

The University

Legislature Studies Budget

The University's budget request for the 1943-45 biennium was hanging in the balance at the State Capitol in late January, its fate resting upon action by the State Legislature.

The State Regents for Higher Education, after conducting budget hearings for the state institutions of higher education, recommended to the Legislature a total appropriation of approximately the same as for the present biennium. In response to a plea by Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, president of the University Board of Regents, for consideration of the University's emergency war-time needs, the members of the State Regents board explained that they had held the total recommended appropriation to a certain limit and that they felt any increase above that limit would have to be authorized by the Legislature.

Although the constitutional amendment establishing the State Regents for Higher Education provides that the Legislature appropriate for the state institutions of higher education in lump sum, the individual allocations to be made by the State Regents, the leaders of the Legislature planned to hold separate budget hearings for representatives of the institutions in order to determine the total appropriation to be made.

The University Board of Regents in making the budget request was guided by two principal objectives:

(1) To convert the University to a three-semester, year-around schedule to meet imperative war-time demands.

(2) To maintain the structure of the University faculty during the next two years, in order to meet immediate war demands and to be ready for the inevitable post-war rush of students.

The budget request as originally filed by the University Board of Regents totaled \$1,613,203.59 for salaries. This request was later reduced to \$1,485,702.49 by withdrawal of an item which the University had proposed on a contingent basis to take care of the salaries of faculty members now on leave of absence for the duration who might return to their duties before the end of the biennium.

Following is a summary of the salary budget request for each year of the next



WAR BRINGS FIRST MID-YEAR CONVOCATION

Winter graduation exercises were held in January for students who completed school work at the end of the first semester. Response for the first Class of '43 was delivered by George Cornell, journalism graduate, who stands before the microphone. Behind him (left to right) are President Brandt, who gave the main address, Dean Edgar Meacham and Dean A. B. Adams. Many of the new alumni left the campus shortly after graduation for service with the armed forces and in defense industries.

biennium as compared to actual salary expenditures this year:

<i>Actual Expenditures this Year</i>	
State Appropriation	\$1,140,623.00
From Revolving Fund	126,631.42
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Total spent on salaries	\$1,267,254.42
<i>Requested for Each Year of Next Biennium</i>	
Same basic appropriation	\$1,140,623.00
To make up for decline in	
Revolving Fund	79,666.42
Cost of Third Semester	210,774.18
Net increase for salary adjustments	54,638.89
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Total request for salaries	\$1,485,702.49

The University has requested an increase in salary expenditures of only about 17 percent in order to add the third semester, although it plans to give 50 percent more educational service by conducting three full semesters per year instead of two, and making it possible for a student to complete a standard four-year course in two years and eight months.

The year-around schedule is imperative

if the University is to participate in the new Army and Navy college training programs, President Joseph A. Brandt has explained. In order to meet the requirements of this program the University must have an adequate and well rounded instructional staff already employed and be operating on a 12-months basis. The 12-month schedule also is imperative to accelerate the war-time education of engineers, doctors, scientists, and other professional and specialized personnel badly needed for prosecution of the war.

Because of the importance of the additional funds needed for the third semester, the University Regents did not ask for any general faculty salary increase, in spite of increased living costs, but requested a net increase of about \$54,000 for adjustments to correct the most gross inequities now existing in the faculty salary schedule.

President Brandt explained that the de-



TIME OUT FOR LUNCH

Mrs. Lola Lomax, manager of the Union Cafeteria, dishes up a plate for Red Youngman (left), basketball coach from Enid, as registrants for the one-day Physical Fitness Institute file down the line in the Cafeteria. Attending the conference, held in January as part of the government's wartime program to expand physical education training in schools, were 185 coaches and school officials from all over the state. Speakers at the institute were Army and Navy officers and University physical education teachers.

cline in University enrolment during the last year has made it possible to reduce oversized class sections which previously ran as high as 70 students to a class, to more teachable proportions, but that there still is no surplus of faculty members. The University must still teach approximately the same number of different courses and subjects, he pointed out. He also emphasized that during the years of rising enrolment, the State failed to provide funds to increase the number of instructors proportionally; and now that enrolment has declined, there is no surplus to be trimmed away.

