

News From the Campus

THE University's flying field, started originally with a \$10,500 gift for purchase of land, has blossomed into a \$7,000,000 Navy training base that is scheduled to play a substantial part in helping America win the war.

Acceptance of the University's offer of the flying field to serve as a nucleus for the training base was announced in March by Navy officials.

University alumni played a prominent part in the months of preliminary negotiating involved in the presentation of the advantages offered by Norman and the University for establishment of the training base. T. Jack Foster, '29, representing the Norman Chamber of Commerce, made two trips to Washington and supplied detailed information to government and Navy officials. Senator Josh Lee, '17 ba, of Norman, and Rep. Mike Monroney, '24ba, of Oklahoma City fifth district representative, were instrumental in making arrangements for establishment of the base at the University's flying field.

The \$7,000,000 program calls for great expansion in the present site of the 270-acre airport, and the construction of the many necessary buildings and runways.

The University's flying field, which has been the site for training 200 students in the Civilian Pilot Training program, was established with a gift of \$10,500 from Walter Neustadt, Ardmore, as a memorial to the late Max Westheimer of Ardmore. Since the purchase of land made with the original gift, the field has been expanded with a \$20,000 bond issue by the City of Norman, another substantial gift by the Westheimer estate, and a WPA grant. Because of the work already completed on the flying field, it was expected that actual training work could be started within a short time. Lt. Commander J. W. Williams, Jr., Long Beach, California, will take charge of the new operations early in April.

The Regents

Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, publisher of the *Altus Times-Democrat*, was elected president of the Board of Regents for the coming year at the regents' regular meeting on the O. U. campus March 12. Mr. Wimberly succeeds Joe Looney, '20 ba, '22law, Wewoka attorney, as president. Mr. Looney retired from the board March 29 after 15 years of service.

Joe W. McBride, '28bus, publisher of the *Anadarko Daily News*, was re-elected vice president, and Emil R. Kraettli, '18, secretary of the University, was re-elected secretary for his twenty-fourth consecutive year. C. O. Hunt, '38ed, '40law,



HARRINGTON WIMBERLY
New President of the Board of Regents

Purcell attorney, succeeds Mr. Looney as board member.

On recommendation of President Brandt, the regents approved appointments and reappointments of deans and departmental chairman for all University colleges, except arts and sciences. Appointments in arts and sciences were approved at the February regents' meeting and were the first action taken on a resolution passed last fall to "democratize" the system of holding University departmental office.

All University deans, with the exception of the assistant dean of the graduate school, were reappointed with no specific length of terms. George L. Cross, botany professor, was appointed assistant dean of the graduate school, succeeding Royden J. Dangerfield, government professor, who resigned effective September 1. Mr. Dangerfield continues as professor of government.

Deans reappointed are Edgar D. Meacham, '14ba, arts and sciences; Arthur B. Adams, business administration; Ellsworth Collings, education; William H. Carson, engineering; Lewis S. Salter, '12fa, '17ba, fine arts; John G. Hervey, '23ba, '25law; D. B. R. Johnson, pharmacy; J. P. Blickensderfer, University College, and Homer L. Dodge, Graduate College.

New departmental chairmen and school directors appointed are the following:

Department of Chemistry—Bruce Houston, succeeding Loyd E. Harris, who is on leave of absence. Three-year term.

School of Letters—William O. Baxter, succeeding J. P. Blickensderfer, who has been appointed dean of the University College. Three-year term.

School of Citizenship and Public Affairs—Cortez A. M. Ewing reappointed for a three-year term.

School of Applied Biology—Aute Richards reappointed for a three-year term.

Department of Economics—George Hoke, succeeding Arthur B. Adams. One-year term.

Department of Accounting—William K. Newton, reappointed for a one-year term.

Department of Business Communication—Augustin L. Cosgrove, succeeding William H. Butterfield, previously appointed dean of admissions. Two-year term.

