

The University

The President

George L. Cross has completed two months as acting president of the University, an office which has become a twofold job of great magnitude.

First, there is the duty of guiding the University's accelerated war program under which Army and Navy trainees and civilian students are being trained in the shortest possible time.

Second, there is the job of looking ahead and planning for the University's postwar days when an enrolment of from 12,000 to 13,000 students is expected.

During his first two months as acting president, Dr. Cross has talked with various groups in Oklahoma City and Norman about the University's war program and the problems it faces in the future.

He emphasized the need for faculty participation in policy making affairs and stated that while acting as an administrator he will seek the full co-operation of the faculty in establishing policies. Through the Faculty Senate the faculty is given a voice in policy-making affairs.

He believes that there is a great possibility that O.U. may be skimmed of its best faculty members after the war because of the competition among colleges and universities for good educators and the low level of O.U.'s salary scale.

He believes that the system of rotating chairmanships of departments is a matter of policy and should be determined by the University Senate and approved by the president and Board of Regents. "I am not in sympathy with the idea of rotating a chairmanship every three years, because it takes that long to get a real grasp of the job," he said.

He agreed with the suggestion made by the Board of Regents that perhaps the University needs a financial vice president, a man who can make equitable distribution of funds among the schools and colleges in the University.

Dr. Cross stated that in order to meet postwar demands of heavier enrolment, the University will have to provide additional housing for students, class and laboratory facilities, utilities, faculty members, curricula, programs for disabled veterans and disabled civilian war workers and an improved program of student counseling.

During February, Dr. Cross spoke at a meeting of the Oklahoma Education Association in Oklahoma City, the University's luncheon for the Class of '44, a Faculty Club



HEADS '44 CLASS

George Bloch, Tulsa, who completed work for an engineering degree in February, is president of the Class of '44.

Dinner, the Public Affairs luncheon of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, a Lions Club meeting in Oklahoma City. He will address the Ardmore Rotary Club on March 29.

The Regents

Regents of the University of Oklahoma probably will not get around to interviewing prospective appointees for the presidency of the University until April or May, Joe McBride, '28bus, president of the regents, announced.

Routine personnel matters were considered by the regents at a meeting held February 9.

Resignations were accepted from Mrs. Marion R. Mangrum, instructor in physical education for women, and Roger J. Goeb, WNAD music supervisor.

Appointments approved by the regents included Mrs. Sylvia Heller, secretary in the utilities department; Mrs. Anne McCool Cobean, secretary to the dean of the University College; Mrs. Emma A. Smith, machine operator in the Comptroller's Office.

Lorraine M. Maytum, former teacher at the University of Minnesota, Oklahoma A. and M. College and Kansas State College, assistant professor of physical education;

William Alfred Jones, special instructor in chemistry; Rael Fisher Morris, graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, special instructor in civil engineering.

James Henderson, secretary to the dean of the University College, was granted leave of absence for military service.

Three who have returned from leaves of absence to resume full-time work are Cecil G. Lalicker, associate professor of geology; Leonard Logan, professor of sociology, and Dr. W. H. Atkins, physician and associate professor of hygiene and public health at Ellison Infirmary.

Merl D. Creech, assistant professor of mechanics, was promoted to associate professor.

Faculty Loss Due to Poor Pay

The University of Oklahoma has lost many of its best faculty members because it could not approach the higher salaries offered by other institutions.

Since 1930, about 40 of the University's best professors have left the College of Arts and Sciences for better positions elsewhere.

Several men have been taken by other schools from the College of Engineering. Since the College of Engineering was founded, three men have been taken by Yale University alone. During the last year, another professor, described as "one of the most brilliant young men in the petroleum engineering department," left for a salary double his Oklahoma pay to accept company employment.

Several men have left the College of Business Administration faculty in recent years for better pay and better prospects in other schools. Six men of the present staff of that college have remained here in the face of substantially higher offers from the outside, some practically double the Oklahoma salaries.

From the School of Law, six professors have been drawn away over a period of years by better inducements in other schools. One of these men is now a high ranking professor at Harvard University. Others include a federal district judge, a professor at New York University, a professor at Cornell University, a dean at Leland Stanford Junior University and a dean at the University of Nebraska.

