

The University

Mrs. MARGARET ANNE GESSNER TWYMAN, former assistant to the Counselor of Women, was appointed director of the new University Placement Service by the Board of Regents at its June meeting. The appointment took effect July 1.

The Placement Bureau will assist both graduates and former students of all departments, schools and colleges of the University in obtaining permanent positions or summer jobs. Beginning this fall, the Bureau will also handle student employment.

Mrs. Twyman will make an employment survey of Oklahoma industries, and will maintain employment records of all alumni. This new placement service will absorb the Teacher Placement Bureau maintained in the past by Mrs. Mary Turnbull, alumni records secretary, who will now devote her entire time to alumni records.

Mrs. Twyman holds a B. A. degree from Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, and an M. A. from Northwestern University. She first joined the University staff in 1938, leaving in January, 1940, to be married. Her husband, Maj. Robert Twyman, was killed in an airplane crash in California this spring.

The following resignations were accepted by the Board of Regents: Clarence R. Richards, special instructor in history; Clifford Murphy, general secretary of the Y.M.C.A.; Dr. George R. Davis, visiting associate professor of physics; R. Dean Schick, assistant professor of animal biology; Warren J. McGonnagle, '42ms, instructor in physics, and VaRue Lindsay, '40lib.sci, '43ed, assistant in the University Library.

Leaves of absence were granted to Frank P. Vance, Jr., assistant professor of chemical engineering, who was commissioned an ensign in the Navy, and Glenn M. Stearns, '36eng, associate professor of petroleum engineering.

The Regents announced the appointment of two new heads of departments of the University. Wyatt Marrs, '17ba, was named chairman of the Department of Sociology, succeeding Dr. W. B. Bizzell, who became chairman when he resigned the presidency of the University. Mr. Marrs received his M. A. at the University of Chicago in 1922.

Charles P. Green, '25ba, was appointed



HEADS '44 CLASS

Earl Patterson, Navy V-12 trainee from Oklahoma City, is president of the Class of '44.

chairman of the Department of Speech, succeeding William Sattler, who took leave of absence to enter the Navy. Joseph Smay, who has been on leave to serve in the Army, has returned to his position as director of the School of Architecture and Architectural Engineering. During his absence, Henry Kamphoefner, professor of architecture, was acting director.

All other deans, directors and chairmen were re-appointed.

328 Degrees Granted

Three hundred twenty-eight degrees were conferred on members of the Class of '44 at commencement exercises held June 26 in the Outdoor Auditorium on the campus.

The graduating class included seniors who completed work for degrees in February and June. Many members of the February group, now in civilian war work and the armed services, were unable to attend.

The Graduate College conferred 2 doctor of philosophy degrees and 23 master's degrees. The breakdown of bachelor's

degrees granted by schools and colleges is as follows: arts and sciences 125, engineering 77, business administration 27, education 25, fine arts 38, law 7 and pharmacy 4.

Commencement speaker was Dr. Eugene S. Briggs, president of Phillips University at Enid. President of the graduating class is Earl Patterson, '44eng, V-12 trainee from Oklahoma City, who succeeded George Bloch, '44eng, now in the Merchant Marine.

New Post for Couch

Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, O. U. botany professor and recently appointed director of student relations, received added duties last month with his appointment as acting dean of the University College, effective July 1.

Joseph P. Blickensderfer, former dean, retired from the position to devote full time to teaching as professor of English.

As head of the University College, Dr. Couch will administer a new guidance setup approved by the Board of Regents which became effective simultaneously with his appointment. His appointment may eventually become permanent after the new University College plan is well under way and freshman enrolment has increased, making a full-time permanent dean necessary.

The new University College plan differs from the old setup in that it places the emphasis on an advisory system to be concentrated only in the freshman year instead of the freshman and sophomore years. The administering council of the University College will include representatives of the different colleges and schools, making for co-ordination with other divisions of the University.

Under provisions recently approved by the University Regents and State Regents of Higher Education, the University College has jurisdiction over the following students:

(1) All who are candidates for degrees or certificates, until they shall have completed in full (a) the entrance requirements of the University, (b) the requirements for sophomore standing for any approved program, (c) at least 26 credit hours and 26 grade points in courses credited toward the degree or certificate sought.

(2) Those enrolled in two-year programs, except that students who wish to follow an approved program given by any of the degree-

granting schools or colleges will be permitted to enroll in that school or college after completing the requirements outlined in No. 1.

(3) All unclassified students, 50 percent of whose enrolment is in courses open to freshmen.

(4) Those whose work in another college or school has failed to meet the standards set by that college or school.

The Regents further provided that:

Administrative functions of the College shall be exercised by a dean and a council, of which the dean shall be chairman. The council shall consist of the following:

(1) About eight members equitably distributed among the various undergraduate schools and colleges (dependent on the enrolment ratio) and appointed by the president on nomination by the respective faculties.

(2) Two members, one to serve the interests of the students who have not chosen their college or school, and the other to serve the interests of those enrolled in special programs, to be appointed by the president.

