

## The University

### The Regents

The Law School's entrance requirement of 90 hours of academic work was lowered to 60 hours, exclusive of military training and physical education, by action of the Board of Regents at its April 29 meeting. The change was recommended by Dean John G. Hervey.

The regents also decided that leaves of absence may be granted members of the faculty who enter essential government service other than military or naval related to the war, or who enter essential war industry. All such cases are subject to review by the board. Previously, the policy was to grant leaves only for military or naval service.

A valuable collection of 30,000 plant specimens, bequeathed the University by the late Robert Bebb, Muskogee florist, was formally accepted by the board. A resolution was passed designating the herbarium in the department of plant sciences as the Robert Bebb herbarium, and expressing appreciation to Maurice M. Bebb, a son of the donor.

Revising the University calendar to conform to suggestions of the State Regents for Higher Education, the regents approved the following schedule for 1942-43: Registration September 11, 12; classwork begins September 14; Homecoming of Alumni and Former Students, November 14; Thanksgiving Day holiday, November 26; Christmas recess December 19 to 28; Semester examinations end January 20; Second semester registration January 22, 23; classwork begins January 25; second semester examinations end May 26; Baccalaureate address May 30; Commencement Exercises, May 31.

Six new appointments were made: Ella Henke, who will receive a degree in nursing from Columbia University this month, appointed assistant superintendent of nurses in University Hospital and Crippled Children's Hospital, Joe Whiteside, linotype operator for the University Press, succeeding A. M. Hampton who has gone into military service; Lolita Connelly, University postmistress to succeed Mrs. Hazel Gray, on leave of absence because of illness; Mrs. Ruth Farrar Walton, stenographer in the correspondence study department; Rosalie Long, secretary in the



ALTA SAWYER FOSTER, '30ma  
*New president of Mothers' Association*

Extension Division; and Boyce Timmons, assistant registrar succeeding Anna Mae Dearden, resigned.

Resignations were accepted from John D. McCall, office engineer in the Utilities Department; Jane Merritt, stenographer in the Extension Division; Anna Mae Dearden, assistant registrar; Nellie Bourne, Library assistant and Muriel Minnick, registry office clerk.

Dr. Everett Samuel Lain, professor of dermatology and syphilology in the Medical School, who had attained the retirement age, was named professor emeritus. He has been on the medical faculty since 1910.

Leave of absence was granted Dr. Clifford C. Fulton, lecturer in surgery, called to duty in the Navy.

The Athletic Department budget was approved and all members of the coaching staffs reappointed.

A policy regarding faculty tenure, calling for three-year appointments except for faculty members above the rank of assistant professor, was adopted by the regents. Instructors who have been employed after a personal interview on the

campus will be given a three-year contract, renewable for an additional three years provided their instruction and research interests prove satisfactory. In the event that the instructor proves unsatisfactory at the end of the first year, he will be notified at least three months before the close of the fiscal year; or, if at the end of two years, it be discovered the instructor is no longer needed, he will be given a year's notice of termination.

The rank of assistant professor, except for those now on the faculty, will not carry tenure, but will be for a three-year period, subject to a three-year renewal. In extraordinary cases, a second renewal might be given. Notice of termination will be as in the case of instructors.

The new ruling does not affect present faculty members except instructors, who will be given contracts in event of contemplated retention, President Brandt announced.

### Navy Plant Enlarged

Construction of a \$12,000,000 naval mechanics school and a 400-bed hospital close to Norman, to be operated in connection with the new Naval Reserve aviation training base, has been authorized. Work on some of the buildings is proceeding rapidly, but details are withheld because of military significance.

Although the extent to which the University might participate in the program of the technical school was indefinite last month, it was believed that proximity of the University, with its courses related to mechanical maintenance and operations, was one factor in the selection of the site for the school.

Dean W. H. Carson of the College of Engineering, stated that the engineering faculty was ready to co-operate with the Navy to the fullest extent.

### Mothers' Meeting

The University Mothers Association has for its president during the next year an Oklahoma City woman who is a graduate of the University herself, who married an alumnus, who has a son who graduated from O. U., and a daughter who is now attending the University.

