

The University

THE UNIVERSITY's first class to graduate during World War II received its degrees June 1 in a modernized Commencement program that put emphasis on student participation and on the close relationship between students and alumni. As a fitting climax to President Brandt's year-long policy of treating students as future alumni, the Commencement program had the senior class president pass on to the president of the Class of '43 the custody of Sooner traditions, and the president of the Alumni Association receive the Class of '42 into the University's alumni body.

If anyone present missed the traditional long commencement address, which was omitted entirely this year, the feeling was well concealed.

In the commencement exercises, the customary tedious march of bachelor degree candidates across the platform to receive dummy diplomas was eliminated. Instead, the bachelor degree candidates of each school or college stood in their places on the Fieldhouse floor while their dean recommended them for degrees and President Brandt formally conferred the appropriate degrees as designated in the program. Candidates for master's degrees and doctor's degrees marched across the platform as usual, in order to receive their hoods.

George (Sailor) McDermitt, former marine and one-time paper carrier at Ardmore who worked his way through the University Engineering College, won numerous activity honors and became president of the Class of '42, formally presented a gavel to Joe McConathy, president of the Class of '43, as a symbol of passing on the responsibility for maintaining campus traditions and Sooner spirit.

"Even though we relinquish our charge I assure you that we shall be jealous of its preservation," McDermitt said. "We enter on this occasion the great and growing host of the alumni of this institution, whose interest in the welfare of the University of Oklahoma and the traditions which it represents is of tremendous force and effect."

Accepting the charge in behalf of the Class of '43, Joe McConathy pledged that "we shall not neglect the high academic standards and the spirit of fellowship traditional and synonymous with the University of Oklahoma."

The next step in preserving the continuity of the seniors' connection with the



COMMENCEMENT DAY

O. U.'s streamlined Commencement plan brought a Life magazine photographer to Norman. He's snapping President Brandt and Senior President McDermitt. Below, French Professor Lucile Dora, bright spot of the academic procession

University came when O. F. Muldrow, '22, of Ardmore, president of the University of Oklahoma Association, received the new graduates into alumni membership.

Declaring that the new graduates' love and appreciation of the University will grow through the years, he urged them to take an active part in the work of the organized alumni and especially recommended that as many as possible take life

memberships in the Alumni Association.

In responding for the Class of '42, McDermitt expressed appreciation for "the large part which the Alumni Association has played in the building of this great institution, and the time and constructive leadership that alumni have contributed when the University suffered from attack by those who misunderstood its purposes."

"We would not forget," he said, "that all of us are the beneficiaries of a state which had the foresight to establish here and to maintain a University which ranks high among the universities of the nation. We hope that in our various walks of life we shall repay the state in intelligent leadership. We shall try to remember that, while we have been trained as teachers, lawyers, doctors, engineers, artists and so on, we are committed to bear the burdens of competent citizenship. And we know that those burdens have become suddenly very grave and very exacting, that after aggression has been destroyed the final victory for the democratic way of life must be won on the home front."

The members of the Class of '42, and the faculty, led by President Brandt, then repeated the following pledge of loyalty to the University:

I solemnly pledge my unswerving loyalty to the University of Oklahoma now and in the years to come; I promise her my support in time of need; I shall ever seek to uphold her traditions; and I shall ever endeavor to give to my country the love and understanding devotion which it has been the aim of my University to inculcate in me as a citizen.

Three announcements of gifts to the University were made. Menter Baker, '42, chairman of the Undergraduate Carnival Committee, presented a \$1,000 war savings bond to the University of Oklahoma Foundation. The bond was purchased with receipts from the annual carnival.

The president of the Class of '42 presented a \$200 war bond as a class memorial, the bond to be kept in custody of the president of the University until the 10-year reunion of the class when a decision will be made as to the ultimate use of the fund.

