

The University

President Brandt Resigns

Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, resigned October 2 as president of the University in order to accept the directorship of the University of Chicago Press, effective not later than January 1, 1944.

The resignation was presented unexpectedly at a special meeting of the Board of Regents. After the meeting, Joe W. McBride, '28bus, president of the board, announced that "the Board of Regents accepts the resignation with the greatest reluctance and only after the board had exhausted every means to prevail on Brandt to remain with the University as president."

He said the board did not discuss the selection of a successor to President Brandt at the October 2 meeting, but probably would begin consideration of the problem at a meeting scheduled October 12.

Genial, sandy-haired, pipe-smoking Joe Brandt who was persuaded by the Board of Regents to leave his position as director of the Princeton University Press and become the first alumnus president of O. U. on August 1, 1941, decided that he could not afford to turn down an unusually attractive offer to return to the field of publishing.

In coming to the University in 1941, he stated frankly that he was reluctant to leave the publishing field, and that he did not intend to make University administrative work his life occupation. He came to Norman with a plan for numerous changes in the University program, centered on the objective of emphasizing general or liberal education. Less than six months after he arrived in Norman, the United States entered the war and it became more and more difficult to develop such a program under war conditions.

President Brandt said that other factors in his decision to resign were the reduction in state appropriations for the University—in spite of a large surplus in the state treasury; the low salary scale for the faculty; and the gloomy outlook for any substantial improvement in the financial picture for many years to come.

The text of President Brandt's letter of resignation is as follows:

I herewith submit to the board of regents my resignation as President of the University of Oklahoma to become effective not later than January

1, 1944. I have accepted the directorship of the University of Chicago Press.

As most of the members of the board know, I came to the presidency with the greatest reluctance and felt I was making a real sacrifice when I gave up my chosen profession of publishing. I finally came because of a great personal love for the University and because I saw here an opportunity to do some progressive creative work in the field of higher education.

While circumstances beyond my control have blocked my way toward accomplishing many of the creative things I wanted to do, we have been able to do much to advance the University. The educational pattern being formed here has brought the University to the forefront nationally; we have instituted a freshman house plan filled with the greatest promise for good for the future of the University and its students; we have begun a housing program for men which is the best in the state; and we have been able to make a start toward enriching the role of the faculty members in the creation of a university.

The war, of course, has complicated the picture and created manifold difficulties, but that factor has in no way influenced me in my decision. The complications and extra work and worry and confusion resulting from a war-dominated campus is merely my part in the war effort and I have been glad to have a chance to throw my energies into something that has been a vital part of the war effort.

The factor that determined me some months ago that I would return to publishing when the proper opportunity came to me was the one which has faced every president since this University's inception and which will make continued progress here extremely difficult, no matter who becomes president. When this institution was compelled to take a fifteen percent reduction in appropriations last spring (and to my knowledge Oklahoma was the only state which reduced appropriations for higher education), I knew that there was little hope for the future. I could not leave honorably at the time of this budget reduction, because I felt bound not only to resolve the problem which that reduction created, but also to complete for the University the armed forces programs and to seek completion, if possible, of the war dormitory project. By December, the armed service program for the University will

have been completed; the dormitories will be ready for dedication sometime in November; and the additional armed service programs should permit us to make some necessary adjustments in the budget. My successor can then take over a university in sound financial condition, even if such condition is at the expense of faculty members in part, and can devote himself as I have not been able to do for the past year, to the problems of the campus.

While I made it clear at the time I came down to Norman that I did not propose to make a university presidency my career, I had hoped to continue with my work here for a longer period, but one does not choose the time when opportunity knocks. This offer from Chicago, which came like a bolt from the blue, I consider the biggest challenge and opportunity I have ever had come my way. I would be doing myself and my family a grave injustice if I were to reject it for the will-of-the-wisp future which the financing of Oklahoma's higher education holds.

No president of this University can ever be comfortable as long as he knows that worthy faculty members are eking out an existence at salaries far lower than day wages paid common labor; nor can any president bring in invigorating new and young faculty members with assurance that their gifts can be developed through adequate financial recognition. If Oklahomans would only gain the vision of the real service its University could render, they would feel no pride in a \$7,000,000 balance in the state treasury; a balance largely achieved at the expense of education—the foundation stone of the state.