She is Mrs. Alta Sawyer Foster, '30ma, of

Oklahoma City. Her husband is Earl Foster, '12ba, '13law, attorney for the State Corporation Commission and former president of the University of Oklahoma Association. Earl Foster, Jr. received a bachelor's degree from the University in 1940. A daughter, Alta Jane, is a junior student in the University now.

Mrs. Foster, a former school teacher, now mixes civic activities with her work as homemaker. She has been active in the Y.W.C.A. organization and Community Fund campaigns, and is interested in social work. At O. U. she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Mrs. A. B. Adams, of Norman, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Mothers Association. District vice presidents were elected as follows: Mrs. H. A. Woodard, Tulsa; Mrs. Addison Sessions, Okmulgee; Mrs. W. T. Folsom, Ardmore; Mrs. Joe Reily, Shawnee; Mrs. Dave S. Williams, Purcell; Mrs. James A. Black, Lawton; Mrs. E. Lee Ozbirn, Sentinel, and Mrs. J. W. Suggett, Enid.

Joseph A. Brandt, president of the University, speaking at a luncheon for visiting mothers and their sons and daughters, warned that the United States might win a military victory in World War II and still suffer a spiritual defeat. He described the obligation of colleges and universities to train leaders both for the present and for the acute need certain to develop after the war.

The executive committee of the association voted to meet next year on the same day as the University Dads Association, in a joint program. The Mothers Association will retain its separate identity, however, and its executive committee will have its own meeting on "Parents Day."

The association decided to continue its policy of assisting Rochdale Hall, a co-operative residential hall for low-income women students.

"We are very much concerned over the housing facilities for girls at O. U.," Mrs. Foster said. "We are also aware of what has been done on other campuses of schools in Oklahoma and surrounding states. We think it a matter of defense to supply decent housing for girls at a minimum cost so that they may be prepared to meet the responsibilities girls are having to meet and will have to meet at the close of this war."

One event of the numerous entertainment features arranged for the mothers during their campus visit was a combined review of the R.O.T.C. and Naval R.O.T.C. units.

## 1,043 Degrees

The State Regents for Higher Education last month approved the awarding of 1,043 degrees and diplomas by the University, not including high school diplomas and trade certificates. Total number to be granted by all state-supported universities and colleges was 2,611. Oklahoma A. and M. College had 747.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

June 12—Audio-Visual Aids Conference.  
June 14 to 19—Institute of International Relations.  
June 15 to 19—Elementary School Conference.  
June 15 to 19—Book Fair.  
June 15 to 27—Childhood Education Conference.  
June 15 to July 10—Speech Activities Institute.  
June 29 to July 11—Band Clinic.  
June 29 to July 11—Drum Majors Course.

## New Army Officers

Most of the 152 men who graduated from the University R.O.T.C. last month will go directly into active duty in the army during June. The new second lieutenants will be scattered in various posts and camps ranging from Camp Lee, Virginia, to the West Coast Air Corps Training Center at Santa Ana, California.

President Brandt addressed the military science seniors in their final convocation, telling them that their work "will have been in vain if we yield to the seeds of hate which the Germans and Italians have sown over Europe and the rest of the world."

"No peace treaty written in hate can endure," he said. "Every officer knows that, first of all, he is an instrument of peace. We don't want a war every twenty or twenty-five years."

Commissions were conferred by Lt. Col. Charles H. Brammell, the commandant.

## Education and Freedom

The aim of state-supported education should be to stabilize democracy, to keep alive the spirit of freedom, Joseph A. Brandt, president of the University, emphasized in an address to the Men's Dinner Club in Oklahoma City last month.

Declaring that the inflationary period of the twenties brought a confused sense of values to colleges and universities, President Brandt criticized the trend toward highly specialized vocational or professional training in universities without a preliminary period devoted to liberal arts.

Previously, he said, most professional training had been on the graduate level, "after the youthful mind had been trained in thinking processes, had been taught how to seek the truth, how to form independent opinions, had been taught spiritual values."