Department of Business Law—James C. Powell reappointed for a one-year term.

Department of Business Management—Robert W. Field, succeeding Ronald B. Shuman, who is on leave.

Department of Finance—Isaac J. Sollenberger, succeeding John A. Griswold. Two-year term.

Department of Marketing—Floyd L. Vaughan reappointed for a one-year term.

Department of Secretarial Science—E. E. Hatfield reappointed for a one-year term.

Bureau of Business Research—Findley Weaver, director, reappointed with no specific term.

Laboratory Schools—E. M. Edmondson, director, reappointed for a two-year term.

Teacher Education—F. F. Gaither, '21ba, '26 m.ed, director, now on leave until autumn, reappointed for a two-year term.

School of Architecture and Architectural Engineering—Joe E. Smay reappointed for a one-year term.

School of Chemical Engineering—Richard L. Huntington, '17ba, reappointed for a one-year term.

School of Civil Engineering—J. F. Brookes reappointed for a one-year term.

School of Electrical Engineering—F. G. Tappan reappointed for a one-year term.

School of Engineering Physics—Homer L. Dodge reappointed for a one-year term.

School of General Engineering—R. V. James, '18eng, reappointed for a one-year term.

School of Geological Engineering—Elmer L. Lucas, '34ph.d, appointed to succeed V. E. Monnett, '12ba. One-year term.

School of Mechanical Engineering—Eugene F. Dawson, succeeding W. H. Carson. One-year term.

School of Petroleum Engineering—W. H. Carson reappointed for a one-year term.

Department of Industrial Education and Engineering Shops—Robert A. Hardin reappointed for a three-year term.

Department of Engineering Drawing—Sam Holland, '30ba, '33eng, succeeding George R. Maxson. Two-year term.

Department of Technical Mechanics—L. A. Comp, '27eng, '35m.eng, appointed for a three-year term.

School of Music—Lewis S. Salter appointed for a one-year term.

Department of Music—Paul S. Carpenter appointed for a three-year term.

Department of Music Education—E. J. Schultz appointed for a three-year term.

School of Art—Oscar B. Jacobson reappointed for a one-year term.



JOE, JOE AND JOE

During the last year, whenever someone said "Joe" in a meeting of the University Board of Regents, it was a bit confusing. Generally present were Joe A. Brandt, '21ba, president of the University; Joe C. Looney, '22law, president of the regents last year, and Joe W. McBride, '28bus, vice president of the board

School of Drama—Rupel J. Jones reappointed for a one-year term.

School of Journalism—H. H. Herbert reappointed for a one-year term.

School of Home Economics—Helen B. Burton reappointed for a one-year term.

School of Geology—Victor E. Monnett reappointed for a one-year term.

School of Social Work—J. J. Rhyne reappointed for a one-year term.

No changes were made in the general system of the College of Education because the college operates as a unit, similar to the School of Law, with advisers for the various divisions.

Six departments in the College of Fine Arts were combined into two, the department of music and the department of music education. Departments combined into the department of music were voice, piano, stringed instruments and theory of music. Those included in music education were the departments of vocal and instrumental music education.

Leaves of absence were granted by the regents for the following:

Charles Whitmer, physics professor, sabbatical leave without pay beginning June 1, to do research for the national defense committee at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

William H. McCullough, instructor in social work, who will study at the University of Chicago school of social service administration. Leave is effective June 1.

Resignations were accepted from the following:

Samuel H. Weidman, Jr., '23ba, '30ms, instructor in chemistry.

Maurice Halperin, '29ma, associate professor of Romance languages on leave of absence since last September.

Marjorie Stafford, '25ba, head of the University Library acquisition department.

Alyne Powell Hines, stenographer in the Graduate Placement and Records Bureau.

The following appointments were made by the regents:

Jennie McNutt Mitchell, stenographer in the Graduate Placement and Records Bureau.

Louise Helswick, temporary library assistant.