The Regents

A resolution barring University of Oklahoma faculty members from becoming candidates for county, state or federal offices was adopted by the Board of Regents at the September 14 meeting held following matriculation for new students.

Faculty member most affected by the new ruling is Dean A. B. Adams, of the College of Business Administration, who has indicated he is considering running for the U. S. Senate in 1944.

The resolution is as follows:

Believing it to be for the best interests of the University of Oklahoma, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Regents that any member of the faculty or any employee of the University who becomes a candidate in any primary or general election for any county, state or federal office, said faculty member or employee, announcing his candidacy for any of said offices, shall first offer his resignation to the Board of Regents, without reservation.

In adopting this resolution, the Board of Regents does not want to be understood as offering discouragement to faculty members or employees from becoming candidates for public office. As an American citizen, the faculty member or any employee may regard it his duty to become a candidate.

Other action taken by the regents at the

Semester Begins in November

Registration for the sixteen-weeks winter semester will be held early in November with classwork beginning on November 8. The eight-week autumn session now under way will end October 28.

A second eight-weeks session for the benefit of students needing only a few hours of credit to graduate will begin November 1 and run to December 23. This term will not be open to new students.

September meeting included the renaming of three O. U. buildings, two on the campus and one student house.

Administration Building was renamed Evans Hall in honor of A. Grant Evans, second president of the University who is credited with introducing the collegiate Gothic type of architecture to the campus. He served from 1908 to 1911.

The regents also agreed to change the name of the Education Building to the Andrew Carnegie Building at President Brandt's request. Originally the building was a Carnegie Library which was given to the University.

President Brandt also asked the regents to adopt the name of Franklin House for the building now called the Normandie, which is being used to house trainees in the Navy Training Unit, as soon as the training program ends.

The University recently purchased the building and plans to use it for housing freshmen after the war.

Appointments of new faculty members approved, including an additional four for the Department of Physics which has a heavy enrolment of Army and Navy trainees, are as follows:

Mrs. Ona Marie Harp, laboratory instructor in physics.

E. Brock Dale, '40phys, graduate assistant in physics.

Dudley Williams, former research associate in the radiation laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, assistant professor of physics.

John N. Cooper, former instructor in physics at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, assistant professor of physics.

Mrs. Lela O. Morgan, former Texas teacher, graduate assistant in mathematics.

Arthur F. Bernhart, formerly of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, assistant professor of mathematics.

Mrs. Christine Adkins, former Carnegie Junior College teacher, graduate assistant in mathematics.

Mrs. Margaret Cleverdon, formerly with the Oklahoma State Health Department, assistant in clinical pathology at the School of Medicine.

Leslie H. Rice, formerly with the *Norman Transcript*, assistant professor of journalism.

Clarence R. Roberts, '20ba, formerly of the Oklahoma Military Academy, Claremore, special instructor in history.

Jeanette Alexander, '39bs, '43ms, instructor in home economics.

Garnette L. Fittroy, formerly of West Virginia University at Morgantown, instructor in home economics.

Tayley G. Arnold, '40eng, assistant professor of electrical engineering.

Leaves of absence were granted to the following:

Mrs. Margaret Moore, assistant professor of Spanish, who was given a leave for the second semester of last year, was granted two additional months, September and October, to complete her research.

Gilbert Harold, professor of finance, granted a leave beginning November 1, for the remainder of the school year, to do research on postwar planning in the field of real estate finance.

Jewel Wurtzbaugh, professor of English, granted leave of absence from March 1 until the end of the school year to complete research on two book manuscripts.

Frank A. Melton, professor of geology, from November 4 to March 1 to enlarge the University collection of aerial photographs, one of the

largest collections in the nation, and to do research on photographic interpretation.

Resignations were accepted from the following:

Alma Gaardsmoe, former director of the women's residential halls who is now associated with the National College of Education, Evanston, Illinois.

William H. McCullough, instructor in social work now on leave of absence.