"I believe that every person educated at public expense should know some skill," he said. "But also, I believe, and I know, that before he acquires that skill, he should know how to think, how to question, how to fit himself into a world that is changing with delirious speed."

Describing the efforts of a number of American colleges and universities "to restore education to its true role, as a public function, to train men to be worthy of freedom," he told briefly about the University College plan adopted for the University of Oklahoma.

"It is three-fold in purpose. It is designed to give, in a two-year period, a basic training in the processes of thinking. It will require, of all students, a knowledge of the humanities and the social sciences, as well as of the sciences and of the technical specialties. It will not lengthen the period of time but it will concentrate, through requiring the undergraduate to organize his time, the use of the latent abilities of the undergraduate. The second aspect of the University College plan is its organization, on the basis of the great disciplines which mould your life and mine. Its governing board contains a delegate from each of the disciplines, so that the total training of each undergraduate will not be neglected, and to insure absolute democracy. And finally, it establishes a pattern of college government which could readily be adopted by all existing colleges in the nation, which will guarantee that atrophy of progress cannot exist.

"The University College plan bridges at last the Scylla and the Charybdis of modern education, namely, the demand that colleges train people to make a living on the one hand, and to become civic leaders on the other."

## \$10,000 Gift

Financial aid for students in the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, is possible through a recent gift of \$10,000 from the W. K. Kellogg foundation.

More than 160 schools of medicine and nursing have received gifts from the foundation since its origin several years ago, George B. Darling, director, informed President Brandt.

Loans from the fund, which will be used for the first time next year, will be administered by Robert U. Patterson, dean of the school of medicine.

## Short Courses

More than one hundred gardeners attended the fourth Annual Judging School and Flower Arrangement Course held on the University campus April 23 and 24.

Approximately seventy persons completed the two-day course and took the final examination making them eligible to receive credit to apply on an accredited judging certificate. The course was conducted by Mrs. Jerome W. Coombs, of Scarsdale, New York, who gave four lectures and demonstrated the principles of good flower arrangement.

The course was presented by the Oklahoma Association of Garden Clubs in cooperation with the Extension Division and the Department of Botany at the University in order to give instruction in flower arrangement and the accurate judging of flower shows.

Ministers from 18 denominations were present for a Ministers Conference held at the University April 27, 28 and 29, with approximately 150 attendants registered for the three-day session.

The conference surveyed the religious situation in Oklahoma and found that without exception the various churches were serving men in military service. Principal speaker was Rollo R. May, psychologist and minister of New York City, who developed the theme "Counseling" in a series of three addresses.

Sponsors for the conference, probably the most outstanding of its kind ever held at the University, were the Oklahoma School of Religion, a committee of Norman ministers, the Oklahoma Council of Churches and the Extension Division.

An attendance of 355 persons, representing 22 states and Mexico, registered for the 18th Annual Gas Measurement Short Course which took place at the University April 21, 22 and 23. Speakers from oil, gas and meter-manufacturing companies talked on developments in the field of gas measurement. This short course is sponsored by the College of Engineering.

### Indian Program Publicity

Under the heading "Radio Warpath," the magazine *Newsweek* publicized the first anniversary of the Indians for Indians program which is broadcast regularly from the University radio station, WNAD.

Describing a particular program, the magazine told how Oklahoma redmen "sang the raiding songs of their ancestors, brought up to date with references to Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, and Japan."

Conducted by Indians, presented largely in Indian language, and aimed directly at Oklahoma's 150,000 Indians as listeners, this program is unique in many ways. Much credit for developing it and making it a regular feature of the WNAD schedule goes to Don Whistler, '24, of Norman, who as Chief Kesh-ke-Kosh is head of the Sac and Fox tribe.

In recent weeks, much of the program has been devoted to the nation's war effort, and the part that Indians can play in it.

### Specialization Favored

Belief that it would be a "vital mistake" for any college or university to change its curricula away from specialized training back toward a more general training was expressed by A. B. Adams, dean of the College of Business Administration in an address on "Education for Usefulness" delivered last month before seniors of Coalgate High School.