Figures comparing the University's salaries with those paid by institutions of neighboring states with which O.U. must compete show that Oklahoma's maximum

salaries for professors are 65 percent of the average.

Salaries paid Oklahoma's associate professors are 68 percent of the average maximum, and assistant professors' salaries are 73 percent of the maximum.

Instructors' maximum salaries here are 80 percent of the average, while assistants receive 71.7 percent of the average maximum elsewhere.

In the lower positions in the scale of rank, Oklahoma comes nearer the average maximum salaries paid elsewhere. These figures show why Oklahoma has been able to get able young men to begin their teaching careers in the lower ranks and also why they do not stay at the University after they have proved their worth and are ready for promotion.

February Class of '44

Although approximately 100 seniors who completed work for degrees in February will not receive diplomas until June, several special events were held in their honor.

Many of the new alumni are going into the armed services and war positions and will not be able to return for the June commencement.

The "senior week" activities were climaxed by a luncheon for the seniors, designed as a substitute for graduation exercises and sponsored by the University. Other events at which seniors were honored included a coffee in the Union Lounge, free shows at Norman theaters and a dance.

Attending the luncheon, which was held February 19 in the Union Ballroom, were members of the February Class of '44 and a group of Naval R.O.T.C. students who were commissioned ensigns late in February and expected to leave immediately for active duty. Only a few of the latter group completed work for degrees.

Stewart Harral, '36ma, director of University public relations, served as toastmaster. The program included invocation by Clifford H. Murphy, general secretary of the University Y.M.C.A., and songs from the hit show *Oklahoma!* (adapted from *Green Grow the Lilacs* by Lynn Riggs, '23) sung by Wilda Griffin, assistant professor of music.

Roscoe Cate, '26ba, acting executive secretary of the Alumni Association, welcomed new alumni into the Association and George Bloch, Tulsa, president of the Class of '44, gave the response.

M. L. Wardell, '19ba, acting director of the Extension Division, spoke on "A University Heritage." Capt. J. F. Donelson, N.R.O.T.C. commandant, was introduced and pointed out that the new ensigns who graduated last month could carry good will for the University around the world.

The program was concluded with a talk by Acting President George L. Cross on "A Scientific Approach to Humanity."

After the president's speech, the class repeated the pledge of loyalty to the University and sang the "O.U. Chant" and "Boomer Sooner."

Besides President Bloch, officers of the '44 Class include Earl Patterson, Oklahoma City, vice president; Nan Burg, Oklahoma City, secretary, and Martha Colvert, Ardmore, treasurer.

Memorial to Honor Casualties

Seniors of the Class of '44 will leave a class memorial in the form of a roll of honor plaque honoring alumni and former students who have been killed in action or who are listed as missing in World War II.

The hand-polished walnut veneer honor roll will be placed in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, a building honoring O.U.'s dead of World War I.

Word was received that the plaque would be shipped late in February. Arrangements for the memorial, which were begun under the leadership of George Bloch, president of the Class of '44, will be continued by Martha Colvert, Ardmore, chairman of the Memorial Committee.

Alumni who will participate in contributions for the memorial will include those who graduated in August and December of 1943 and February and June of 1944.

Summer Session

Dates for the 1944 summer session have been announced by M. L. Wardell, director.

Registration for the first term will be held June 12 and 13, with classwork beginning June 14. Commencement for those who complete work for degrees will be held August 8.

Registration for the second term will be held August 9. This term will close September 1.

Courses tuned to the war effort and the postwar period will be emphasized during the summer session, Dr. Wardell announced.



GENERAL'S SON
Raymond O. Barton, Jr., O.U. freshman and son of Maj. Gen. R. O. Barton, '07, will enter West Point this summer.

nounced. The session will be open to all regular students, high school seniors entering the University immediately following their graduation and state teachers who will return to the campus for additional training.

The University's workshop program which was begun several years ago for the benefit of state teachers will be continued in the summer session. Each workshop will provide opportunity for a selected group of teachers to work on problems of importance in their own schools with the assistance of specially assigned staff leaders.

