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# The University

PATTERN for full use of the educational facilities at the University in support of the war effort took definite form in July with both the Army and Navy training programs in operation.

The University administration during July also announced plans for synchronizing a well-rounded civilian student program with the training requirements of the Army and Navy

A semester schedule different from the traditional school year but which will permit steady progress toward degrees or toward professional training on an accelerated basis has been worked out.

Since the Naval students are permitted to attend classes along with civilians, and since they are permitted to have a large variety of courses, the University administration found that it either must set up a large number of courses especially for the Navy, or else must make the civilian student semester conform to the Navy schedule. The final calendar adopted for the fall and winter semesters was therefore set up as follows:

(1) An eight-weeks fall semester designed for civilian men and women students and including a good selection of basic courses leading toward all degrees will begin September 6, run for eight weeks and will end with examinations October 27 and 28. Registration for this session will take place September 3 and 4.

(2) A second eight-weeks semester will start November 1 and terminate with examinations December 21 and 22. This will be designed for students who must terminate their programs by January 1 such as seniors who ordinarily would have finished at the middle of the school year, and others completing requirements for entry into professional schools in January.

(3) Enrolment for a full sixteen-weeks semester inluding all standard courses will be held November 4, 5 and 6 with classwork beginning November 8. Final examinations for this semester will be held February 23-26. This sixteen-weeks semester will synchronize with the Navy semester so that civilian and Naval students can be taught in the same classes.

(4) The spring sixteen-weeks semester will run approximately from March 1 to July 1.

University officials emphasized that the eight-weeks semester to be held in September and October will provide an op-

portunity to complete half of a regular semester's work and will not cause delay in a student's educational program.

Although the impact of starting Army and Navy programs on the campus in July naturally affected civilian students to some extent, the trainees in uniform fitted into campus routine very quickly and except for their group housing and mess arrangements and a well disciplined program, they made little change in the campus picture.

A high proportion of the trainees are men who have already been to some college or university at least a semester or two.

Approximately six hundred men in the Army Specialized Training Program started classwork at the University in the middle of June. These men are housed in what were formerly the Residential Halls for Women. They are having mess temporarily in the Union Cafeteria pending completion of enlargement of kitchen facilities at the Residential Halls.

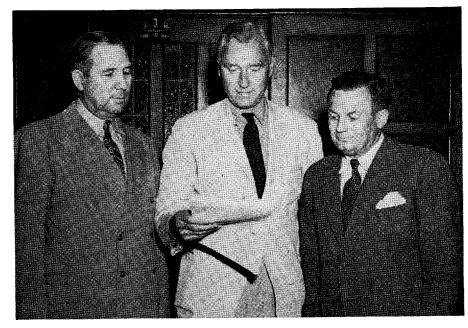
A Naval training unit totaling approximately seven hundred men, including Naval cadets already on the campus, began classwork in early July. The Navy trainees are being housed in Jefferson House, the Masonic Dormitory, the Normandie, and four former fraternity houses.

# Busy Summer at O. U.

With both the Army and Navy training programs operating on the campus in early July, enrolment in the University at Norman and in the School of Medicine reached a total of approximately 3,500 civilian and uniformed students.

Included in this figure were about 600 Army trainees, 600 Navy trainees, 1,700 civilian students, 342 students in the School of Medicine and School of Nursing, and 200 Naval R.O.T.C. cadets who were transferred from civilian to seaman status with the arrival of first Navy trainees July 1.

The 600 Army trainees, including basic and advanced engineering students, were issued books and began classes at the University in mid-June. So far, all Army trainees are taking an engineering curriculum, although pre-medical students are expected to arrive in the near future.



# BRANDT AND NEW REGENTS

Two of the new members of the University Board of Regents shown with President Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, are W. R. Wallace, '09.'10, Oklahoma City attorney (left), who succeeded J. M. Craig, Idabel, and Don Emery, '20ba, '21law, associated with the Phillips Petroleum Company at Bartlesville, who succeeded Harry Wimberly, '24ba, Altus publisher.

The first contingent of Navy trainees included principally engineers and some pre-medics. They began classes in mid-July.

Although the Naval R.O.T.C. cadets were placed on active duty as apprentice seamen, officials announced they would not be merged with the training program but would retain their former status as Naval R.O.T.C. students and their regular classes.

Army trainees wear the Army's regular khaki summer uniform, Navy trainees wear seamen's whites, and the Naval R. O.T.C. is to wear the Navy's regular summer khaki designed for cadets and officers.

Trainees are receiving lessons from regular campus faculty. All available engineering professors have been retained for the summer term.

Staff members of University R.O.T.C. units have charge of administering discipline, drill and instruction for the trainees.

# **Students Assured Rooms**

An adequate supply of student rooms meeting University standards has been assured for students coming to the University of Oklahoma this fall, President Joseph A. Brandt announed in July.