"The period in which we now live and in which we shall live after the war ends is a mechanical age of mass production and mass co-operative action and living," Dean Adams said. "We must remember that we are living in an age of applied science both in the physical and in the social world, and that we must have thorough technical and scientific training in all scientific and in all professional and skilled occupations.

"This means that our college students must have more and better specialized, technical, and skill training after the war



News Week Photo

INDIAN PROGRAM YEAR OLD  
*Don Whistler, '24 (right) conducts an interview over WNAD*

than they have received in the past. Our undergraduate specialized colleges must give college students both better citizenship training and more thorough professional, technical, and skills training to fit them for their future duties and responsibilities in society."

Dean Adams discounted statistics sometimes quoted to indicate that graduates of liberal arts colleges are more successful financially.

The success of graduates of the exclusive, privately-endowed colleges is frequently due more to family and social influence than to native ability, he declared. "Regardless of the nature, or character, of the training the graduates—or even the flunking students—receive at these institutions, business and financial success in life is assured to most of them.

Dean Adams advocated doing everything possible to develop qualities of constructive public leadership in all students, but he declared that "it is unsound, if not ridiculous, to assume that the quality of good and bad citizenship of college graduates will be determined by whether or not they take a general or a specialized curriculum of study."

"The real problem in developing good citizenship in students is one of developing a keen sense of public responsibility and a keen desire to raise the level of public education, morals, decency, and welfare. The spirit of good citizenship is not instilled into a student through the factual knowledge he gets from the contents of his college courses. It must be imparted to him by individuals who are able to influence the moulding of his spiritual and moral character.

"Every teacher of the young should strive with all his powers to develop a feeling and a spirit of social responsibility and an in-

terest in the betterment of society in the heart and mind of every pupil or student with whom he comes in contact. Each teacher should do this regardless of the nature of the subject he teaches."

Dean Adams argued that it is the method of study, and not the kind of subject matter, which develops scientific processes of thinking. He also contended that the interrelationships of human knowledge may be learned through the mastery of the knowledge in a few fields of study, and that it is neither necessary nor desirable to take courses in all or even in a great number of fields in order to acquire scholarship and culture.

### New Enlistment Plan

Newspaper advertising was used last month by the U. S. Army to tell college students how they may continue their education through a deferred service plan. Army Air Force and Navy officers visited the University campus to explain details of various special plans by which students can defer active service long enough to complete college work that will prepare them to be more useful in the armed forces.

The Army Air Force advertising stated that "The new Army Air Force Enlisted Reserve Plan is part of an over-all Army Enlisted Reserve Corps program shortly to be announced."

This program, the Army announced, will provide opportunities for college men to enlist in other branches of the Army on a deferred basis and to continue their education through graduation if a satisfactory standard of work is maintained. Men so enlisted will have the opportunity of competing for vacancies in officer's candidate schools.

The announcement explained that "This plan has been approved in the belief that

## Yours in Haste ---

*The Class of '42 didn't linger in its farewell to campus life. Many seniors were in military service long before Commencement. Others had jobs in war industries awaiting immediately after finals. At the request of Sooner Magazine, Gene Campbell, co-ed senior who edited The Covered Wagon this year, has written the following sketch about the Class of '42.*

By GENE CAMPBELL

WHEN MEMBERS OF THE Class of 1942 meet for their first class reunion in 1947, there will be a lot of speeches, a lot of jokes, a few toasts, probably led by George "Sailor" McDermitt, who as president of the senior class was elected to preside at the reunion, a lot of . . . "but you haven't changed at all!" . . . but mostly there will be a rehash of the last year they spent at the University.

Probably the memories will come out a little confused, fragmentary, and the old grads will remember the things that seemed so important then, and really weren't, and the things which didn't seem so big, and really were.

It was 1941-42, and the way they will most often identify it will be as the year the war started . . . the Sunday afternoon when they came out of the movies to learn that Japan had attacked Hawaii, and the next morning when everybody went to the Fieldhouse to hear Roosevelt, and nobody knew what it was all about. There wasn't any hysteria, but pretty soon the boys began dropping out of school, all very quietly, and there was a lot of talk about V-7.