H. V. Thornton, '22ba, professor of government, announced for the Norman Chamber of Commerce an essay prize contest to be started next year. The winner, who will be presented a useful gift, will be chosen on a basis of scholarship, extra-

curricular activities, and an essay on community citizenship.

Accepting the gifts for the University, President Brandt declared there is special significance in the fact that the first large gift to the University of Oklahoma Foundation came from the student body.

With the formal commencement exercises concluded by the singing of *Boomer Sooner*, the faculty and graduating seniors marched to the North Oval for a class sing, lowering of the Class of '42 flag, and raising of the '43 flag.

Seniors of '42 could carry away with them the memory of a beautiful setting at the finale of their campus days.

The sun-drenched Oval was packed with seniors and faculty members in academic robes and mortar-boards, with Bill Wehrend and his band leading the singing of O. U. songs, parents and friends and other spectators standing on the steps of buildings ringing the Oval to watch, officers of the R.O.T.C. and the Naval R.O.T.C. standing stiffly at attention, and over all, high at the top of the flagpole—the American flag gleaming brightly in the sunlight, guardian over a scene that could occur under present conditions in no other country in the world!

Baccalaureate

In most of the world today, Napoleon rather than Christ has remained the ideal of the modern state, Joseph A. Brandt, president of the University, told the senior class in the baccalaureate service Sunday night in the Fieldhouse.

"And so today, 19 centuries after Christ preached, we must still fight on lest all that Christ preached be lost on this earth," he said. "The spirit of Germany today is the spirit of hate. The spirit of Italy and Japan is that of hate. The dignity of man which we and the English had come to respect is again threatened with slavery."

Pointing to the dangers of materialism, he pointed out that Jesus preached generosity.

"The leper to Jesus was as important as any citizen. Yet today, even we in America who have exemplified the Christian state, have millions of our fellow citizens whom we have neglected both in health and in education. To Christ, education was the foundation stone. His whole life was dedicated to teaching. Yet we in this country have scarcely begun the task of education, of supporting it in such fashion that all of our citizens may contribute to keeping alive the spirit of the nation. And in Europe, the statesmen have read Machiavelli rather than Christ."

"Even in our school we have moved to dangerous emphasis of material things," he said. "The past is scarcely taught today, because today seems so engrossing, so important. Yet we see the ultimate end of pure materialism. That is all that Hitler has to offer—materialism stripped of all spirit. Somewhere, the clarion voice of right must reassert itself. Only the church and the school can do so; it has been ever so,



GRADUATION GIFT

When Jacqueline Webb received a B.S. degree June 1, her father, Ulys Webb, '12ba, of Skiatook, gave her a Life Membership in the Alumni Association as a graduation present

it must be today. No matter how great the material things of a nation, it is worse than bankrupt if its spirit is corrupt. All the great empires of the past died in the midst of confusion—Greece, Rome, France, Russia, Germany. We must not permit that confusion here."

"We must rededicate ourselves to serve to the state," President Brandt suggested. "We must not become the slaves of the state but we must remain the partners of the state. Church and state, we have wisely decided, must remain separate. But that does not mean that the principles of Christ must be excluded from the state or from politics. It does not mean that our schools must be citadels of materialism and of selfishness. On the contrary, the schools we maintain with our own money as taxpayers should be dedicated to the principles of justice for all, of love and of mercy, of compassion. x x x

"The educator must not complain of an ungrateful state if he, in turn, has not made the state his first love. It is well to be able to make a living, once one has been graduated; but how much more noble it is to be able to make a living in a state which each citizen has made more liveable.

"Modern universities began with the Christian church. The curious scholars who gathered about Abelard and St. Thomas Aquinas began the institution known as the university. Through war and pestilence, through drought and famine, the university has remained, with the church, a citadel of the spirit of nations. And each of you, wherever you go, cannot escape the obligation to state and university."

