

The University

College War Plans Shape Up

THE way in which the federal government will use university and college facilities for training young men for war needs was beginning to take definite shape in late December, following a formal joint statement of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy outlining their policies.

"With the demands of a mechanical war and of steadily growing armed forces, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are in need of a flow into their respective services of large numbers of young men who require specialized, educational, technical training," the joint statement said.

"Their own facilities of teaching staff and equipment are not sufficient for these needs. The colleges and universities will have such facilities available. Consequently the Armed Services have together formulated plans to utilize for these needs to the maximum practicable extent the resources of these colleges and universities. In formulating these plans, they have had the benefit of fruitful consultation with many educators, and particularly the Staff of the War Manpower Commission, a Committee of the American Council on Education, and the Navy Advisory Council on Education. In the administration of these plans, the Army and Navy are counting on further assistance from the same sources.

"Both plans contemplate that the educational training will be carried on while the men are on active duty, in uniform, receiving pay and under general military discipline. The armed services will contract with colleges and universities which will furnish to the men selected by the Services instruction in curricula prescribed by the Services, and also the necessary housing and messing facilities.

"Selection of those institutions which will be asked to undertake such contracts will necessarily be governed by their facilities for undertaking such responsibilities. The Chairman of the War Manpower Commission after consultation with the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy will prescribe the rules and regulations under which institutions of higher learning will be selected for this work."

The Army and Navy programs differ somewhat in objectives, with the Army putting emphasis on specialized, technical training; and the Navy specifying some general education to prepare men as officer material.

Generally speaking, the Army will select

men for college training from enlisted men under 22 years of age who have completed or are completing their basic military training in the Army and who apply for selection for specialized training. The selection of enlisted men for such further training will follow the general plan for the selection of enlisted men for Officers Candidate Schools "with such additional methods of ascertaining qualifications as may be deemed appropriate after consultation with the American Council on Education."

The Navy plan provides that "selected high school graduates, or others of satisfactory educational qualifications, having established their proper mental, physical, and potential officer qualifications by appropriate examinations, will be inducted in the Navy as apprentice seamen or privates, U. S. Marine Corps, as appropriate, placed on active duty with pay, and assigned to designated colleges and universities to follow courses of study specified by the Navy Department." Men already in the Navy, Marines or Coast Guard, between 17 and 22, may be recommended for officer training in colleges by their commanding officers.

Both Army and Navy programs will

make it possible for young men to be selected on a broad democratic basis, strictly in terms of their potential ability, to take college training without regard to their financial resources.

Status of men now in college has been largely clarified by recent rulings.

The general plan is for the Enlisted Reserve and the R.O.T.C. to be merged gradually into the Army's specialized training program. Reservists in medical, dental and veterinary colleges are to be called to active duty at the end of next semester and then detailed to continue their studies under War Department contracts with accredited schools. Pre-medical students in the reserves also may finish the semester, after which the Army will determine whether they receive further training.

Engineering students who have completed a year of study; and chemistry, physics, and bacteriology students in their junior or senior years, can expect deferments from their draft boards.

Senior R.O.T.C. students will be ordered to active duty upon graduation or upon completion of the first full semester beginning in 1943. Junior R.O.T.C. students, even if in the Enlisted Reserve, can expect



NEW RESIDENCE FOR FRESHMAN MEN

Scheduled to be opened for occupancy the second semester, Jefferson House will provide quarters for 80 freshman men in addition to the headmaster and proctors. The second house designated especially for first-year men students, Jefferson House stands south of the University campus and across the street from Owen Stadium. The building is part of a three-structure project begun several years ago when first funds for construction were voted by the 18th State Legislature. Second building in the project, a large dining hall called the Commons, appears at the left. Washington House, the third structure, is in the blueprint stage.

to stay in school during the second semester and will then be called to active duty. There will be no more advanced R.O.T.C. courses after that.