The State cannot anticipate that federal funds will keep the University operating, President Brandt said. The University cannot meet the requirements for Army and Navy college training programs unless it has a faculty employed on a 12-months basis, he warned.

Winter Convocation

Degrees were conferred on 183 graduating seniors at the unprecedented mid-year convocation held in the University Auditorium January 13. The ceremony was held for first-semester graduates, many of whom would have been unable to return to the campus next spring for regular convocation.

Main address of the evening was given by President Brandt and the response for the Class of '43 was delivered by George Cornell, '43journ, Weatherford.

"We must make up our minds now about the kind of peace we are fighting for, and we must be aware that change, almost cataclysmic, is sweeping the world. . . . No peace written at the end of the war will endure if it is written by the old imperialists," President Brandt declared.

Degrees conferred included one doctor of education degree and several granted to students who completed school work during the August term last summer. Graduates represented 70 Oklahoma communities, nine other states, the District of Columbia and four foreign countries.

New WNAD Programs

Scheduling of seven new programs over WNAD, with subjects ranging from physical fitness to book reviews, was recently announced by Virginia Hawk, station director.

Among the new programs are *Listen Ladies* devoted to discussion of household problems during wartime, three days a week by Betty Swidensky; *What's in a Name*, dramatic presentation of names written by Francis Gossett; *Headline Parade*, news dramatizations presented by students in the School of Radio Drama; *My Time and Welcome to It*, critical reviews of books, magazine articles and motion pictures, by Hansford Martin, '42letters, graduate assistant in the Department of English, three days a week; *Your Navy*, a variety show broadcast by

sailor entertainers from the Naval Training School (AM) near Norman.

All Out for Fitness was scheduled after school officials attending the Physical Fitness Institute meeting on the campus last month suggested the station carry weekly broadcasts about the importance of physical fitness in the war effort.

Three mornings a week the Pacific Basin class lecture will be broadcast from the classroom exactly as it is heard by students. Bonita Fitzwater, sophomore from Watonga who operates the WNAD control board at the time the lecture is broadcast, enrolled in the course and will receive credit by remote control, so to speak.

The Regents

Virginia Reinecke, assistant counselor of women and director of Union activities at the University, was appointed acting counselor of women at the last meeting of the Board of Regents.

Miss Reinecke succeeds Margaret Stephenson who was granted a leave of absence to accept a commission as lieutenant senior grade in the SPARS. Other appointments approved by the regents were the following:

- William Hanson Hall, instructor in physics.
 - Leroi Beck, Jr., graduate assistant in physics.
 - Maxine Richardson, '39phys.ed, instructor in physical education for women.
 - Patrina Kelley, instructor in commercial education.
 - B. C. Miller, instructor in welding.
 - Mary Stith, '30ba, assistant editor of the University Press.
 - Elsie Irene Ragsdale, '38ed, proofreader with University Press.
 - Patti Patton, '42lib.sci, reference assistant in University Library.
 - Vivian Barr, librarian in Department of Chemistry.
 - Alda Mae Groenswold, chief technician at WNAD.
 - Bettye J. Kellerman, secretary at WNAD.
 - Josephine Bowen Battenfield, '40bus, transferred from WNAD to Extension Division as secretary.
 - O. K. Wilcox, assistant on Botany Department research project.
 - Eleanor F. Read, secretary in Lecture and Entertainment Bureau.
 - Katherine W. Miller, assistant in home economics.
- Leaves of absences for war services were granted by the regents to the following:
- Arthur T. Meyer, assistant professor of music, Army Air Forces.
 - Virginia Morris, '29bs, instructor in physical education for women, Red Cross.
 - R. W. Harris, associate professor of paleontology, petroleum research.
 - Spencer H. Norton, '28ba, professor of music, Army Air Forces.
 - Margaret Stephenson, counselor of women, SPARS.
 - R. Wendell Tomberlin, '38fa, instructor in art, Army.
- Resignations were accepted from the following:
- Lowell E. Haas, instructor in mechanical engineering.
 - Vernon A. Musselman, '38m.ed, assistant professor of commercial education.
 - Mrs. Ima Venable, '36lib.sci, '40ba, acquisition head in University Library.
 - Gene Woodruff, librarian in Department of Chemistry.