Aiding the War Effort

Ways in which the University can be of the greatest assistance to the nation's war effort were being clarified last month, both in the minds of members of the University staff, and in the minds of the 77 county representatives of the University War Council.

The educational and training facilities of the University were discussed by approximately one hundred persons, including county representatives, University War Council members, and Civilian Defense officials, at an institute on civilian war effort held February 27.

Persons representing 30 counties participated in the all-day session, presided over by Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma,

director of the Extension Division and coordinator of the University War Council.

It was pointed out that the University could assist in the programs of county defense committees by providing lecturers, correspondence courses, radio programs, special classes, short courses, motion pictures, publications, consultations, surveys and research, and supplying information on various phases of the defense program.

The University faculty includes many experts in fields covered by the ten committees of a standard Civilian Defense county organization. A 19-page bulletin outlining the services available from the University was used as a guide during the one-day institute, and the Extension Division will send copies to interested persons.

The value of the type of service offered by the University was recognized in the following editorial in the *Sayre Sun*, published by Carlton Cornels, '35ba:

The University of Oklahoma, A. and M. college and other state institutions of higher learning are doing a great work in civilian defense which should not be overlooked.

The average citizen does not have a comprehensive grasp of the civilian setup and the state colleges are making it their job to see that anyone wishing information on this vital subject gets it. It was as an average citizen that we attended a meeting of the University of Oklahoma war council at Norman Friday. We came away much wiser from the experience.

A round table discussion was conducted and every phase of civilian defense was explained by an authority and sound movies were shown to depict more clearly how every defense problem at home may be answered. The university has at its fingertips information and movies on every defense question that may be raised.

Members of the county defense organization may have any of this data by asking or writing Herbert H. Scott, University of Oklahoma, Norman. The university does not propose to tell members of the county organization what to do, its war council's sole purpose is to co-operate with them and assist them in getting information vital to defense. This service eliminates the red tape of having to write several different agencies for information. All information can be obtained from one source.

Representatives from 17 counties participated in an Institute on Civilian Morale for group discussion leaders held at the University February 28. Actually practicing the procedures recommended for group discussions, those present discussed the means of stimulating public discussion of war problems.

The morning session included a demonstration panel in which members of the department of government, geology, history, botany and geography discussed the topic "How Does the Fall of Singapore Affect Me?" In the afternoon four students from the department of speech demonstrated a motion picture forum on "The American System of Economy in Peace and Wartime."

It was pointed out that there is a reservoir of information on the University campus, and that it can be made available through publications prepared by faculty members for use by discussion

groups if a sufficient number of requests are made.

Royden J. Dangerfield, professor of government, William M. Sattler, assistant professor of speech, and Alice Sowers, professor of family life education, were in charge of the all-day session.

Clarence Pearce, editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, declared in his personal column last month that University work during the second semester has proceeded at "an almost killing pace." Said Editor Pearce:

Four weeks of school have breezed past. Only three months of the second term, or 11½ weeks, are left. Professors are reporting that many students already are falling behind in their studies. Undergraduates are complaining that the faculty members are expecting too much work in various courses. Registry office workers indicated that an unusual number of students have dropped classes the last several days.

Add all the above together and the answer is that this term is moving along faster than any semester in the past decade. University work has been conducted at an almost killing pace.

The professors are attempting to crowd the usual amount of teaching in a shortened semester. More information is crowded into class lectures. More outside readings are required. And tests are given more frequently.

On the other hand students are carrying a greater number of hours than usual in an effort to complete their education more quickly. Some are trying to complete four-year curricula in three and a half years. Many are doing non-credit work in an effort to train themselves for defense production and armed service positions.

Whatever the result of this speeded-up term is, whether it be lower grades and more failures on the part of students, or poor handling of classes by professors, no one will be able to accuse the university of not putting its educational machinery into high gear along with the rest of the nation's activity.