Freshmen and sophomores in the Enlisted Reserve probably will be called to active duty at the end of next semester, and can then apply for more college training after they have completed basic military training.

Junior students not in the enlisted reserve and not in the engineering or medical schools will probably be called by their draft boards at the end of the first semester.

The Army's "screen back" program of selecting enlisted men and sending them to college is scheduled to begin as early as February, but educators anticipate that it will not be in full swing until late spring. Details as to whether soldiers assigned to the colleges will take 12-week or 18-week courses is still uncertain. Curricula also have not been definitely announced, but are expected to lean heavily toward engineering, mathematics, physics, and English. How long these men will remain in college will depend upon the kind of training to which they are assigned, and their satisfactory progress in it.

High school graduates who have reached 18, or will soon reach it, are advised to go to college and remain until called for service. It is planned that they be permitted to finish the semester before being drafted.

The University of Oklahoma has offered to contract with the government to train as many soldiers and sailors as housing and mess facilities will permit. The University itself must contract to provide housing for units of not less than 20 men each, and also to provide mess facilities.

The housing situation in Norman is complicated by the fact that plans were being made in late December to convert many large student rooming houses into small apartment units to house civilian personnel attached to the Naval bases near Norman.

The Regents

Dean Royden J. Dangerfield, member of the University faculty since 1928 and authority on international relations, was granted a temporary leave of absence for administrative war work in Washington, D. C., by the O. U. Board of Regents at a meeting December 9.

Dean Dangerfield will head the Iberian section of the blockade division of the Board of Economic Warfare. He left December 12 for Washington to assume duties. His work as a blockade division chief will be in conjunction with corresponding officials from other United Nations.

Appointed acting dean of the faculty to serve during Mr. Dangerfield's absence was John B. Cheadle, University law professor. Professor Cheadle will assist President Brandt, who created the new position last fall, with administrative duties.

The regents also approved the appointment of Fayette Copeland, '19ba, counselor of men, as headmaster of the new Jefferson

House for freshmen men, which will be opened for use the second semester.

Jefferson House, part of a three-building project, is the second unit in the University's supervised housing program for freshman men students. Franklin House, formerly Albert Pike Hall, went into operation last fall with Professor J. Kester Svendsen in charge as headmaster.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, Jefferson House will provide living quarters for 80 students and two proctors. Mr. Copeland will continue as counselor of men.

Seven faculty members were granted leaves of absence by the regents. Included were the following:

W. C. Randels, associate professor of mathematics, who has accepted a position with an aircraft company.

Lauren Shelton, instructor in accounting, who will join the Office of Price Administration in Washington, D. C.

Howland H. Bailey and Samuel Silver, assistant professors of physics, who will do war research work in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Orville Tuttle, Sooner football line coach, active duty.

Frank Crider, '30ba, freshman football coach, Navy duty.

Mary Elizabeth Scott, revisor in the School of Library Science.

Resignations were accepted from A. J. Beddo, special officer now in the Coast Guard; Noel Kaho, script writer for station WNAD who has joined a New York advertising agency, and H. H. Leake, '37fa, production manager of WNAD on leave for special work with the Office of Price Administration in Oklahoma City who has accepted a position at Oklahoma A. and M. College.

Mrs. Christie Black Cathey, '33lib.sci, was appointed revisor in the School of Library Science.

Memorial to Gimeno

A memorial fountain has been erected in the formal garden between the Liberal Arts Building and the Business Administration Building as a tribute to the late Patricio Gimeno, who taught art and languages in the University from 1911 until his death in 1940. A number of portraits painted by Mr. Gimeno hang in the University Library.

Funds for construction of the fountain were raised by a committee headed by Roy T. House, professor of modern languages. The University contributed the labor for setting it up.

A white statue forms the upper part of the fountain. Around the base runs the sentence, "His words never wounded me, but always consoled me." The memorial was designed by Mr. Gimeno's son, Harold Gimeno, '17bm, '21ba, Oklahoma City architect, whose wife is the former Ruth Lytal, '28ba.

