

The University

FIRST DEFINITE announcement that the University of Oklahoma would be used in the college war training program came in February when it was announced in Washington, D. C., that O. U. had been approved by the War Manpower Commission for specialized training of engineers.

The number of men to be sent to the University for engineering work was not stated, but O. U. officials estimated that by using facilities to the maximum extent, a total of approximately 1,500 men could be trained at one time.

Unofficial indications were that the University's educational facilities would be used to the fullest extent in the general Army and Navy college war training programs as well as for the specialized engineering program. Since the University already has both R. O. T. C. and N. R. O. T. C. staffs on the campus to provide administrative facilities, it was anticipated that both Army and Navy units would be sent to Norman.

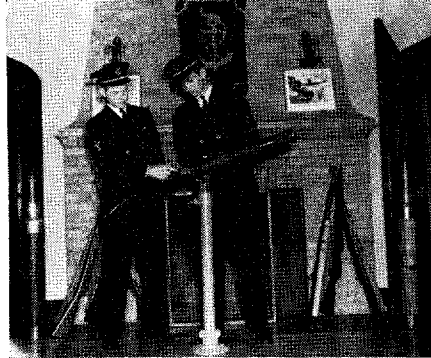
Under the college training program, carefully selected young men screened out by the Army and Navy from men who apply will be sent to college to take certain specified courses that will train them as technicians or officer material. They will be on active duty, will be in uniform, and will be subject to military or naval discipline. The Army or Navy will contract with the University for their room and board, and they will be paid the same amounts per month as though on active duty in any other assignment.

Earliest possible date when the new training program could start at the University of Oklahoma is in March, though it is generally expected that the program will not be well under way until mid-summer.

University faculty and administrative committees were busy last month preparing detailed reports requested by the Army and Navy on the University's educational facilities, including faculty, laboratories, classrooms, and housing and messing facilities.

Chief emphasis in the training program will be in engineering, physics, mathematics, chemistry and other related subjects.

The University plans to continue its program for civilian students along with the war training program, in order to



NAVY MOVES IN

A brief spell after Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity members turned their chapter house over to the University for use in the war effort, blue-uniformed Naval R. O. T. C. cadets moved in to establish a second all-Navy house near the campus. Inspecting equipment before the fireplace in their new quarters are (left) Virgil Barnett, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Jim Jewell, Chickasha

meet numerous demands related to the war. Numerous engineering, pre-medical, medical, and other students in scientific fields have been deferred by their draft boards to finish their final year of work for a degree which would qualify them for important war work.

War needs also call for continued training in certain fields such as foreign languages, nutrition, biological laboratory technicians, social workers, newspaper reporters and editors, statisticians, secretaries and other office workers, pharmacists, and teachers in many fields, particularly mathematics, science and commercial subjects.

The University recently has established night classes in Spanish and Japanese, primarily for Navy personnel but also for civilians. Co-eds majoring in physical education served as physical education instructors for the first WAVES detachments sent to the Norman Navy bases pending arrival of regular instructors.

Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity turned its chapter house over to the University for use in the war program at the beginning of the second semester, and many other chapters are expected to follow suit by the end of the present semester.

Several hundred students in various en-

listed reserve groups were expecting call to active duty in February, although their status was still not entirely certain.

University Finances

Hearing on the University's budget request for the next biennium was scheduled in late February before a joint legislative committee.

The situation on budget requests of institutions of higher education in the state was complicated by the prospect of considerable income from the federal government for training young men under the college war training program. Viewpoint expressed by Governor Robert S. Kerr, '16, and legislative leaders was that federal income received by the educational institutions should permit some reduction in state appropriations. University of Oklahoma officials pointed out that the University is handicapped by the fact that its salaries for many years have been on a nine-months basis whereas faculty salaries at most of the other state institutions are already on a twelve-months basis.

The University therefore requires an additional appropriation to put the faculty on a twelve-months basis and make it possible to contract with the federal government for the college war training program, and also to continue the accelerated program of training women and men below draft age in numerous fields designated as vital to the war effort by the War Manpower Commission.

The *Oklahoma Daily*, at the request of Governor Kerr, conducted a one-day poll to get a cross section of student attitude toward the proposed third semester. This sampling survey was reported by the *Daily* to show that 71 per cent of the men and 72 per cent of the women students now in school want a third semester. The *Daily* pointed out that this cross section could not include high school 17-year olds, many of whom have indicated to the registry office that they want to enrol in the University this summer in an effort to complete a year of college work before induction into the Army.

George Wadsack, registrar, reported that mail inquiries concerning the third semester have been coming in at a rate and volume comparable to the inquiries ordinarily received before the fall semester.

The University has asked the state legis-

lature to pass a bill creating a University of Oklahoma Housing Authority with specific powers to handle feeding and housing problems caused by the college war training program and the shortage of housing facilities in Norman.

The housing authority would have power to take over the operation of private houses, to borrow money, to operate messing facilities and other associated powers. Its purpose specifically is not to compete with private operators of housing facilities, but rather to take care of needs that would not be met otherwise.

Students in War

Deferred aviation cadet Air Force reservists on the campus were placed on active service last month making them subject to call on 24-hours notice. Some were ordered to report for duty late in February and left school in mid-semester. The others expected to be called as the need for filling aviation cadet quotas arose.