Everybody started saving razor blades and toothpaste tubes, and enrolling in first aid courses, enlisting in civilian defense and saving cigarette tinfoil. Fraternities and sororities began cancelling their dances; then rescheduled them when it was discovered people could still dance, even in war time.

Suddenly all the co-eds had "victory" haircuts, little halo affairs that allegedly needed only an upward sweep of the brush in the mornings, and no pins at all, and the long swinging bob that had hunk loosely on the co-ed's shoulders for nearly a decade was on its way out.

Popular songs were all about the boys in the service and the girls they left behind. *White Cliffs of Dover*, gave way to something about "Don't sit under the apple tree with anybody else but me 'til I come marching home."

They soon signed up for rationing

cards, and the sugar containers were taken off the tables in the cafeteria. It was soon announced that Norman would have a \$7,000,000 Navy air base, and later a \$12,000,000 technical training school, and everybody told the senior co-eds that they were getting out too soon.

The '42 senior class went out the same year Joe Brandt came in, and they will remember how he took the curl out of the sidewalk leading up to the president's house, and how he made a habit of remembering that the University was run for the students.

It was the year he announced the Undergraduate College to "provide a solid base of general education" and appointed as dean, J. P. Blickensderfer, then director of the School of Letters.

That was the first year for Snorter Luster, too, who came back with an "A" formation which really wasn't shaped like an "A" at all, and produced three colorful varsity teams, the Stallions, Colts and the Big Reds.

They will remember one rainy Saturday afternoon when the Sooners defeated 16-6 a fast team from Santa Clara, a team that had eight straight victories behind it and was supposed to be "better than Texas," and how a milling crowd of jubilant Sooners swarmed the president's front yard until he granted them a holiday.

Another holiday was the Senior Day, when the potential graduates met for a few short speeches and some awards and the faculty didn't show up.

That was the year the old factory whistle blasted its swan song and a set of chimes was installed in the Union tower to sing out the signal for eight o'clock classes and the 10:30 p.m. rush. Incidentally, the curfew hour for weekends was moved back to 1 a.m. until the attendance of Saturday morning classes fell off so greatly that the Friday night closing hour became midnight again.

Dinah Shore came to town, went to a football game and sales of *Memphis Blues* and *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes*, shot up suddenly. Record collectors went strong all year, especially on *Chattanooga Choo-Choo* and *Blues in the Night*.

Everything seemed to happen a little faster than usual, and in no time at all college was over for 1,050 students, and they marched up for diplomas. Seniors didn't hang around very long, because jobs were easy to get and everybody had something to do.

continuance of education will develop capacities for leadership."

The three enlistment plans offered by the Army Air Force are:

1. A new plan allowing juniors, sophomores and freshmen in college, aged 18 to 26, inclusive, to enlist in the Air Force Enlisted Reserve and continue their schooling, provided they maintain satisfactory scholastic standings.

2. All college students may enlist as privates in the Army Air Forces (unassigned) and serve there until their turns come for Aviation Cadet training.

3. All college students may enlist in the Air Force Enlisted Reserve and wait until they are ordered to report for Aviation Cadet training.

Upon graduation or withdrawal from college, men will be assigned to active duty or a training center as facilities become available. If the necessity of war demands, the deferred status in the Army Reserve may be terminated at any time by the Secretary of War.

The Army's new program of accepting college students for enlistment on a deferred or reserve basis follows the general outlines of a plan that has been used by the Navy for some time past.

### Celebration Postponed

Postponement of the University's Semi-centennial celebration, scheduled originally for next December, was announced last month by President Emeritus W. B. Bizzell, chairman of the executive committee in charge of arrangements.

Leaders agreed that it was highly doubtful if a successful celebration could be held under present conditions. Something might be done later to mark the University's fiftieth anniversary.

A conference this fall on the industrialization of Oklahoma and the war problems of higher education has been suggested, but no definite plans will be made in the near future.