Franklin W. Harris, radio technician at WNAD.

Betty Copmann Lynn, '38fa, proofreader with University Press.

Anna Belle Rouse, '41letters, mimeograph operator with University Press.

Dorothy Lockett, secretary to Extension Division director.

Arlene Garner, '37, secretary at WNAD.

Gertrude Jensen, '32nurse, secretary.

O. K. Wilcox, University Greenhouse assistant.

Bayden L. Bashe, '42ba, secretary to the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Anne B. Bailey, assistant in home economics.

Juanita Saylor, secretary in Lecture and Entertainment Bureau.

Dr. Erik R. Eselius, assistant director of laboratories in School of Medicine.

Dr. L. K. Chont, assistant in radiology in School of Medicine.

War Film Program

Program for the statewide distribution of government war films through eight booking points got under way last month with Thurman White, director of Extension Division short courses and visual education, in charge as state war film coordinator.

At the present time war films are handled by only three state organizations—the University of Oklahoma, the Camera Shop and the Oklahoma Visual Education Company in Oklahoma City. Under the new system five other agencies will have war films available for booking, White said.

Included among the new members will be East Central State College at Ada, Northeastern State College at Tahlequah, Southeastern State College at Durant, Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater and the H. O. Davis Camera Company in Oklahoma City.

Headway was also made in setting up a state war film committee on utilization to work with White.

Honor Students

Twenty-seven students outstanding for scholastic and activity records were named to membership in the junior men's and women's honor classes.

All the girls, chosen by a committee headed by Hedwig Schaefer, assistant professor of home economics, have a grade average of at least 2.5. Included were Betty N. Wheeler, Tulsa; Dorothy Gentry, Medford; Aileen Brimer, Wilson; Joye Murphy, Foss; Mildred Nichols, Mabelle Schlicht and Marjorie Munger, all of Oklahoma City; Ruth C. McSpadden, Claremore, and Nelda Rose Pearson and Inez Spottswood, both of Norman.

Members of the men's group, named under the picture, will meet weekly in the home of W. B. Bizzell, president emeritus, for informal discussions. Membership in the group was determined by a committee composed of directors and chairmen of various University schools and departments.