(3) The counselor of women and the counselor of men, *ex officio*.

The council of the University College has been charged with the following duties by the Board of Regents:

(1) Provide a functional advisory system to be integrated with and introductory to those of other colleges and schools, and to counsel the student from enrollment to admission to the undergraduate school or college of his choice.

(2) Make recommendations relative to curricular matters to the faculties of the several colleges and schools whose freshmen are under its jurisdiction and to the general faculty.

(3) Recommend to the general faculty changes in the entrance requirements of their respective colleges and schools.

(4) Supervise generally such matters as placement tests and entrance examinations.

Each member of the council shall be assisted in the task of advising students by a group of advisers. Advisers shall be equitably distributed among the colleges, schools and departments of the University.

Five Professors Leave

Five faculty members left the campus recently to take positions in government and private industry. Two of the professors resigned from the faculty.

Dr. E. L. Lucas, '34ph.d, director of the School of Geological Engineering, was granted a leave of absence until next February to serve as consulting geologist with the Kerlyn Oil Company in Wyoming. Working out of Cody and Thermoplis, Dr. Lucas will gather information for future drilling operations in the Big Horn Basin in northwestern Wyoming.

Dr. Virgle G. Wilhite, '21ba, '30ma, associate professor of economics, took leave of absence to become a research economist with the Army Industrial College in the War Department. He has been on the University faculty since 1934.

William H. Baxter, director of the School of Letters, resigned to become a divisional assistant in the State Department in Washington. He will do specialized work in the Near East division. Mr. Baxter formerly taught school in Istanbul, Turkey.

Dr. Martin S. Shockley, associate professor of English, has taken a position



'Y' HEAD LEAVES

Cliff Murphy, secretary of the campus Y.M.C.A., resigned last month to enter some phase of war work.

with the federal government in Washington. Dr. Shockley joined the University faculty in 1938.

Glenn L. Stearns, '36eng, associate professor of petroleum engineering, was granted a leave of absence effective July 1 to become engineer in charge of the West Edmond Field Engineering Association, with offices in Oklahoma City.

Bizzell Collection Urged

A plan to collect written records of facts portraying Dr. W. B. Bizzell and his work was outlined last month by Raymond Tolbert, '13law, Oklahoma City attorney, in a letter to *Sooner Magazine*.

His letter ran as follows:

I feel that the greatest single asset of the University is the life and works of President Bizzell. They will always serve as an unflinching beacon light and a tremendous inspiration to all of us and those yet to come.

Prompt steps should be taken to record, assemble and conserve the things that, for present and future generations, will evidence the life and works of this truly great man.

Immediately, I hope that the *Sooner Magazine* and the Alumni Association solicit written recollections of facts which portray the man and his works. These would constitute a mass of source material, of unimpeachable authority, for use by those who, in the future, will write histories of the first fifty years of the University and the men who made it.

The magazine itself can use much of this currently; some will only be published after an appropriate passage of time.

In due time, there of course will arise a William Bennett Bizzell Memorial Foundation, the objects of which will include

- (a) Appropriate tangible memorials,
- (b) Such things as Bizzell Memorial Scholarship in the Graduate School, and
- (c) Sponsoring a Factual History of President Bizzell's Administration as University President.

The immediate pressing thing, however, it

seems to me, is to secure these written factual recordings while the sources are still available. Some of the material is already second hand.

There is Dean Fredrik Holmberg who was viciously persecuted and attacked by the Governor and his "Gestapo" headed by a former United States Marshal. President Bizzell, in the face of tremendous odds, didn't hesitate; he went to bat and saved the official life of the Dean. Holmberg never forgot what Bizzell did.

Later, when Bizzell was under fire, Holmberg came to see me. I was a Regent. He said he had no right to talk to me officially but he demanded the right to talk "man to man," which was gladly accorded.

His mission apparently was to convey to me the attitude of the faculty. He recounted the many trials and tribulations of the President and related conversations with various faculty members. Finally, he said there was really just one thing he wanted to say. Then, with his characteristic gestures and mannerisms, he exploded: "That man Bizzell. He's a real man. By God! He'll fight for you."

There are hundreds of such incidents that should be recorded in the first person.

There was the occasion when the Governor called the Regents to meet in the "Blue Room" in the Capitol. He demanded the "firing" of the Superintendent of the University Hospital after filing a flock of affidavits and personally presenting to the Board two hospital employees, whose testimony he said would require the "firing." The Governor retired. President Bizzell immediately informed the Board that the accused would not resign and demanded a hearing. The final chapter (and there were several) was that the Board, after investigation and hearing, directed the accused official to "fire" the two employees the Governor had brought into the Board meeting in the "Blue Room" and then promoted the accused to a more responsible position.

The above are but examples of some of the things which should be factually recorded now by the participants and collected and preserved by the Alumni Association.

There are countless incidents involving students, parents, alumni and others which should be recorded now.

It is these definite things that will convey to the future generations a correct understanding of the high character, the fortitude and the courage of William Bennett Bizzell, to whom we all owe so much.