### Interscholastic Meet

Travel difficulties cut attendance at the Annual Interscholastic Meet, but many athletic teams loaded themselves into borrowed trucks and headed for Norman as usual. Enid High School won the Class A championship in track. Thomas won in Class B. Several sons of former O. U. athletes participated in the track events. John Phillips, of Pauls Valley, son of Dave Phillips, '25ba, '35m.ed, now superintendent at Pauls Valley and catcher on the Sooner baseball team of 1922-24, won the low hurdles in 23.1, ran a close second in the high hurdles, and broad-jumped 23 feet. Third place in the Class A low hurdles was taken by Lee Field, Jr., son of Lee Field, '15, who was mile champion of the Southwestern Conference.

Norman High School won first honors in the curricular contests. Chickasha and Oklahoma City Central ranked next in order.

## Faculty

Ronald Shuman, who is on leave from the business administration faculty to serve in the United States Army has been promoted to rank of captain. He is stationed with the general staff, Washington, D. C.

Dean A. B. Adams, of the College of Business Administration, was elected vice president of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business at the annual convention at Lexington, Virginia.

Art schools can give substantial help toward meeting the need for more camouflaging of American war industries, Oscar B. Jacobson, director of the University's School of Art, told a five-state conference of the American Association of University Women meeting in Oklahoma City.

Joseph H. Marshburn, head of the English department, spoke in late April at Hugo under auspices of local O. U. alumni and the Shakespeare Club. Speaking on the 378th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare, Mr. Marshburn declared that the famous playwright's philosophy had a marked influence on the thinking of two great Americans, Washington and Lincoln.

Miss Wilhelmina Van Ingen, of Norton, Massachusetts, and Mr. Herschel Elarth, associate professor of architecture, were married in April and have established a home at 1 Faerie Queene Lane in Norman. The bride received an A.B. degree from Vassar and M.A. and Ph. D. degrees from Radcliffe. She also has attended the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece.

Joseph E. Smay, director of the School of Architecture, and a captain in the Reserve Corps, has been ordered to report to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for active duty in the Engineers Corps.

Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma, director of the Extension Division, has been elected president of the Norman Rotary Club.

Miss Anna Mae Dearden, '24ba, has resigned as assistant registrar of the University to become the bride of A. D. Baynes, New York City. The marriage took place in the chapel of All Angels Episcopal Church, in New York City. The couple will be at home in Kew Garden, Long Island.

J. L. Lindsey, comptroller of the University, has been elected president of the Central Association of College and University Business Officers. The election took place at a convention at Austin, Texas.

Lt. Richard D. Moor, son of Dr. D. H. Moor who taught bacteriology in the University Medical School in 1920, was killed recently in an airplane accident at San Diego, California. Dr. and Mrs. Moor live in Oklahoma City, and the body was brought there for services and burial.

A former member of the military science faculty at the University, Jerome J. Waters, has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general. He is stationed at Fort Sill. General Waters, who held the rank of captain



BUYING A \$1,000 BOND  
*Virginia Reinecke uses Sooner Carnival profits to purchase a war bond from Banker Phil Kidd as Menter Baker and Dena Lee Jones, student leaders, watch the proceedings*

while in Norman, will be remembered by many alumni as Sooner polo coach.

Commission to design a music shell at Olney, Illinois, has been given H. L. Kamp-hoefner, professor of architecture, who is known as an expert in this field because of findings made in 1940 through a Langley research scholarship.

Gilbert Harold, associate professor of finance, will teach a summer course in investments in the graduate school of savings and loans at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

C. T. Almquist, associate professor of electrical engineering on leave of absence to serve in the Ordnance Department has been promoted to rank of major. He is on duty at the ordnance plant in Des Moines, Iowa.

Stewart Harral, director of press relations for the University, conducted a discussion on general publicity problems at the silver anniversary convention of the American College Publicity Association held last month at Columbus, Ohio. He was elected a vice president of the association.

Savoie Lottinville, director of the University Press, served as guest business manager of a special southwestern issue of the *Saturday Review of Literature* issued May 16. Contributors of special articles and reviews included Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, president of the University; Stanley Vestal (W. S. Campbell), director of professional writing courses at the University; and John Joseph Mathews, '20ba, of Pawhuska.