Class of '42

In spite of the war-time loss in enrolment during the last semester, a total of 1,058 degrees were conferred June 1. Not all of the recipients were present in caps and gowns, of course, as a large group of the graduating seniors were already on active duty with the armed forces, and many

were already at work in war industries. The breakdown of degrees by schools and colleges is as follows:

Arts and Sciences	316
Engineering	181
Business Administration	140
Graduate	108
Education	77
Law	67
Fine Arts	58
Medicine	55
Pharmacy	32
Nursing	24

Three persons received doctors' degrees. They are Archie Lee Pool, Healdton superintendent of schools; Anna B. Fisher, of Alva, biology professor at Northwestern State College; and Theodore Roosevelt Schaffler, principal of Norman High School. Mr. Pool and Mr. Schaffler received Doctor of Education degrees. Miss Fisher's is Doctor of Philosophy in Botany—the first such degree to be awarded by the University since the advanced botany curriculum was organized two years ago.

One Oklahoma family had three members in the graduating class. They are Aaron Kay Phelps, Elson Ray Phelps, and Celestia Main Phelps, of Enid.

Mrs. Jessie Liddell, who received a B.A. degree from the University in 1918, was in the graduating class along with her son, Newton Liddell. The mother received a B.S. degree in geology; the son a B.S. degree in petroleum engineering. Their home is in Harlingen, Texas.

More than a third of the 660 men in the class expected to report for duty in the nation's armed forces during the summer. One of these is George McDermitt, the class president, who served a hitch in the Marines before entering the College of Engineering, but was scheduled last month to go into service as second lieutenant in the Ordnance Division of the Army.

The graduating class included representatives of 33 states, including such distant states as Florida, Connecticut, New York, Minnesota, Michigan, California, and Oregon.

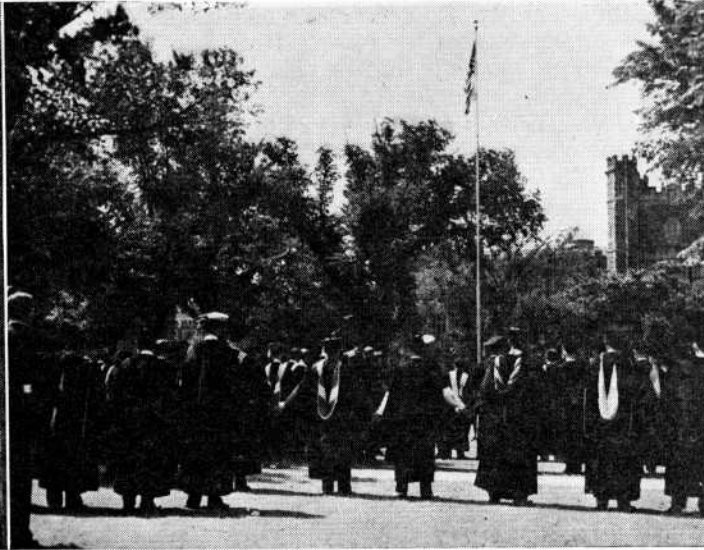
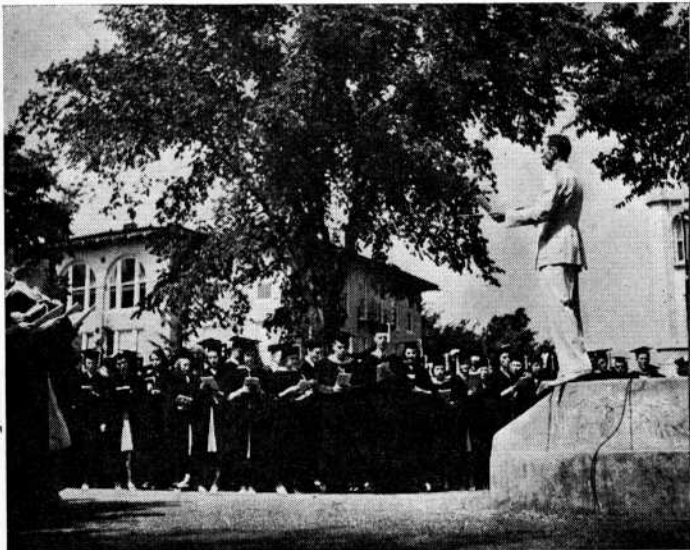
Five foreign students received degrees. They are Alfredo Gamez and Pablo Antonio Villafane of Venezuela; Blair H. Chan, Trinidad; Rodolfo Madrono Pascua, of Pangasinan, Philippine Islands; and Theodore Fadlo Boushy, of Syria.