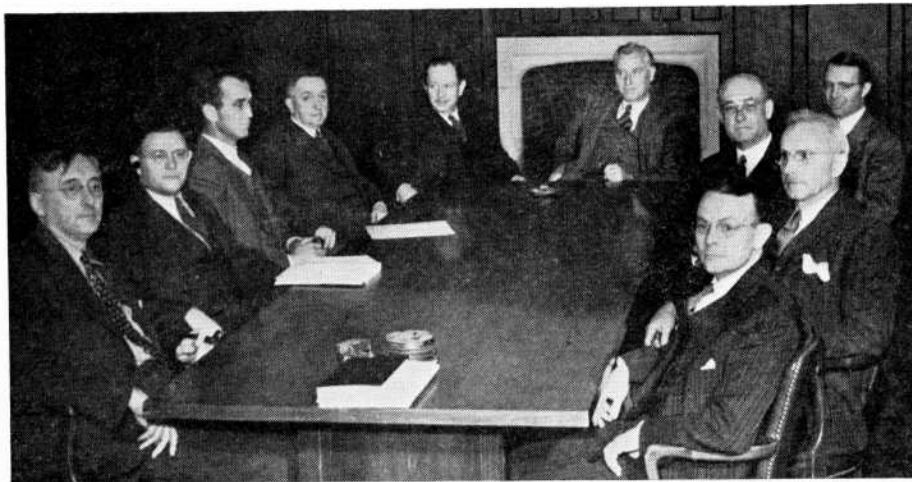
The *Daily* advocated adoption at O. U. of the University of Iowa plan for providing financial aid to encourage students who are going into the army to come back and finish work for a degree after the war.

The Iowa program calls for gifts of not over \$200 to each returning student in need of assistance. Requirements include at least six months' service in a United States armed force, attendance at the University of Iowa from October 15, 1940, until time of enlistment, and maintenance of satisfactory scholastic standards.

Money for the program comes from voluntary contributions of 10 cents a week from students still on the campus. Collections are made on a group basis, house presidents being responsible for collecting quotas.

"Definitely a campus morale booster, the plan goes a long way toward solution of this knotty problem," said the *Daily*. "It gives those who remain on the campus a chance to aid in a concrete manner the development of a post-war rehabilitation program for men who are fighting."

The University last month continued work on a variety of training courses such as nutrition, first aid, water safety,



BOARD TO GOVERN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Members of the newly created Board of Delegates, appointed to govern the University College, are shown in the picture above. Left to right around the table: A. O. Weese, J. Rud Nielsen, Glenn M. Stearns, secretary; S. M. Salyer, J. P. Blickensderfer, dean of the college; President Joseph A. Brandt, Paul Carpenter, John F. Bender, S. R. Tompkins and Findley Weaver

physical conditioning, and numerous courses in engineering, science and management. Through the ESMDT courses, more than a thousand industrial workers in Oklahoma are learning more about technical jobs vital for war work.

A special six-weeks physical conditioning course, designed to prepare men for service in the armed forces, and offered free to men students by the department of physical education was started March 16.

College Board Formed

Appointment of a seven-man faculty board of delegates to govern the University College, which will be established July 1 with the objective of raising the standards of freshman and sophomore work in the University, has been announced by President Brandt.

The board and Joseph P. Blickensderfer, dean of the college, have already held their first meeting to start organization. Glenn M. Stearns, associate professor of petroleum engineering, has been appointed temporary secretary.

Other members of the board and the divisions of the University they represent are S. M. Salyer, humanities; S. R. Tompkins, social sciences; J. Rud Nielsen, physical sciences; A. O. Weese, natural sciences; Findley Weaver, professional schools; Paul S. Carpenter, fine arts, and John F. Bender, delegate-at-large. President Brandt will serve as an ex-officio member.

Under plans approved by the Board of Regents, the delegates are appointed for three-year terms under a staggered system and may not succeed themselves. Present members of the board will draw lots for one-, two- and three-year terms and future members will be elected by the faculty.