The physics department has scored another success in practical application of scientific principles to solve an unusual problem. Using a sensitive indicator, Lorenz Shock, instructor in physics, located a lost automobile which had become buried in quicksand in the Canadian River. The car had been lost for two weeks and all other attempts to locate it had failed.

Propaganda in war time was discussed by Horace Peterson, associate professor of

history, in an address to the Mississippi Valley Historical Association last month. Getting America's views before the world can help win the war, but we should stick to actualities, he said. "We cannot preach justice to the world at the same time that we preach revenge. We can only sell to the world our actual way of doing things, not some theoretical way which we tell them we are doing. A fake bill of goods will never be accepted."

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Mrs. Elizabeth Kee, '20, secretary to President Joseph A. Brandt, and Max Phillips, '34bus, Norman business man. Mrs. Phillips was secretary to President W. B. Bizzell during his 15-year period as head of the University, and was retained in the same capacity when President Brandt took office a year ago. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. The couple are at home at 12 Faerie Queene Lane in Norman.

Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacognosy, is listed among the lecturers for the 1942-43 season by the Southern Artists Bureau of Dallas.

Joseph C. Pray, assistant professor of government, will leave in June to accept a commission in the U. S. Navy as a lieutenant, junior grade. His first station will be in Rhode Island.

After taking part in a convoy trip to Australia, Capt. James Coe Van de Carr, former commandant of the Naval R.O.T.C., visited his family in Norman last month.

New President of the University chapter of the American Association of University professors is M. O. Wilson, professor of psychology.

G. L. Cross, chairman of the botany department, has been elected president of the Norman Lions Club.

Hedwig Schaefer, assistant professor of home economics, has been named president of the faculty women's organization.

## Carnival Earns Bond

Receipts from the annual Sooner Carnival were sufficient to purchase a \$1,000 war savings bond for the University. Favorable weather on both nights of the carnival, enthusiastic work by groups sponsoring side shows, and a super-duper publicity campaign in advance of the event produced the best crowd on record.

Feminine pulchritude was not neglected in the efforts to draw in the crowds, although, in correct carnival tradition, the shows seldom lived up to the barkers' implications. The Kappa Kappa Gamma show, "Aladdin and His Vamps," was the most popular show. Delta Delta Delta's "Delta Inferno" was judged the most unusual and original show. Pi Beta Phi won the award for the best advertising campaign in connection with its show, "Pirates' Cave."

Virginia Reinecke, assistant counselor of women, was the hard working impresario who neatly solved such problems as finding and delivering a dozen pianos in few hours' time.

## Policy on Withdrawals

By action of the Faculty Senate, the University has prescribed two alternatives for students entering military service before completion of a full semester's work. The ruling provides that the student, upon completion of not less than one-half of the classroom instruction in a given course may receive one-half the scheduled credit, or he may take an examination covering not less than three-fourths of the subject material of the course to establish full credit.

## Curriculum Change

Candidates for the Master of Education degree will hereafter be allowed greater freedom in choice of courses, Homer L. Dodge, dean of the Graduate School, has announced.

A new alternative curriculum will permit graduate students to obtain credit for a variety of courses which are not advanced courses. Under previous regulations, no credit could be granted toward a Master of Education Degree for any course with less than eight hours of prerequisites. The old rule had the effect of forcing specialization in a small number of subjects.

The new alternative curriculum, which does not affect the standard plan, is designed especially for teachers who need to "broaden rather than intensify their knowledge," Dean Dodge explained.

## Meeting at Springfield

A small group of University alumni met for a luncheon at Springfield, Missouri, in late May to honor Joseph A. Brandt, president of the University, who gave the commencement address for Southwestern Missouri State Teachers College. His subject was "Priorities for Freedom."