Madrono, whose home island was one of the first invaded by the Japanese, holds a reserve commission in the U. S. Army and planned to go on active duty immediately.

Alumni-Senior Luncheon

"This University is worth maintaining, and it is worth the attention of the alumni," President Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, declared in the principal address at the annual Alumni-Senior Luncheon held in the Union Ballroom at noon on Commencement Day.

A crowd of about two hundred persons—mostly alumni and faculty members—heard the University president sound a warning that unless some thought is given to the maintenance of democracy after



CLASS SING IS INNOVATION

After the formal graduation exercises in the Fieldhouse, faculty and students adjourned to the North Oval. Left above, Band Director Wehrend leads new alumni in singing of O. U. songs. Right, faculty members join hands for farewell "Auld Lang Syne."
(These pictures and the ones on Page 5 are by Raymond Tolbert, '13law)

the war, "we might not have the kind of democracy you want your children to grow up in."

The University's commencement program this year was built, he said, around the theme that the students of today are the guardians of the University tomorrow.

"We can't, 25 years from now, maintain a state without intelligent leadership," he said in emphasizing the important contribution of a state University toward good citizenship.

President Brandt commented that it is most difficult to predict what will happen to University enrolment under present uncertain conditions, but he predicted that the total registration will stabilize somewhere between 4,000 to 4,500.

President Emeritus W. B. Bizzell and Former President Stratton D. Brooks were introduced, as well as various other notables present. O. F. Muldrow, '22, Ardmore, alumni president during the last year, presided over the informal program, and Ted Beaird, '21, alumni executive secretary, made the introductions.

The Regents

Acceleration of the School of Medicine program so that students might, by attending summer sessions, receive medical degrees in three years instead of four, was approved by the Board of Regents at the June 1 meeting.

The accelerated plan will start in June of 1943, provided the Legislature provides the additional funds needed to operate the school through summer months. The plan to shorten the time for medical training, in view of the war situation, was recommended by the medical faculty.

The regents adopted a regulation providing for exemption from military science requirements for all students who are members in the Naval R.O.T.C. or any component of the Naval or Marine Corps Reserve.

Leaves of absence were granted for the following faculty and staff members: Joe E. Smay, professor of architecture and director of the School of Architecture; Laurence H. Cherry, assistant professor of mechanical engineering; Joseph C. Pray, assistant professor of government; Thornberg Brock, library assistant; Walter Evans, radio technician, WNAD; Dewey Hoover, construction foreman; Oliver E. Benson, associate professor of government; John O'Neil, instructor in art.

Leaves of absence were granted for the following medical faculty members: Dr. Douglas M. Gordon, Ponca City, visiting lecturer, leave of absence for duration to serve in Army; Dr. E. Rankin Denny, Tulsa, visiting lecturer, leave of absence for duration to serve in Army; Dr. Francis E. Dill, lecturer in gynecology, leave for duration to serve in Public Health Service; Dr. Charles A. Smith, assistant in medicine, to serve in Army; Dr. William Carl Lindstrom, assistant in obstetrics, to serve in Army; Dr. Onis Hazel, assistant professor

of dermatology and syphilology, called into Public Health Service; L. E. Diamond, instructor in the department of biochemistry, leave for one year beginning July 1, 1942; Dr. F. Redding Hood, associate in medicine, for military service.