Student Life

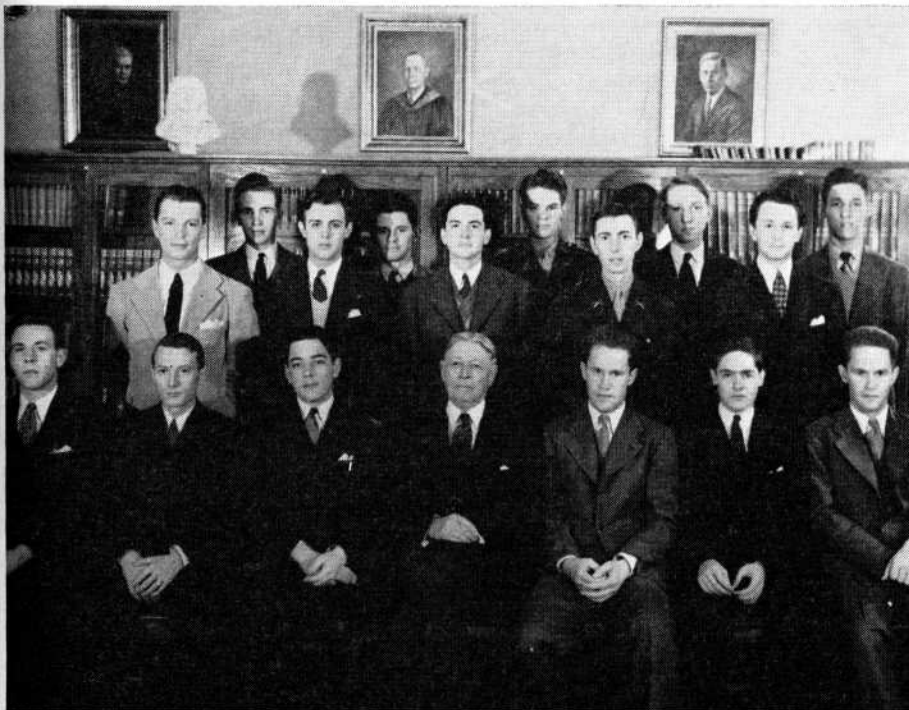
MEMBERS of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity turned their chapter house over to the University at the beginning of the second semester for use in the war training program. The chapter will continue to keep its charter and fraternity officers but will occupy other quarters. . . . To co-ordinate campus war work among University women students, a co-ed war council was organized under the direction of Sue Starr, Oklahoma City, chairman of the campus activities center under which the new council will operate.

Mary Jo Clements, Oklahoma City, first woman sports editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, sold an article to the *Woman Bowler* magazine. Elizabeth Cox, El Reno, wrote an article on women in the war which was accepted by the *Modern Woman magazine*. Both are students in a feature writing class taught by Professor Grace E. Ray. . . . The tabloid *Oklahoma Daily* began the second semester with a staff composed almost entirely of co-eds. Amy Lee Hill, Cherokee, appointed editor, will in reality choose editorials and write a personal column, while Mildred Nichols, Oklahoma City, new managing editor, will supervise the news that goes into the publication.

Jack Wendell Wilcox, pre-law student from Seiling, has been selected by Senator Elmer Thomas as principal candidate for appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. . . . Three senior students in advanced R. O. T. C. classes who were selected as honor cadets were William Howard, Oklahoma City; Jim Davidson, Tulsa, and Harold Kirkpatrick, Caddo. The men were chosen on the basis of scholarship and leadership, will be considered candidates for regular Army commissions.

Revamped to include pertinent information, the Pacific Basin course offered last year will be given the second semester. Designed to give a better understanding of the influence of the Pacific in the global war, the course is taught by a group of professors, authorities in various fields. Lectures will be broadcast over WNAD each class day. . . . A new war course offered the second semester for the first time is a course in elementary astronomy for aviation and navigation. . . . Welding classes open to all persons interested in learning aircraft and ship welding are offered by the College of Engineering.

Twelve oil paintings and one statue in wood, the works of well known artists, have been secured from the government for the permanent University art collection. . . . A new war project of University art students is the design and creation of posters, paintings, cartoons, magazine covers for the War Savings program.



MR. BIZZELL AND NEW HONOR CLASS

Seventeen junior men recently chosen for membership in President Emeritus Bizzell's Honor Class include front row (left to right) Terry Triffet, Enid; Garth A. Abbott, Delaware; Mark R. Johnson, Tulsa; Robert E. Dillman, Ponca City; J. Raymond Hinshaw, Norman, and Theodore Dillman, Ponca City. In the second row are James F. Nickel, Clinton; Robert D. Davis, Muskogee; Jules Thompson, Tulsa; John H. Smith, Oklahoma City, and Forrest F. Shoemaker, Tulsa. In the third row are Vergil A. Shipley, Amber; William Price, Oklahoma City; Doug Hendrix, Weleetka; Joseph J. Downing, Norman, and Ray M. Hurd, Hugo. Not in the picture is Tom D. Howard, Norman.