Funds for Research

An \$800 allocation to further eight research projects, many connected directly with the war, was allotted last month by the University Research Committee.

Faculty supervisors of the projects re-

ceive no compensation for their research work but are provided limited funds for materials and equipment. Announcement of the allocation was made by A. O. Weese, professor of animal biology, who is research committee chairman.

The following faculty members shared in the allocation:

S. R. Tompkins, associate professor of history, \$208.70 for the purchase of microfilm reproductions of records of the Russian-American Company to be used in compiling a history of Alaska under Russian rule.

J. R. Nielsen, professor of theoretical physics, \$150 for equipment to be used in analyzing petroleum products. Data already obtained have been used by the industry in preparation for analysis of materials, particularly in relation to the production of synthetic rubber.

L. M. Rohrbaugh, instructor in plant sciences, \$100 for purchase of an extraction apparatus and drying oven to be used in research on possible uses of Oklahoma plants, with synthetic rubber a particular problem.

Laurance S. Reid, associate professor of chemical engineering, \$85 for equipment to be used in development of process for the more efficient separation of water from natural gas.

Howard W. Larsh, instructor in plant sciences, \$85 for equipment to be used in mycology and plant diseases caused by parasitic fungi.

O. J. Eigsti, associate professor of plant sciences, \$75 for purchase of library material to be used in study of stimulation of plant growth and production of new varieties by the use of colchicine.

J. S. Walton, professor of chemical engineering, \$50 for equipment to be used in production of synthetics needed for war use that can be manufactured from petroleum.

George L. Cross, professor of plant sciences, \$18 for assistance in the publication of the results of botanical research.

Mid-Winter Convocation

Two hundred students will receive their degrees January 14 at the first mid-winter convocation ever to be held at the University, according to George E. Wadsack, registrar.

Almost 25 percent of those scheduled to graduate are engineers, since many were able to take advanced engineering courses last summer to speed their graduation. Another 25 percent are from the College of Arts and Sciences. Business, pharmacy, nursing, fine arts, education and the Graduate College are also represented on the list of graduates. The School of Nursing in Oklahoma City expects to graduate 14 nurses who are needed for war work.

Twenty-five students who finished work toward advanced degrees during the short August term will be included among the January graduates. In previous years the August graduates have been forced to wait until the following June to receive their degrees.

The new convocation was scheduled by President Brandt as a wartime measure since many January graduates will be unable to return in the spring to receive diplomas.

Choral Tribute Broadcast

Probably the most outstanding broadcast ever given by the University choral groups was the presentation of Brahms' *Requiem* December 6 over affiliated stations of the Oklahoma Network in memoriam to Oklahomans killed in the war.

Student Life

The Choral organizations, including the men's glee club, the women's choral club and the mixed choir, were under the direction of Lara Hoggard. Mary Ellen Bright, '42fa, who has been attending the Juilliard School of Music, returned to Oklahoma especially to sing the soprano solo part in the *Requiem*. James Pease, from Philadelphia and New York, sang the baritone solo role.

The broadcast from the Municipal Auditorium in Oklahoma City, where the performance was given before 5,000 persons, originated over KTOK and was considered one of the most difficult engineering feats ever accomplished by that station.

C. B. Macklin, music editor of the *Daily Oklahoman*, was loud in his praise of Mr. Hoggard, the choral groups and soloists in lengthy notices both before and after the performance. "In Lara Hoggard . . . Oklahoma has a young musician who has won highest honors in national recognition as a choral conductor," Mr. Macklin wrote. "If one should say there probably is no better choral conductor and trainer in the country, this is no more than has been said of him by critics prominent nationally."

Former glee club members now in active service who came back to sing with the choir of 200 voices were Capt. Claude Malone, '41bus, Fort Sill, and Sgt. Jack Logan, '41-'42, Will Rogers Field.