Several appointments were made to the medical faculty. Dr. Laslo K. Chont was named assistant in the department of therapeutic radiology; Dr. John M. Parrish, assistant in obstetrics; Dr. L. Stanley Sell, assistant in orthopedic surgery; and Dorothy G. Armstrong, assistant librarian. Dr. Russell L. Moseley, who has been serving as ad interim professor of anatomy since July 1, 1940, during the absence of Dr. Berry Campbell on a Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship in the Rockefeller Institute, was appointed assistant professor of anatomy effective July 1 to fill a vacancy left by Dr. Campbell's resignation.

Resignations were received from Dr. Campbell and from Dr. Irwin C. Winter, associate professor of pharmacology.

Promotions to the medical faculty were approved as follows:

Dr. Charles P. Bondurant from associate professor to professor of dermatology and syphilology, succeeding Dr. Everett S. Lain, retired as professor emeritus.

Dr. John H. Lamb, associate in dermatology and syphilology, to assistant professor of dermatology and syphilology.

Dr. Carl T. Steen, instructor to assistant professor of psychiatry.

Dr. Charles A. Brake, instructor to assistant professor of psychiatry.

Dr. Joseph A. Rieger, instructor to associate in psychiatry.

Dr. Moorman P. Prosser, instructor to associate in psychiatry.

Dr. James Burnett Eskridge, associate professor to professor of clinical obstetrics.

Dr. Floyd Gray, associate in obstetrics to assistant professor in obstetrics.



LUNCHEON VISITORS

During the Alumni-Senior luncheon, Major Dick Cloyd, '19ba, '28law, former alumni secretary, now of Fort Sam Houston, visited with Former Alumni President Fred Tarman, '10ba, Norman newspaper publisher

Dr. Brunel DeBost Faris, instructor to associate in obstetrics.

Dr. Milton J. Serwer, instructor to associate in obstetrics.

Dr. George Thomas Allen, instructor to associate in obstetrics.

Dr. Delbert Gilmore Smith, from assistant to instructor in obstetrics.

Dr. Richard C. Mills, assistant to instructor in obstetrics.

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Dr. Irvin Sigwald Danielson, assistant professor to associate professor of biochemistry.

Enrolment Loss Slight

Total registration for the first Summer Session was only 293 below the 1941 summer enrolment of 2,146, Registrar George Wadsack reported in late June. However, there was a large shift between schools. The Graduate School reported 579 students this summer as compared to 1,117 a year ago, a loss of 538. The College of Engineering, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration and the College of Fine Arts all reported increases in enrolment. Small losses were reported by the College of Education, and School of Pharmacy.

Summer employment opportunities for teachers were believed to be a major factor in the graduate student loss.

Only five fewer men were registered this summer than a year ago, the net decline in total enrolment being due chiefly to a loss in enrolment of women students.

Short Courses

The importance of motion pictures, as related to the war effort, was one of the principal topics discussed at the Audio-Visual Aids Conference held June 12 at the University and attended by approximately one hundred Oklahoma teachers and administrators.

Urging the use of government training and information films by persons owning 16 mm. projectors, Lee Cochran, director of visual education at the University of Iowa, stated, "Motion pictures are as important in winning the war as tanks, planes, guns and ships."

Sixteen persons were enrolled in the first of two Industrial Photography Short Courses scheduled June 10 through July 8 and conducted by Harold Tacker, University photographer.

The course, open to students, amateur and commercial photographers, offers 100 hours of instruction in the type of picture-taking used by aircraft industries. Each enrollee files an application with an aircraft company at the beginning of the course.

The second course will be held from July 15 to August 12. Because of limited facilities, enrollment was limited for the first course by reservations were still being accepted for the second instruction period at the time *Sooner Magazine* went to press.