After 1945, legislative power of the University College will be vested in its faculty

members, but until the college is thoroughly organized, the delegates will govern the program. Advisers to undergraduates will be appointed by the delegates.

Progress Report

President Joseph A. Brandt went before the general faculty at a meeting in mid-March and gave an informal, but comprehensive, report on the progress made toward four broad objectives he has adopted for his administration.

The four objectives are:

- (1) To bridge the chasm between the University and the people of the state.
- (2) To bring about democratic participation by the faculty in the University's administration.
- (3) To promote industrial development for better utilization of Oklahoma's natural resources in order to prevent economic ruin in the future.
- (4) To give University students the finest possible education.

These, he said, were the objectives in mind when such innovations were adopted as the plan of rotating department chairmanships; placing policy-making powers in the hands of departmental faculties instead of chairmen; replacing the Administrative Council composed of deans with a Faculty Senate composed of elected representatives from University divisions; establishing the Research Institute to promote industrial development in the state; and adopting the University College plan to improve the standards of work in freshman and sophomore years.

President Brandt explained that during his years as director of the University Press he learned a great deal about the University's problems from faculty members who frequently visited his office and spoke frankly of their hopes and aspirations for the University.

"At that time neither I nor anyone else dreamed that I would ever be in the president's chair—which corresponds roughly to the electric chair," Mr. Brandt commented. He spoke under difficulties, because of a severe cold, but faculty members listened intently to the detailed explanation of the numerous changes in University administration made during the new president's first year.

Recognizing some criticism because of the abrupt way in which the University College plan was announced without any previous consultation with faculty members, Mr. Brandt declared he felt it necessary to take action that way. "Otherwise the plan would have been talked to death," he said, recalling that years ago the then President W. B. Bizzell proposed an upper and lower college with somewhat the same objectives as the University College and that the "veto" of certain deans killed the plan.

In describing the motive behind the rotation of department chairmanships, President Brandt declared that under the new plan the department head will be an administrative officer chiefly, and that policy making will be done by faculty members.

"The finest and noblest title a faculty member should covet is that of professor," he said.

Faculties of various departments are to serve as legislative groups for their own departments, with the departmental chairman serving as executive officer to carry out the policies adopted.

Making a strong plea for better cooperation between departments and divisions of the University, President Brandt urged faculty members to think in terms of the interests of the whole University.

Faculty Senate Complete

Membership of a 43-member faculty senate, designed to secure more faculty participation in the administration of University affairs, was completed in March with a general faculty election of representatives-at-large.

President Brandt, *ex officio* member of the senate, will be presiding officer unless he designates a faculty member to hold that position. Twenty-five of the members were elected from the faculties of colleges and independent degree-granting schools, while 17 members were elected at large from the faculty.

As a legislative body, the senate will have power to appoint committees except those purely administrative, and to act on any matter affecting two or more colleges or schools, subject to the approval of the general faculty. The senate replaces the old Administrative Council, composed of deans.

Faculty senate members and the divisions of the University with which they are associated, are as follows:

Dean A. B. Adams, business administration; John F. Bender, education; Ralph Bienfang,



WAR COUNCIL AT WORK

The University faculty and staff members shown above have the task of directing and co-ordinating all the University's activities aiding the war effort

pharmacy; J. F. Brookes, engineering; Dr. Paul C. Colonna, medicine; L. A. Comp, engineering; George L. Cross, botany; E. E. Dale history; Royden J. Dangerfield, government; Howard O. Eaton, philosophy.

Cortez A. M. Ewing, government; C. F. Girard, fine arts; H. H. Herbert, journalism; Dean John G. Hervey, law; L. B. Hoisington, psychology; Dr. Donald McMullen, medicine; Dean E. D. Meacham, arts and sciences; L. N. Morgan, English; W. K. Newton, accounting; S.