The women's Residential Halls formerly reserved for freshmen women have been taken over for the Army Specialized Training Program, but a large house formerly occupied by Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity which is only half a block from the campus has been taken over by the University to serve as a house for freshmen girls. It has been renamed Roberta Lawson Hall and will be operated under direct University supervision.

Most sororities are continuing to operate on the campus and many girls will be living in sorority houses. Many private homes in Norman rent rooms to girls and the University has a comprehensive list of the rooms that will be available.

Franklin House for freshmen men which during the last year was located in the building known in Norman as the Masonic Dormitory, has been moved to new quarters in the house formerly occupied by Pi Lambda Phi fraternity and will continue in operation as a Universitysupervised house for freshmen men. Both room and board will be provided for freshmen men in this house.

Many of the fraternity houses have been leased to the University or are under option for lease to the University for student housing purposes. All fraternity pledging was stopped as of July 1 by agreement of the Interfraternity Council since most of the fraternity chapters only had a few men still in school.

The approval of the University's application for a nine hundred unit housing project to be built with Federal funds south of the campus, especially to house Army and Navy training units, is expected to take care of additional trainees so that there will still be adequate housing available for civilian students.

The housing project, approved by the National Housing Agency, will cover approximately thirty acres and will include dormitories, mess hall and administration building. These buildings will be of masonry construction of a type considered semi-permanent.

President Brandt emphasized that there is no reason for prospective students or parents to fear a shortage of student rooms in Norman this fall.

# **Housing Project Begins**

Work started last month on the construction of eight permanent buildings to be built by the Federal Public Housing Authority for the accommodation of 900 college trainees in what will be the largest single building program in the history of the University.

The contract calls for the construction of seven two-story dormitories and a main building, the work to be completed in ninety days. Cost of the project will be \$600,000.

The main building, to be known as Woodrow Wilson Center, will include a lobby, library, clubroom, a game-room, an auditorium seating 750 persons and administrative offices. The dining hall, which will be known as Woodrow Wilson Commons and which will be attached to the building, will have eating accommodations for 900 persons.

Tile will be used in the walls, and the floors will be concrete over steel. All buildings should be ready for occupancy before the beginning of the winter semester, Presi-



GOOD WILL RECORDS

Ensign Lara Hoggard, former glee club director, and Virginia Hawk, '37, WNAD director, prepare recordings of glee club numbers for use by the Office of Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs in South American broadcasts.

dent Joseph A. Brandt said. After the war the dormitories will probably be used to house freshmen in the plan for first-year men which was started by President Brandt last fall. One hundred and twenty-eight men can stay in each of the dormitories.

Each of the dormitories will have a large study hall on the second floor, a reception room and a room for the officer of the day, with heating and sanitary facilities in the central section.

#### The Regents

Harry Wimberly, '24ba, former member of the University Board of Regents and Altus publisher, last month was appointed to the board by Governor Kerr to succeed Capt. C. O. Hunt, '38ed, '40law, now in Florida in Army service.

Former Governor Leon C. Phillips, '16 law, declared Captain Hunt's position vacant a year ago and announced the appointment of Erl Deacon, '21eng, to the position. Mr. Deacon's legal status became uncertain when Captain Hunt stated emphatically at that time that he had not resigned, and when the Senate completed its regular session without confirming Mr. Deacon's appointment.

Governor Kerr told newspapermen that a friendly lawsuit might be brought to determine definitely whether a vacancy existed on the board.

Several appointments to the University faculty because of the heavier teaching load in technical subjects following arrival of Army and Navy trainees were made at the July 14 meeting of the Board of Regents.

Those appointed are as follows:

Ray E. Hefner, former assistant in astronomy, instructor in physics. Charles E. Harp, '38ms, former graduate assist-

ant in physics, instructor in physics.

Elmer C. Miller, former assistant instrument maker in the Department of Physics, part-time instructor in physics. James E. Kamitchis, '40ba, former graduate

assistant in physics, full-time graduate assistant. Dorothy Manes Shirley, '31ba, '42m.ed, labora-

tory instructor in physics. George Earl Davis, former head of Department

of Physics at Duquesne University, assistant pro-fessor of physics, effective August 9. Mary Catherine Fitter, '41bs, former teacher in

Altus Junior College, laboratory assistant in physics. Raymond C. Dragoo, '24ba, '27ma, former fac-ulty member of Oklahoma City University, Southeastern State College and Southwestern State College, assistant professor of mathematics.

Raymond Lee Barnett, '43eng, named instructor in engineering drawing to hold the position until September 1 when Randolph N. Luccock, '30eng, will arrive and become assistant professor of mechanical drawing, Luccock will succeed Wil-liam C. Bednar, '35eng, associate professor of petroleum engineering who resigned effective August 1.

Mrs. Cora May Wenige, assistant claims clerk in the Office of Comptroller.

William B. Ragan, '22ba, '28ma, assistant professor of elementary education, was appointed director of short courses and visual education in the Extension Division. He will continue to teach sev-eral extension classes and also classes on the campus.