The usefulness of hobbies in preventing delinquency among children 11 to 13 years of age was pointed out at the Short Course



ED T. FLEMING, '14
New member of Athletic Council

in Rural Scouting held at the University June 9. Instructor of the course was George A. Bullock, regional Boy Scout executive from Dallas, Texas, who discussed the fundamentals of scouting and rural scouting.

Named on Athletic Council

Ed T. Fleming, '14, of Enid is a new alumni representative on the University Athletic Council as a result of appointments made last month by President Joseph A. Brandt from a list of six nominees submitted by the executive board of the University of Oklahoma Association.

Two of the three alumni representatives already on the council were reappointed. They are Neil R. Johnson, '17law, Norman rancher and business man and president of the Stadium-Union Memorial Corporation Board of Trustees; and Paul Reed, '16, automobile dealer at Sulphur.

Mr. Fleming, widely known as a rabid Sooner football fan and a leader in all O. U. alumni affairs in the Enid vicinity, has a record of never missing a Sooner home football game since Memorial Stadium was erected. He was chairman of the 2-5-0 Stadium-Union Fund campaign in Garfield County, and is chairman of the O. U. Alumni Advisory Council in that county. He was captain of the Sooner baseball team in 1911, played tennis, and was captain of the all-class football team.

Union Board Meeting

Five new members were elected to the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Memorial Union at the annual business meeting of the Stadium-Union Memorial Fund Corporation June 1.

The new members are Glenn C. Clark, '13ba, Ponca City; E. E. Dale, '11ba, Norman; Graham B. Johnson, '19ba, Norman; W. C. Kite, '16ba, Oklahoma City; and Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, Norman.

Those re-elected to the board are A. N. (Jack) Boatman, '16law, Okmulgee; Major Richard H. Cloyd, '19ba, '28law, and Lt. Col. Frank Cleckler, '21ba, both of Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Tom Carey, '08ba, Errett R. Newby, '08ba, and Raymond A. Tolbert, '13law, all of Oklahoma City; and R. W. Hutto, '10ba, Neil R. Johnson, '17law, E. D. Meacham, '14ba, W. B. Bizzell, and Ben G. Owen, all of Norman.

The board elected Hutto, Meacham and Williams to serve on the board of managers of the Union for the next year.

Officers of the Board of Governors were re-elected. They are Neil R. Johnson, president; W. B. Bizzell, vice president; R. W. Hutto, treasurer.

Grant For Eigsti

For the second year, the Carnegie Corporation of New York has granted \$1,000 to the Botany department of the University to continue the colchicine experiments sponsored by O. J. Eigsti. The grant will make it possible for 300 amateur experiments in 40 states and in two provinces of Canada to carry on for another year their co-operative investigations of the effect of the drug colchicine on plants.

Mr. Eigsti, who started the project three years ago on a shoestring fund of \$25, said that this year's results will determine whether experiments with colchicine can be developed into a standardized research project.

Colchicine-treated plants in many cases develop entirely new characteristics, which in some cases prove inheritable. The amateur experimenters helping Mr. Eigsti observe results and send complete data to him for correlation.

Herbarium Arrives

The collection of botanical materials bequeathed to the University by the late Robert Bebb of Muskogee has been delivered to the campus and last month was being installed in the Biology Building for public display. The 30,000 specimens, collected from all parts of the United States, are being added to the University's collection of 50,000 items, the whole to be known as the "Robert Bebb Herbarium."

Fitness Promoted

Emotional drives must be harnessed if young Americans are to reach the goal of physical fitness, declared Dr. Jay B. Nash, New York University physical education expert, in a June lecture at the University.

Germany has stimulated its youth, but the United States has not yet offered much incentive for body conditioning, Mr. Nash said. Emotions must be tapped to assure the discipline necessary for physical training, he told an audience of teachers and other interested persons.

Mr. Nash reported that specific faults found among high school graduates are weak shoulders and weak abdominal muscles, both of which are needed in piloting planes and driving tanks, and the lack of endurance for hardships of short rations and outdoor living.