W. Reaves, mathematics; Ralph H. Records, history.

F. G. Tappan, engineering; Joseph R. Taylor, art; George Van Lear, physics; A. O. Weese, zoology; W. B. Bizzell, sociology; Dean Joseph P. Blickensderfer, University College; Paul S. Carpenter, fine arts; Fayette Copeland, counselor of men; Dean Homer L. Dodge, graduate school; J. O. Hassler, mathematics; O. B. Jacobson, art; Kenneth C. Kaufman, languages; Savoie Lottinville, director of the University Press; V. E. Monnett, geology.

J. Rud Nielsen, physics; A. I. Ortenburger, zoology; Charles M. Perry, philosophy; A. B. Sears, history; S. R. Tompkins, history; M. L. Wardell, history; and Findley Weaver, director of the Bureau of Business Research.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

April 3, 4—Playhouse production, *The Milky Way*, comedy-farce, at 8:15 p. m., University Auditorium.

April 10—Petroleum Engineers Conference, Engineering Auditorium.

April 10, 11—Oklahoma High School Public Speaking League contests, including radio plays, one-act plays and individual events.

April 12—University Band annual spring concert at 3:15 p. m., University Auditorium.

April 13 to 17—Creative Writers' Conference.

April 14—Playhouse production, *Ladies in Retirement*, mystery. Proceeds for defense.

April 16, 17, 18—Oklahoma High School Public Speaking League contests, including debate, oratory and extemporaneous speaking.

April 18—Kansas relays at Lawrence.

April 20, 21—Sooner-Aggies baseball game at Norman.

April 21—University Men's Glee Club concert at 8:15 p. m., University Auditorium.

April 23, 24—Gardeners Short Course.

April 24, 25—Drake relays at Des Moines, Iowa.

April 24, 25—Sooner-Kansas State baseball game at Norman.

April 25, 26—University Mothers' Day.

April 27, 28, 29—Ministers Conference.

April 30, May 1, 2—Interscholastic Meet.

May 1, 2—Sooner Carnival.

May 5—Women's Choral Club concert at 8:15 p. m., University Auditorium.

Two Shows for Soldiers

Drama students in the University became traveling troupers on two occasions during March when musical and dramatic productions were presented for the soldiers at Fort Sill and Cimarron Field, near Oklahoma City.

O. U. War Council's Road Show No. 1, *Eligible and Eager*, played a highly successful three-night stand at Fort Sill March 9, 10 and 11. The cast of 80 students fitted into the regular army life of the camp, sleeping in two special barracks and eating at the post exchange.

The army staff at Fort Sill said the cast was the largest group to play at any army camp in the United States. Despite the road show's success, sickness in the cast and drafting of men students, plus transportation difficulties, drew the curtain on further performances.

On March 11, War Council Road Show No. 2, Noel Coward's three-act farce *Hay Fever*, was presented at Cimarron Field before the entire personnel of 220 men stationed at the field.

The play, directed by Lewin Goff, drama student from Norman, proved popular with the soldier audience and the cast of nine students was accorded numerous curtain calls.

Engineers Celebrate

Mary Lee Winters, petite sophomore co-ed from Oklahoma City elected 1942 engineers' queen, presided over the three-day St. Pat's celebration March 19, 20 and 21 on the University campus.

Included in this year's festivities were a dance in the Fieldhouse climaxed by the crowning of Queen Mary Lee, and a banquet in the Union Ballroom. Reford Bond, State Corporation Commissioner, was principal speaker at the banquet.

Tom Boyd, senior student from Norman having a 2.95 grade average, was chosen the outstanding engineering student of the year. While attending the University, Mr. Boyd has won numerous awards, including a Dads' Day award for the best all-round man student and a medal presented by the Oklahoma City Engineers' Club to the best engineering student. He is the son of the late Dr. Thomas M. Boyd, '17med, and Mrs. Boyd (Irlene Renfrow, '17). Late in March, he received a call to active duty in the Army.