Professor Emeritus

James W. Sturgis, oldest member of the faculty in point of service, was named professor emeritus of classical languages at

the last meeting of the Board of Regents. Mr. Sturgis joined the faculty of the Department of Classical Languages in 1900 and became professor of Latin in 1905.

He will continue to teach some classes in the department. Nationally known as a scholar in classical languages, Mr. Sturgis holds three degrees from the University of Michigan, his bachelor of arts, 1896, master of arts, 1897, and doctor of philosophy, 1910.

War Loans at O. U.

Loans totalling \$10,172.65 had been granted to 37 students by mid-December under the new Student War Loans Program recently established by the federal government at the University. The program, controlled by the United States Office of Education in Washington, D. C., is designed to speed the graduation of students of engineering, pharmacy, medicine, chemistry and physics.

So far all of the students asking for loans have been men, but they are available to women as well. The University program is directed by the regular loan committee, headed by Emil Kraettli, University secretary, which handles Will Rogers and Lew Wentz Foundation loans. The committee expected to approve about 20 more loans before the end of the first semester.

To receive the loans, students must major in one of the previously mentioned subjects, maintain a C average or better for the duration of the loan and be within 24 months of a degree, and must contract to go into war work as assigned by the War Manpower Commission upon graduation.



MORTAR BOARD OFFICERS

Officers of the Mortar Board alumnae and active chapters include (left to right) Mary Covert Penoi, '35ja, Norman, vice president; Helen Slesnick, '42journ, Oklahoma City, historian; Mildred Futor, '35ed, Oklahoma City, outgoing president; Nell Guthrie, '31ms, Oklahoma City, new president; Margaret Ann McLeod, Guthrie, president of the active chapter, and Nelle Culp Higbee, '41ba, Norman, secretary-treasurer.

Franklin P. Adams, of the slap-happy crew of the Information Please quiz program, moseyed down to the University campus last month and made himself perfectly at home wherever he went. Accompanied by Harold Mueller, of the *Daily Oklahoman* staff, and an entourage of students and professors, F.P.A. toured the Press Building, had coffee in the Union cafeteria where he was introduced to other eleven o'clock coffee drinkers by President Brandt. Several autograph fiends went into action, bought copies of the humorist's anthology of verse *Innocent Merriment* in order to secure his signature. . . . Another prominent visitor recently was Carlos Merida, native Guatemalan artist now an instructor in the Texas State College for Women at Denton, Texas. During Mr. Merida's visit an exhibit of his art work was displayed in the Art Building. He drew the sketch of Betty Kirk, '29ba, which appears in the front of her new book *Covering the Mexican Front*.

A special two-semester art course, featuring production illustration and diagramming, to train students for war industries will soon be added to the curriculum in the University School of Art. The new course, planned for men and women not subject to military service, was worked out by Professor Oscar B. Jacobson. Included will be classes in drawing, lettering, plastic design, photography, welding and some physical education or military science. . . . Plans also have been made to offer a new three-hour course in meteorology to draft-exempt students the second semester. The course is a required study for Army and Navy Air Corps pilots and also is a prerequisite for those planning to go into advance meteorological units of the Army Air Corps. Upon completion of the training students will be qualified as workers in weather bureaus or for Civil Service positions in meteorology.

More University co-eds this year than ever before are enrolled in man-sized courses. Three members of the freshman law class are co-eds, Pat Ferguson, Tulsa; Harriett Broaddus, Muskogee, and Juanita Powers, Mangum. Fifteen women students are enrolled in the College of Engineering, a new high in co-ed engineers. A large number of co-eds have also chosen pharmacy as their major. Some of them following graduation plan to enlist in the WAACS for assignments as pharmacists. . . . Co-eds who work while attending school have stepped into many jobs once held by men now in active service. In studios of radio station WNAD, for instance, co-eds are fast breaking down prejudice against women in broadcasting work. On the staff of new director Virginia Hawk, '37, co-eds have practically taken over control boards, microphones, script

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