Mrs. Harold Gibson (Mary Bullard, '40-'43), assistant in press relations.

Jean A. Porter, assistant in chemistry.

Mrs. Eunice H. Edmonds, librarian in the Chemistry Department.

Joan Thomas, secretary in the Chemistry Department.

Mrs. Glenn Bowerman (Joyce Howard, '43letters), secretary to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mrs. Frankie Culwell, secretary to President Emeritus W. B. Bizzell, head of the Department of Sociology.

Mrs. Thelma Eley, secretary to the dean of admissions.

Mrs. Bettye Kellerman, secretary for radio station WNAD.

Betty Rae Brown, stenographer in the Graduate Placement and Records Bureau.

Gar Moore, '41-'43, WNAD announcer and traffic manager.

Elizabeth Comfort, '43fa, acting employment secretary for women.

E. M. Sims, assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

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

Hearing Postponed

The University Board of Regents hearing in the dismissal case of Charles C. Walcutt and Martin S. Shockley, English professors, early in September was postponed until October 13. Original date set for the hearing was September 14.

The national office of the American Association of University Professors has appointed a representative, John Ise, professor of economics at the University of Kansas, to be present at the proceedings.

Court to Decide

The question of whether a member of the Board of Regents can serve in the armed forces without relinquishing his post last month was before the State Supreme Court.

Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, Altus publisher, raised the question in a brief filed in his suit to clear his claim to membership on the University Board of Regents. Both Mr. Wimberly and Erl Deacon, '21 eng, Tulsa oil man, claim membership on the board.

Mr. Wimberly's brief pointed out that Capt. C. O. Hunt, '40law, Purcell, University regent called to military service in 1942, had not resigned at the time former Gov. Leon C. Phillips, '16law, appointed Mr. Deacon to succeed Captain Hunt in August, 1942.

The Altus publisher was appointed in July, 1943, by Gov. Robert S. Kerr, '16, two weeks after Captain Hunt had submitted a formal resignation. Mr. Wimberly's brief contended that it was Captain Hunt's only resignation and that no

vacancy existed on the board prior to that time.

Mr. Wimberly further pointed out that the Board of Regents had recognized him as a legal member by allowing his claim for per diem and travel expenses while disallowing Mr. Deacon's claim.

Legal counsel for Mr. Deacon was announced later in September and the Supreme Court gave him until September 25 to file a brief. The Supreme Court's decision might affect several state senators who have not relinquished their legislative seats although they are in military service.

O. U. Enrolment Is 3,457

A total of 3,457 students, civilian and military, were enrolled in regular University work at the close of the second week of classes of the first autumn session. Of that number, 1,856 were civilians, 925 were Army trainees and 666 were Navy trainees.

A break-down of the civilian enrolment by the Registry Office showed that 667 men and 1,189 women were enrolled in school. Divided into classes, there were 687 freshmen, 348 sophomores, 359 juniors, 352 seniors, 11 unclassified and 99 graduate students.

Enrolment in colleges and schools was as follows: University College, 921; College of Arts and Sciences, 395; College of Business Administration, 101; College of Education, 62; College of Engineering, 123; College of Fine Arts, 118; School of Law, 23, and School of Pharmacy, 14.

It is anticipated that additional trainees in the Army and Navy Training Programs will be assigned to the University after the large 900-unit housing project now under construction is completed.

All trainees at the University are taking courses on the university level, taught in O. U. classrooms by O. U. faculty members. Because available University houses are being used to capacity for civilians and trainees, the University has not accepted any other military training contracts, such as those involving pre-flight students, aviation cadets and so forth.

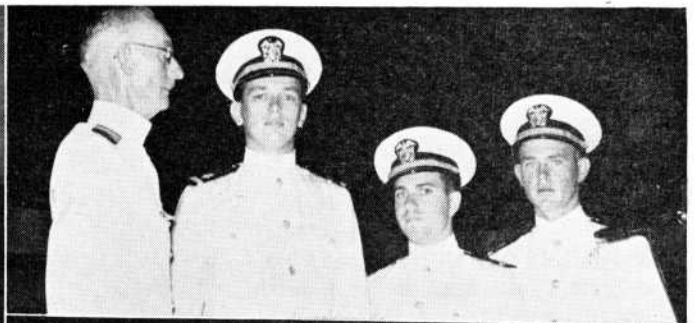
Wehrend's Job Triples

William R. Wehrend began his fifteenth year as director of University bands this fall with the triple-decker job of snapping three bands into musical precision instead of one.