ASTP to Be Revised

Curtailment of the Army Specialized Training Program at the University and other colleges throughout the country appeared to be under way late in February following orders from the War Department to cancel orders for supplies. The ASTP is expected to continue in revised form.

The War Department message ordered the University to "cancel all undelivered orders for textbooks, instructional equipment and supplies immediately and return to vendors all returnable items of this nature already issued."

The telegram concluded, "All expenditures are to be held to absolute minimum necessary for current operation."

The orders pertained particularly to supplies for basic students in the ATSP who, from all indications, will be transferred from the University to active service when the present term closes late in March.

In announcing the decision to send ASTP students into service, Secretary of War Stimson said the move was dictated by "reasons of imperative military necessity." He explained that the Army is 200,000 men short of the goal it hoped to reach two months ago. The increased tempo of offensive operations and mounting casualties demand immediate replacements in the field.

Nothing definite was announced about future plans for advanced students in the ASTP but it is generally believed that they will continue their studies in a revised training program. The University's Junior R.O.T.C. students, who are also in the ASTP at O.U., probably will be sent to Officer Candidate School at some future date.

Officials with the V-12 unit at the University said that no intimation had been received that the Navy Training Program would be closed down.

To West Point

History repeated when Raymond O. Barton, Jr., freshman student from Ada, was recently nominated to West Point Military Academy, New York.

His father, Maj. Gen. Raymond O. Barton, '07, commanding general of an Infantry Division now overseas, was attending the University when he received a West Point appointment.

Raymond will leave for the Academy sometime this summer.

Aviation Training Urged

At a meeting of the University's Postwar Planning Commission plans were discussed for the development of an aeronautical engineering program at O.U.

R. McLean Stewart, executive director of the national Civil Aeronautics Authority's War Training Program, who met with the commission, urged colleges to establish or expand pilot training courses in preparation for the postwar period when the armed forces may be forced to draw heavily on these sources for their pilot reserves.

Mr. Stewart pointed out that general conditions, such as comparatively smooth terrain in this part of the country, are extremely favorable to the development of a large-scale aeronautical engineering program at O.U.

The *Norman Transcript* suggested that some of O.U.'s many aerial heroes might be secured to teach flight classes. "Should O.U. sign up some of the great war heroes there should be no trouble in filling their classes," the *Transcript* said. "When they talk about flying and maintaining airplanes, boys and girls just out of high school will listen."

O.U. Trains War Workers

Oklahoma ranks seventeenth among states in the number of persons enrolled during the last year in the Engineering, Science and Management War Training Program, Homer L. Dodge, former dean of the O.U. Graduate College, reported.

Dr. Dodge, now on leave from the University, is director of the Office of Scientific Personnel of the National Research Council.

His report shows that \$361,108 was granted Oklahoma for this program between July 1, 1943, and November 30, 1943, with \$236,785 allocated to the University.

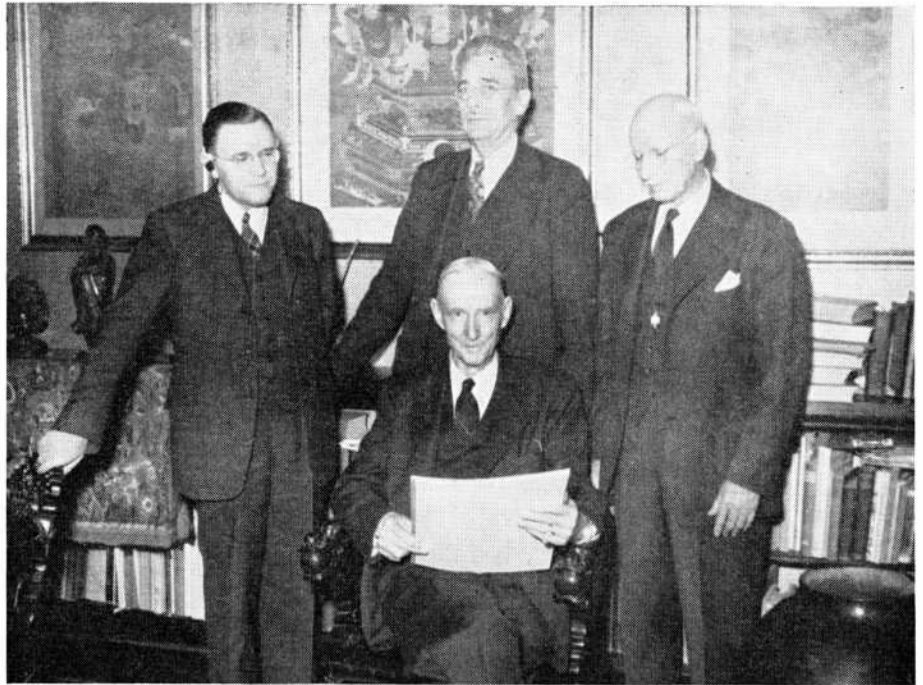
"Without this contribution to the success of the program, war industries in Oklahoma would have had to look to other states for the supply of trained personnel which has been furnished largely through the efforts of the University of Oklahoma which has carried most of the burden," Dr. Dodge said.