As a result of breaking a window in Monnet Hall, law building, several days before the Engineers' celebration, four engineering students were asked by University officials to remain at home until St. Pat's events were over.

Although considerable publicity was given the incident in the student newspaper and out over the state following arrest of the students by Norman police, O. U. officials who dealt with the case said that, strictly speaking, no disciplinary action was taken. The boys were neither expelled or suspended, but were asked to remain at home until the engineers' celebration was over in the interests of all concerned, officials said.

Writers' Conference in April

Annual Writers' Conference sponsored by the University will be held this year April 13-17, inclusive, instead of in the summer as has been the custom in the past.

Recognizing the importance of the writer in maintaining morale in wartime, the University has invited a group of distinguished authors, critics and editors to participate in the conference. The program is planned to serve both beginning and professional writers, and all who are interested are invited to attend. Registration fee will be \$2.

William Morrow & Co., New York publishers, have announced an award of \$1,000 for the best original book manuscript by any writer or student who has attended one of the courses on professional writing at the University and those who attend the April short course will be eligible for this competition.

The book may be either fiction or non-fiction. Full details may be secured from W. S. Campbell, director of creative writing courses at the University.



GLAMOR FOR SOLDIERS

Two of the more decorative members of the cast of "Eligible and Eager," campus musical show presented at Fort Sill as O. U. War Council Road Show No. 1 were Kathryn Paynter and Gerda Wootten, shown above. Packed audiences of soldiers greeted the elaborate show which had a cast of 80

Each day of the conference will be devoted to a special field of writing, as follows: Drama, Short Fiction, Novel, Poetry, Non-Fiction. Further details about the program can be secured by writing Mr. Campbell.

Covering the Campus

Students enrolling in the University and other state institutions for the school year 1942-43 will begin classes a week earlier than usual. Registration and orientation are scheduled for the first, instead of the second, week in September.

Howard Van Zandt, '29bus, '37ma, Oklahoma City, was the principal speaker at the annual founders' day dinner of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity held in the chapter house at Norman.

A new religious life committee, headed by Milton Hopkins, botany professor, has been appointed by President Brandt to serve as liaison between the Oklahoma School of Religion and the University, and Norman churches and the University. . . . Board-and-room costs at the University are as low as or lower than at any university of equal size in the country, says Margaret B. Stephenson, O. U. Counselor of Women. Miss Stephenson re-

cently returned from a deans' conference in San Francisco, California, where representatives from other colleges "were amazed at the low board-and-room rates quoted for the University."

Russell Black, senior student from Oklahoma City, won the University's annual oratorical contest with a speech entitled "The Hope of Peace." . . . Scotty Nobles and Earl Engles, men's debate team from Southeastern State College, Durant, were victorious in the men's senior division of the fourth annual Midwest College Forensic Tournament held at O. U. Winner in the women's senior division was a women's debate team from Kearney State Teachers College, Kearney, Nebraska.

Mary Alice Colpitt, Collinsville, has been elected president of the campus Y. W. C. A. organization for the school year 1942-43, succeeding Cappy Baker, Cordell. Other new officers are Dorothy Roberts, Dena Lee Jones and Sue Harrod, all of Oklahoma City. . . . Vivian M. Saunkeah, Oklahoma City, has been elected chief of Sequoyah Indian Club. Miss Saunkeah is a former Indian Club princess. . . . W. B. Ricks, Nashville, Tennessee, national president of the grand council of Sigma

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Chi fraternity, visited the O. U. chapter recently and was entertained at dinner.

Compared with other state institutions for higher learning, the University's enrolment figures for the second semester, although 17 per cent lower than the first semester total, make a creditable showing. Teacher colleges lost from 20 to 32 per cent, while junior colleges and agricultural schools showed a decline of from 25 to 38 per cent in second semester enrolment. Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, had a 12 per cent decrease, and Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, lost 20 per cent in enrolment. Second semester enrolment is normally less than the first semester, but all schools reported unusual losses this year because of war conditions.