At noon President Brandt spoke informally on "Some Experiments in Higher Education" at a meeting of the University Club of Springfield. Sooners present included W. O. Cralle, '15ba, '25ma; Mrs. Cralle (Marian Brooks, '15ba, '17ma); Louella Barnes, '30; Helen M. Armstrong, '30ba, '40m.soc.wk; Stratton D. Brooks, former president of the University now executive director of DeMolay, Kansas City; J. F. Findlay, former dean of men at O. U. and now president of the Springfield College, and Mrs. Findlay.

"President Brandt made two fine speeches in Springfield," Mr. Cralle reported to *Sooner Magazine*. "He is full of ideas and here's hoping Oklahoma keeps up with him and 'goes places'."

## 15 Jobs Per Engineer

Dean W. H. Carson of the College of Engineering estimated last month that there are 15 jobs for every engineering graduate this year. Sixty percent of this year's engineering seniors have earned reserve officer commissions, and the remaining 40 percent will take places in essential wartime industries.

# Student Life

## Class Day

The first senior class to graduate under the administration of President Joseph A. Brandt held its Class Day May 5, demonstrating a brand of class spirit far above the general standard of recent years.

Events of the day included a program in the University auditorium attended by a crowd of about 500 persons; free movies; free treats at various campus shops frequented by students; and an all-school senior prom in the evening, proceeds of which were applied on a fund to buy a war savings bond as the class memorial. The class hoped to raise enough from various sources, chiefly \$1 individual contributions, to buy a \$1,000 bond to present to the University.

In the class day program, Letzeiser medal winners and the names of new members of senior honor societies were announced. President Brandt spoke briefly to the graduating class, wishing them good luck. President Emeritus W. B. Bizzell paid tribute to University alumni who have died in military service since the war began, and read the names of the casualties.

Looking forward to its first class reunion in 1947, the seniors of '42 elected reunion officers. George McDermitt, senior engineer, Norman, who was president of the class, was the only nominee for reunion president. Others elected to share responsibility for reunion arrangements are: George Sterling Brown, Norman, vice president,

and Emil Stratton, Carnegie, secretary-treasurer.

The winners of the Letzeiser medals, which are awarded each year by the Letzeiser Jewelry Company of Oklahoma City to three outstanding senior men and three outstanding senior women, are George Sterling Brown, George S. McDermitt, Robert Smith Frantz, Alice Dodge, Jean Clark and Daisy Lockewitz. The Letzeiser awards have been awarded annually since 1913.

Noting that less than a dozen faculty members attended the Class Day program, President Brandt chided the professors who failed to appear.

"I don't see how we can expect to build student loyalty when faculty members aren't loyal enough to attend a program like this," he said. "I think the students are the important part of the University."

## Covering the Campus

A University of Oklahoma chapter of Sigma Pi Sigma, physics honor society, resumed activities last month. Frederick C. Blake, professor of physics at Ohio State University and national president of the society, spoke at an initiation dinner. By special permission, six members-at-elect who are in military service were initiated in absentia. . . . John T. Black, '42eng, has won a scholarship to the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University.

. . . For the sixth time in seven years, Delta Tau Delta won the annual interfraternity sing. Gamma Phi Beta won in the sorority division. . . . With more girls playing each year in the University bands, the co-ed bandmen have got together and organized a sorority, Alpha Mu Eta, with ambitions to become a national band society. The O. U. bands, which ten years ago accepted only one or two girls occasionally to play some rare instrument, this year had more than thirty co-ed members.

. . . Attendance at the annual Engineers' Openhouse, held during the Interscholastic Meet, was estimated at 3,500. Exhibits were the usual array of scientific magic. There were several new gags, including a steel ball floating in a cup of "Union coffee."

. . . Joe Francis, '42ba, of Norman, has been awarded a year's scholarship to the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Massachusetts, and also has been chosen by Stanford University for summer study in international relations and diplomacy. As he is in advanced military science training at O. U., acceptance depends upon whether the War Department will grant permission. . . . J. S. Munsey, quarterback on the Sooner football squad, has passed examinations for entrance to the U. S. Army Air Corps.



GEORGE (SAILOR) McDERMITT  
President of the Class of '42, and also  
elected to head the class reunion in  
'47. His heavily loaded watch chain  
testifies to numerous campus honors.