Ima James, chairman of the Department of Physical Education for Women, announced organization of a physical fitness program for junior and senior women "to meet whatever they will have to meet in June." The training program, on a purely voluntary basis, includes marching, calisthenics, games and a course in water safety. It is designed to fit University women, particularly those graduating this spring, for service in the women's branches of the armed forces and for war jobs.

The government-sponsored E.S.M.W.T. (engineering, science, and management war training) courses were continued this semester in engineering drawing, radio theory and technique and principles of industrial accounting. The courses, designed specifically to fit persons for work in war industries, are offered free of charge on a non-credit basis.

In charge of the program is Lowell C. Brown, '37m.ed, director of in-service education.

Ten students recently completed primary and secondary training under the Civil Aeronautics Authority War Training Service program, directed at the University by Richard V. James, '18eng, professor of mechanics. Finishing primary training were six members of the Navy V-5 reserve. The four C.A.A. trainees completing secondary work were Army Air Force reservists.

Aimed at reaching every student was the projected plan for establishing a Red Cross blood bank system on the campus, suggested by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Members of the fraternity took the lead in a movement to set up the blood bank in Ellison Infirmary, using Red Cross equipment.

It was suggested that the University campus would be an ideal place for securing blood plasma, as donors are read-

Campus Calendar

March 8—Public lecture, "Our American Humor," by Stewart Harral, Engineering Auditorium, 8:00 p. m.

March 9—Norman Forum and Y. W. C. A.-Y. M. C. A. public meeting, "Morals in Wartime," by Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton, Business Administration Auditorium, 8:00 p. m.

March 11—Sooner-Aggie basketball game at Stillwater.

March 12 and 13—Playhouse production, *Claudia*, University Auditorium, 8:15 p. m.

March 21—Organ recital by Dean E. W. Doty of the University of Texas, University Auditorium, 4:00 p. m.

March 23—Chamber Music Concert, University Auditorium, 8:00 p. m.

March 24—University Symphony Orchestra Concert, University Auditorium, 8:00 p. m.

March 25—Orchestra Dance Concert, University Auditorium, 8:00 p. m.

March 28—University Band Concert, University Auditorium, 4:00 p. m.

ily available in a compact group, and the business of making appointments, testing, and extracting blood could be carried out through the student health program already set up.

Second Semester Enrolment

Latest report from the University Registrar's Office disclosed that total enrolment for the second semester was 3,691 students, including those on the campus at Norman and those enrolled in the Schools of Medicine and Nursing in Oklahoma City.

Enrolment on the campus, 3,349 students, showed a decrease of approximately 900 from the first-semester enrolment of 4,235. Frequent withdrawals of student enlistees, draftees and reservists to enter the armed forces was mainly responsible for the decline in the second-semester enrolment.

The College of Arts and Sciences had the largest enrolment among schools and colleges, with Engineering and Business Administration ranking second and third respectively. Breakdown of freshmen enrolment revealed that more freshmen were enrolled in engineering, with arts and sciences and business in second and third places.

Freshmen entering the University at the beginning of the second semester constitute the largest mid-semester freshman enrolment in the school's history.

Journalism Short Course

Beginning in May the School of Journalism will offer a special eight-month curriculum of instruction in newspaper reporting, editing and advertising to help state publishers replace employees called to war service.

The course, announced by H. H. Herbert, director of the journalism school, and approved by President Brandt and the Oklahoma Press Association, is designed

to give immediate aid to publishers, and will not affect students in the regular journalism curriculum.

The shortened course of basic instruction is not intended to be permanent, but is simply a war-time expedient. Students in it will attend regular journalism classes and receive University credit, however.

Gift for Chemistry Department

Oscar E. Harder, '10chem, '11ms, assistant director of the Battelle Memorial Institute at Columbus, Ohio, presented the Department of Chemistry with a 16-volume set of books on physical metallurgy, the latest work in the field, and a year's subscription to the *Journal of the American Society of Metals*.

Mr. Harder has been associated with Battelle Institute, a non-profit organization for industrial research and education, since 1930. He was an instructor in chemistry at the University during the year 1910-11, when he was working on his master's degree.

Bond Drive Praised

President Brandt received a letter from H. C. Jones, state administrator of the Treasury Department War Savings Staff, complimenting the University Athletic Council on the success of its war bond drive held last fall.

Said Mr. Jones, "I believe that the sale of over a million dollars in war bonds by the Athletic Council... is an event which will not be equaled anywhere else in the nation."

The bond drive culminated in the Semi-centennial football game with William and Mary College played last December in Owen Stadium, when total sales of \$1,112,485.75 were announced.

C. E. Burlingame, Bartlesville, won a football autographed by members of the Sooner and William and Mary team for buying the largest single bond sold in the campaign. It was accepted for him by Reford Bond, state corporation commissioner, at the game.

Extension Aids Widespread

Resume of Extension Division departmental activities during the last several months showed that service was rendered and contacts established in practically all of the 77 counties.

Sooner Family

A University tradition of long standing will be broken at the close of the summer session in August when the last members of the Dan B. Pearson family graduate. In past years six Pearson children have received nine degrees from the University, and this summer the last two, Russie Mae and Nelda Rose, will graduate from the school of home economics. Though the sons and daughters, 12 in all, are scattered now, the family home is still the Pearson ranch in Oglethorpe County, Texas.