Summer Study Urged

A letter from President Brandt has been sent to all students now enrolled in the University, suggesting that they remain at the University for the summer session.

"Education is defense," the president stated. "Stay in college as long as possible. There was never a time when it was more necessary for you to consider the importance of completing your education."

Under a new plan at the University, students can obtain a bachelor's degree by attending three regular school years and three summer sessions. In his letter to students, President Brandt explained the two special sessions scheduled for this summer.

The first, beginning June 2 and ending July 28, will allow the student to earn as many as nine hours of credit, and the other, opening July 29 and continuing until August 22, is good for a maximum of four hours credit.

Engineering Conference

Final Petroleum Engineering Conference of the year will be held the afternoon and evening of April 10, in the auditorium of the Engineering Building. A dinner session also is being planned. There will be no registration fee.

Only speaker will be M. C. Leverett, '32m.eng, of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, Houston, Texas, who will discuss petroleum reservoirs, with special reference to new methods of calculating gas reservoirs.

Mr. Leverett, who received a doctor's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is widely known as an authority on petroleum reservoirs.

The April 10 conference will be the last in a series of petroleum engineering programs sponsored by the Petroleum Engineers' Club to honor engineer alumni in the University's Semi-Centennial year.



LUCY TANDY
New director of Correspondence Study

Faculty

Louis B. Fritts, University faculty member since 1924 and secretary of the correspondence study department since 1933, died March 1 at his home in Norman of a heart ailment. A few years ago, Mr. Fritts established the high school correspondence study project sponsored by the WPA and the University, a project considered one of the best of its kind in the nation. He taught four years, from 1905 to 1909 at Jaffna College in Ceylon, and later was on the faculty of West Michigan Teachers College, Kalamazoo, and several Mexican universities. Thousands of high school students and adults have



THURMAN WHITE
Recently appointed director of short courses and visual education

taken the correspondence study work. Since the war began, many soldiers have enrolled in correspondence courses. Funeral services for the veteran educator were held in Springdale, Arkansas. Survivors include his wife, of Norman, and two sisters and a brother.

Lucy Tandy, '30ba, '32ma, has been appointed director of correspondence study in the University Extension Division, succeeding Mr. Fritts. Miss Tandy was former assistant in the correspondence study department and has been on the University staff since 1927.

Commander John F. Donelson, new commandant of the campus Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, has been recommended for promotion to the rank of captain. Also recommended for promotion was James Coe Van de Carr, former N. R. O. T. C. commandant, whom Donelson succeeded. Commander Van de Carr was recently called to convoy duty in the Navy.

Two University drama professors have been asked to serve on committees of the American Educational Theater Association, organization of theaters in the nation's universities and colleges. Robert Whitehand was appointed to the committee on research and the committee on playwriting and production of new plays. John Dunn was asked to serve on the association's radio committee.

Lloyd E. Harris, '20pharm, '22pharm, '26ms, professor of chemistry and a captain in the Reserve Corps, has been called to duty at Fort Sill and later will serve in the division of chemical warfare at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland. Captain Harris, University chemistry teacher since 1919, was to become chairman of the Department of Chemistry September 1.

An article describing the departmental work of O. J. Eigsti, University botany professor in developing new plant varieties through the use of colchicine, a poisonous drug, appears in the February 14 issue of *Science News Letter*. The article tells about Mr. Eigsti's far-flung collaborators who secure colchicine from the professor and carry on experiments in plant breeding in co-operation with him.

"The more you think about it," says Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacognosy, "the more incredible it becomes... this being transported from Norman to New York and back, a distance of 4,000 miles, just to shout into a CBS microphone to palpitating millions of Americans, 'I smell!'" But there were some other lines in the script too. The occasion was the O. U. professor's radio appearance as a guest of Hobby Lobby and Dave Elman at the February 28 broadcast. He was invited because of his unique national reputation as an expert on odors.