In addition to a small edition of the red-and-white-suited Sooner band which has for years provided between-halves entertainment for football spectators, Mr. Wehrend now conducts two other bands composed of Army and Navy trainees.

The band he directs also determines whether his uniform will be appropriate Army or Navy dress or the red and white uniform for the civilian band.

At the first football game in September between the Sooners and the Naval Air Station north of Norman, the Navy Train-



O. U. ENTERS 52ND YEAR WITH FULL PROGRAM TUNED TO WAR NEEDS

Top left—Students in the Art for War Industry course turn out illustrations used in aircraft production. William Harold Smith, second from right, teaches the class.

Top right—Capt. J. F. Donelson, of the Navy R.O.T.C. unit, and the first men commissioned ensigns by the unit, (left to right) Garrison Munger, Robert Loeffler and Virgil Bonnette, all '43 graduates.

Center left—Conversion of several fraternity houses into women's residences makes Mary Frances Mahaffie, freshman from Huntsville, Alabama, right at home in the Phi Kappa Sigma house.

Center right—Bill Wehrend, who now handles the baton for three O. U. bands, confers with (left) Kenny Wade, Shawnee, and James McGlothlin, Oklahoma City, of the Navy Training unit band.

Bottom left—Sara Wallace, Oklahoma City, loads up with books for use in the eight-weeks autumn session. Betty Billings, Norman, assists.

Bottom right—Betty German, Porter, is editor of the 1944 Sooner Yearbook which will be dedicated to O. U.'s fighting men.

ing Unit band was to be featured but members of the other bands were invited to participate.

Plans are being made for all three bands to be present for the Homecoming football game November 6 when the Sooners play the University of Kansas, Mr. Wehrend said, and to take part in formations displaying the uniforms of Navy blue, Army khaki and the Sooner red and white.

Total band membership is approximately 200 civilian and trainee students. Most of the members of the Army and Navy bands are men who have played before in University orchestras.

Games to Be Broadcast

Alumni unable to attend Sooner football games this fall can hear broadcasts of games played in Owen Stadium by the state's educational station WNAD (640 kilocycles) on the O. U. campus.

Radio station KOMA, Oklahoma City, will carry all games played in Owen Stadium, as well as the two night games scheduled to be played in Oklahoma City. They are games with the Oklahoma Aggies on October 2 and Tulsa University on October 16.

WNAD is awaiting permission to broadcast the Oklahoma City games, Virginia Hawk, '37, station director, said.

Third Matriculation

Third matriculation exercises for more than 650 freshmen students enrolling in the University for the eight-weeks autumn session were held September 14 in Holmberg Hall. Approximately 1,200 were matriculated a year ago.

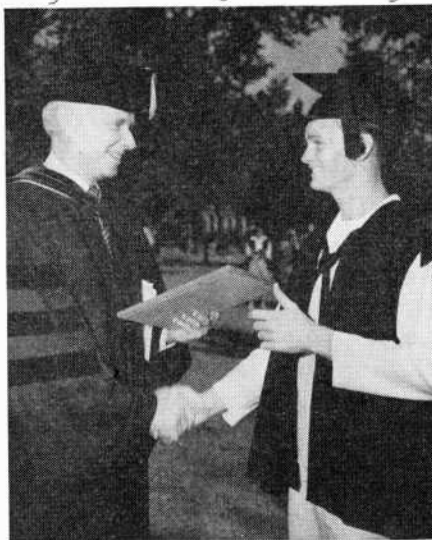
President Brandt urged the new students to learn and be aware of the obligations imposed by citizenship in his matriculation address, "Education for Freedom."

In the American desire to educate every person to be self-supporting, there may be a tendency to educate youths to be slaves politically, President Brandt warned. Leaving the business of government to someone else may result in another ancient Rome or modern Germany, he said.

