript* editorially challenged reports from over the state that Norman would be unsafe for University students because of its several defense projects. Said the *Transcript*, "Norman won't be this fall and winter the quiet University city it has been in the past, but citizens are determined it will be just as law-abiding and safe for University students and our own citizens as ever before."

Camouflage Institute

Under a new plan proposed by the Office of Civilian Defense, the University has been selected as one of several universities and colleges in the nation to hold a Civilian Camouflage Institute September 28 to October 3.

Purpose of the institute will be to give special training to professional architects, engineers, landscape architects and so forth, to better qualify them to accept private commissions in planning and erecting camouflage installations for industries not eligible for the service of the U. S. District Engineers.

Instruction will be limited to registered architects and engineers or those who have a basic knowledge of camouflage



CAMOUFLAGE INSTITUTE

Howard Jensen (left), University landscape architect, and William Harold Smith, art professor, inspect a miniature village which will be used for demonstration purposes during the Camouflage Institute to be held in September.

work. A fee of \$30 will be charged each enrollee but supplies and materials, with the exception of drawing instruments, will be furnished.

University faculty members will give a series of 20 lectures on various specialized phases of camouflage technique and experiments in three-dimensional design will be held in a camouflage workshop.

Those scheduled for lectures include William Harold Smith, associate professor of art; Howard G. Jensen, University landscape architect; H. L. Kamphoefner, professor of architecture; Charles Elson, associate professor of drama; Leonard Good, associate professor of art; Bruce Houston, professor of chemistry; Frank Melton, professor of geology; M. E. Mills, associate professor of civil engineering; A. I. Ortenburger, professor of zoology; and Joseph R. Taylor, professor of art.

Topics to be covered will include the Use of Plant Materials; Protective Concealment in Nature; Dummies and Deceits; Aerial Photography; Smoke, Fog and Chemistry of Camouflage Paint Materials; and the Structural Problems of Camouflage Installations.

Science Editor Visits Campus

Howard Blakeslee, science editor of *Wide World* news service, visited the University campus last summer, inspected

various research projects to gather material for a story which later appeared under his byline in newspapers throughout the country.

Featured in Mr. Blakeslee's story was the new infra-red spectrograph in the University's Research Institute used as a time-saving device in analyzing war aviation gasoline and rubber chemicals.

The science editor described in detail the robot-writing operations of the spectrograph as it records the reactions of infrared waves to different chemicals. The device saves many hours of analysis in the manufacture of 100-octane gasoline and synthetic rubber.

The work is in charge of J. Rud Nielsen, physics professor who is also on the staff of the Research Institute.

August Term

With classes open for the first time to undergraduate students, total enrolment for the August summer term was 150 students. Several of the undergraduates were freshmen who entered the University in June and who, by attending classes 11 months of the year, will be graduated in three years instead of the usual four.

Professors in Directory

Forty-nine faculty members, authorities in the humanities and social sciences, are listed in the *Directory of American Scholars* recently released. The first of its kind ever published, the directory contains biographical sketches of the scholars.

University professors included are Arthur B. Adams, Gladys A. Barnes, '22ma, Oliver E. Benson, '33ma, Joseph P. Blickensderfer, Della Brunsteter, '19ba, W. S. Campbell, John B. Cheadle, Samuel P. Chew, Forrest E. Clements, E. E. Dale, '11ba, Lloyd W. Daly, Royden J. Dangerfield, A. M. de la Torre, '29ma, Pierre C. Delattre, Lucile Dora, Jerome Dowd, Howard O. Eaton, Cortez A. M. Ewing.

Fritz Frauchiger, Roy Gittinger, '02ba, H. H. Herbert, J. M. Hernandez, R. T. House, Kenneth C. Kaufman, '19ma, J. H. Leek, W. E. Livczy, Leonard M. Logan, '14ba, Johannes Malthaner, '31ma, Wyatt Marrs, '17ba, L. N. Morgan, Gustav E. Mueller, H. C. Peterson, J. L. Rader, '13ma, A. R. Ramey, Ralph H. Records, '23ma, Carl C. Rister, Ernest C. Ross, William M. Sattler, Stephen Scatori, Alfred B. Sears, M. S. Shockley, H. Lloyd Stow, J. W. Sturgis, J. Kester Svendsen, H. V. Thornton, '29ma, S. R. Tompkins, Charles C. Walcutt, M. L. Wardell, '19ba, and Jewel Wurtzbaugh.

Charles M. Perry, who died June 11, after 19 years as professor of philosophy, and S. R. Hadsell, '04ba, who died August 22 after 38 years on the faculty were also listed in the directory.