New Y.W.C.A. Secretary

Mrs. Margaret Roys Stevenson, '34ba, was appointed general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association at the University, effective February 15. Mrs. Stevenson, a former resident of Norman, has recently been living in McAlester, where her husband, W. R. Stevenson, is a Navy chaplain.

As general secretary, Mrs. Stevenson will be in charge of the entire Y.W.C.A. program and the University employment bureau for women. The Y.W.C.A. has had no permanent director since Helen Ruth Holbrook resigned in September, 1942, to take a position in the St. Louis Y.W. office.

Mrs. Stevenson was a member of Phi Beta Kappa scholastic fraternity and Mortar Board while at the University, and one year won the Dad's Day cup awarded the best all-around woman student. She was presi-



FOUR PROFESSORS HONORED

First University professors appointed research professors because of their contributions to knowledge are (seated) E. E. Dale, graduate professor of history, and (left to right standing) J. Rud Nielsen, professor of theoretical physics; O. B. Jacobson, director of the School of Art, and Charles E. Decker, professor of paleontology.

dent of the campus Y.W.C.A. chapter, and also headed the regional organization including Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

More State Industries Needed

A better-balanced economy is essential for the future good of Oklahoma, in the opinion of Robert H. Dott, director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

Oklahoma has been and still is primarily a producer of raw materials, causing many natives of the state to complain of Oklahoma's role as a colony of the exploiting industrial north and east.

By bringing the industrial development of the state into proper relationship with agriculture and mining, diversification of employment for labor, technical skill, management and capital will be provided, Mr. Dott believes. In this way Oklahoma will have established the best possible protection against the serious effects of future depressions.

It appears now that the new industrial development in the nation will definitely follow along lines of industrial chemistry and its related industries, such as plastics and the utilization of light metals. Oklahoma has already made some headway in developing these industries.

Athletics Show Profit

University of Oklahoma athletics will show a slight profit at the termination of the school year 1943-44, Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle has reported.

The sports surplus estimated as of June 30 is \$8,754.64, not a bad showing for a

war year. Business Manager Bill Cross's ledgers show that actual Sooner receipts from July 1, 1943, to December 31, 1943, plus estimated receipts from December 31, 1943, to June 30, 1944, will total \$96,038.93.

Actual and estimated expense for the same period was \$87,284.64. Reduction of expenses in salaries owing to the loss of four coaches to the armed forces, and fewer expenses in team travel and labor helped bring the slight surplus for 1943-44.

Servicemen Offered O.U. Course

One thousand copies of the correspondence course syllabus, "Labor Problems," prepared by J. J. Rhyne, director of the School of Social Work, have been ordered by the U.S. government.

The booklets will be used as an outline for a course to be offered by the government to all servicemen and particularly to those stationed overseas, Lucy Tandy, director of the University Correspondence Study department, said.

SPAR Officer Promoted

Margaret Stephenson, former counselor of women at the University now in charge of the national procurement program of the SPARS, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander.

Commander Stephenson was notified of her promotion while at the University early in February to speak before the Career Conference sponsored by Associated Women Students.

Commander Stephenson, second-ranking officer of the women's branch of the Coast Guard, was a member of the first SPARS graduating class.