To prevent such conditions from happening in America, he advised the freshmen to learn what freedom means in order that it not be lost. "The history of the great nations of the past has almost always been of people who became tired of being free men. Upon you, the coming generation of citizens, rests the duty of preserving our freedom," he said.

Highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of Pe-et and Mortar Board awards to two outstanding freshmen students of last year. Basis for selection for both awards is scholarship, character, participation in extra-curricular activities, evidence of leadership, breadth of interests and future promise.

Winner of the Pe-et award was Donald



NAVY TRAINEE WINS

President Brandt presents Donald Brawner, Hooker, of the Navy Training Unit, with the Pe-et award given annually to the outstanding freshman man student of the previous year.

Brawner, Hooker, now a pre-medical student in the Navy Program at the University. Mr. Brawner has a straight "A" grade average for 34 hours of freshman work. He plans to enter the School of Medicine in Oklahoma City in January. Pe-et, leadership and scholarship fraternity, makes an annual award to the outstanding freshman man of the previous year who is chosen by a faculty committee.

Two members of the Brawner family of Hooker are University alumni. They are Dr. Luther C. Brawner, '39med, Richmond, Virginia, and Mrs. Mary Anita Brawner Voiles, '41fa, brother and sister of the award winner.

The award presented by Mortar Board honor society for women went to Ann Hardy, Henryetta, whose grade average for her first college year was 2.7, three points representing the "A" grade.

Miss Hardy is a language major with minors in government and English. An award-winning speech student while in high school, she is interested in politics and writing.

The matriculation ceremony was concluded on Vernon Parrington Oval where the Class of '46 flag was lowered and the Class of '47 flag was raised to fly under the Stars and Stripes.

The matriculants, faculty members and others present gave forth with several University yells. O. U. songs were led by William R. Wehrend who directed the Navy Training Unit band for the occasion.

Included was the title song from the new Broadway musical *Oklahoma!*, which was adapted from the play *Green Grow the Lilacs* written by Lynn Riggs, '23. Wilda Griffin, University voice teacher, sang the ballad through first before the others joined in.

Alumna Gives Plants

Mrs. I. J. Lappin (Ann Fishman, '36ba), Oklahoma City, recently presented a collection of 200 plants gathered at Fort Collins, Colorado, to the Plant Sciences Department, Milton Hopkins, department chairman and botany professor, announced.

Mrs. Lappin previously had given another collection of plants, which she gathered while in Alaska, to the department. All the plants have been added to the Robert Bebb Herbarium.

Another recent contributor to the herbarium is A. Danciger, president of the Danciger Oil and Refining Company of Tulsa, who gave 100 plants from Taos, New Mexico.

More Geologists From O. U.

Geology graduates of the University constitute the largest group of members representing any college or university in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the largest organization of geologists in the world, V. E. Monnett, '12ba, school director, announced.

New Math Teacher

M. L. Cotton, '16ba, '29ms, former superintendent of schools at Altus and father of singer Larry Cotton, '33, recently joined the University faculty as instructor in mathematics.

Mr. Cotton, who has lived in Norman for the last several years, also has taught at Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, and the Southwestern Institute of Technology, Weatherford, during summer sessions.

His son Larry, formerly with Horace Heidt's Orchestra, is now a captain in the Army Air Force at McClellan Field, California. Another son, John M. Cotton, '25-'27, is a major in the Medical Corps at Jackson, Mississippi, where he was assigned after returning from foreign duty.

Heads Postwar Planning Group

H. Vern Thornton, '22ba, '29ma, University government professor and mayor of Norman, has been appointed chairman of the Postwar Planning Committee of the Oklahoma Municipal League.

The committee planned to meet late in September to discuss and formulate plans for providing for the needs of people in cities and towns during the postwar period, and to provide as far as possible, constructive employment for returning servicemen and defense workers.

Luster Appointed

Dewey (Snorter) Luster, '22law, Sooner football coach, has accepted an invitation to represent the state of Oklahoma on the All-America Board of Football. The board is composed of one head coach from each of the 48 states.