Leave of absence for Leonard Good, '27 ba, professor of art, was extended so that he can continue work as art designer at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City. Thurman

White, director of short courses and visual education, was granted leave of absence for service in the Marine Corps.

The regents accepted resignations from Jane Suggett, '43ba, secretary to E. R. Kraettli; Mrs. Louise Chrisman Sloan, '37-'40, stenographer in the Navy R.O.T.C. office; Jack Eberle, chemist with the Oklahoma Geological Survey, and Nell Culp, '41ba, secretary in the Department of English.

# **Brammell Transferred**

Lt. Col. Charles H. Brammell, commandant of the University R.O.T.C. unit since 1938, has been transferred to take command of prisoner of war camp at Fort Reno, and promoted to the rank of colonel.

In addition to directing the R.O.T.C., Colonel Brammell recently received added duties of administering military discipline and training to newly arrived trainees in the Army Specialized Training Program.

Appointed to succeed Colonel Brammell is Lt. Col. J. Don Garrison, '29bs, '36m.ed, former superintendent of Norman schools who was assigned to the University military staff several months ago after his return from duty in England. He has been on active duty since the mobilization of the 45th Division three years ago.

Colonel Brammell has been in the Army since 1917, and served with the American Army of Occupation in Germany. He is a graduate of the Western Dental College in Kansas City, Missouri, and was a dentist in Kansas City for several years before the first World War.

#### Alumni News Broadcast

Sooners in Oklahoma can keep up with alumni activities by radio since the recent addition of a five-minute twice-weekly alumni news broadcast to the schedule of the state's educational station, WNAD (640 kilocycles).

Roscoe Cate, acting executive secretary of the Alumni Association, presents alumni news each Monday and Friday at 5:30 p. m. Material for the broadcast is gathered from letters, Army and Navy news releases, newspapers and other publications.

# **Educators Promoted**

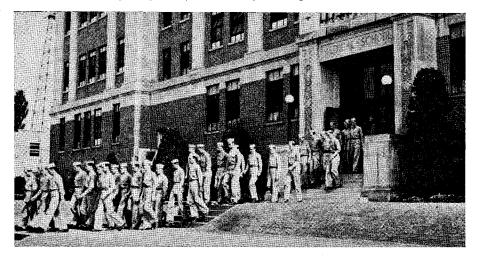
Five alumni were involved in a shift in state educational positions early in July which began when M. A. Nash, '19ba, '27 ma, president of Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha for the last 17 years, was appointed chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education.

In the new position, Mr. Nash will be administrative officer for the board which co-ordinates all state institutions of higher education and makes budget allocations for them. Commenting on the appointment, Governor Kerr, '16, said, "The selection of



## FIRST NAVY R.O.T.C. GRADUATES

First cadets in the University R.O.T.C. unit to be graduated are (left to right) Garrison Munger, Enid; Robert Loeffler, Bristow, and Virgil Bonnette, Dierks, Arkansas. The three cadets, who are now on active duty as seamen but classified as midshipmen, expect to receive ensign's commissions in August after completing four years of Navy training at O. U.



#### MEDICAL STUDENTS IN UNIFORM

Trainees in the Army Specialized Training unit at the School of Medicine in Oklahoma City emerge from the school building where they are continuing medical training in uniform. University Medical School was the first in the nation to be activated under the government's wartime training program.

Mr. Nash was an excellent choice and he is exceptionally well qualified to carry out the purposes of the board."

Appointed to succeed Mr. Nash as president of O.C.W. was C. Dan Procter, '36m. ed, '43d.ed, superintendent of schools at Ada for the last six years. Other advancements which followed included promotion of Rex O. Morrison, '39m.ed, principal of Ada High School, to superintendent, and of Trice Broadrick, '43m.ed, science and mathematics teacher in Ada High School, to principal.

Appointment of Mr. Procter as president of O.C.W. necessitated his resignation from the State Board of Education. Named to succeed him on the board was Joe R. Holmes, '16, superintendent of schools at Muskogee.

A sixth alumnus to receive a new educational position was D. D. Kirkland, '33m. ed, superintendent of schools at McAlester, who was appointed by Governor Kerr as a member of the Board of Trustees to administer the State Teacher Retirement System. The system set up following passage of a law by the last State Legislature which provides for the retirement of teachers.

## Medical Dean Reappointed

Dr. Tom Lowry, '16med, Oklahoma City physician, was re-elected dean of the University School of Medicine and superintendent of University Hospital on the date his term expired. After serving for seven and a half months in an advisory capacity as the school's dean, he will continue on that basis.

Dr. Harold Shoemaker, assistant dean, was appointed acting dean by the University Board of Regents and acting superintendent of the University Hospital.

#### Lawyers With O.P.A.

Alumni associated with the Office of Price Administration in Oklahoma City include Evert Rhea, '34law, John Morrison, '29law; Jack Highley, '33law, and O. K. Wetzel, '25law, all of Oklahoma City; Robert Shutler, '38law, Kingfisher, and O. B. Martin, '26law, Blackwell.