The University Library early in June received a gift from the English department authorizing the purchase of a valuable reference book as a memorial to Dr. Bizzell. The money was deposited to the credit of the William Bennett Bizzell Book Fund in the University Comptroller's Office.

The Fund was established in 1935 on the tenth anniversary of Dr. Bizzell's presidency and may eventually be known as the William Bennett Bizzell Memorial Fund. It was pointed out that persons wishing to give a memorial to the late educator could give nothing he would have appreciated more than an addition to the Library.

Actual work on the Class of '43 memorial, a 12-foot statue of Dr. Bizzell, is expected to get under way this fall. Site for the statue has not been definitely chosen but it will probably be erected at the north end of the South Oval facing the Library. Joseph R. Taylor, University art professor, has been commissioned to sculpture the statue.

Thrusts and Parries

In a speech before a Chicago audience, Joseph A. Brandt, former president of the University who is now director of the University of Chicago Press, analyzed Oklahoma's social and economic problems and termed the state's future "a grave question mark."

The chief reason given by Mr. Brandt for the uncertain future of Oklahoma was that the state has been dominated by eastern financial interests, draining it of its natural resources, mainly oil.

"Oklahoma is a classic example of what America's unconscious imperialism has done to one of the potentially greatest of our commonwealths. . . . New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, directed the exploitation of Oklahoma, collected the money, and left the bereft Oklahomans to solace themselves in their own misery and 3.2 percent beer and bootleg whiskey," Mr. Brandt said.

Other important question marks in Oklahoma's future, Mr. Brandt said, are its poor soil, its inadequate educational system, discriminatory freight rates, and the migration of young people to other states.

News of Mr. Brandt's Chicago speech eventually reached Oklahoma newspaper offices which promptly opened fire in editorial bombasts upon the former state educator.

In a *Daily Oklahoman* editorial, "The Kiss of Betrayal," Mr. Brandt's thesis was denied. Said the *Oklahoman*: "Not all of the Brandt assertions are true. Some of them are demonstrably false. His description of Oklahoma as an eroded waste is sharply negated in every wheatfield in the state. . . . Even when Brandt manages to present undeniable facts, it is evident from the tone of his remarks that those facts were not assembled because they are true or because their presentation might be helpful to Oklahoma. They are presented and published because Dr. Brandt is angry about something."

The *Oklahoman* also published a letter by Dr. C. W. Tomlinson, Ardmore geologist and graduate of the University of Chicago, refuting some of Mr. Brandt's remarks on the inadequacy of education in Oklahoma, unfair freight rates, poor soil and exploitation by eastern financial interests.

R. P. Matthews, farm editor of the *Tulsa Daily World*, denied Mr. Brandt's assertion that Oklahoma's soil is worn out by pointing out the success of this year's crops and the high grade of the state's cattle and poultry. "Water and soil erosion are not creatures of Oklahoma alone. We hold no patents on such manifestations of nature," Mr. Matthews wrote.

In an eloquent description of the state's beauties and productivity, Mr. Matthews spoke of the Osage country "where the finest grass that God ever constructed grows knee deep on hundreds of cattle."

Faculty

A NEW SONG joined the growing musical collection of U. S. services with the issuance last month of "The Hospital Corps Song," written by Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy. Music for the composition was written by Frank Beezhold, violinist and composer at the Whitman Conservatory of Music, Walla Walla, Washington. Inspiration for the song was an official Navy photograph of John W. Galbreath, pharmacist's mate third class, which shows him gazing into the sky from the deck of the carrier Saratoga, waiting for the planes to return from a raid on Rabaul. This same picture is reproduced on the cover of the sheet music. Publication of the first edition of one thousand copies of the song was made possible by the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association. Words of the song are as follows:

Resolute and fearless
Ignoring flash and din
They go about their tasks
Providing medicine.

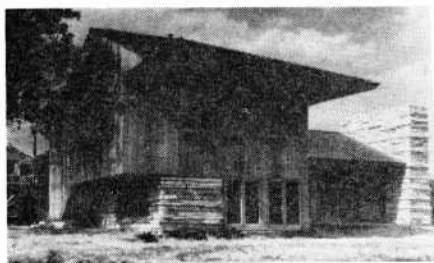
Mid screaming bombs and shrapnel,
While heavens crash and reel,
The hospital corps stands ready
With the weapons that will heal.

Proudly they aid the meds
Help nurses and dispense
And rescue wounded men
On battledeck or hence.

Mid screaming bombs etc.

► The Rocky Mountain School of Languages, founded in 1938 by Jose Maria Hernandez, University professor of Spanish, has been incorporated into Colorado College at Colorado Springs. Dr. Hernandez, who is granted leave from O. U. to spend summer months at the school, will continue to serve as director. Languages now offered include Spanish, French, German, Italian, Latin and Portuguese. Russian and Chinese may be added to the curriculum.

► The home of Henry L. Kamphoefner, professor of architecture, was one of



FEATURED BY MAGAZINES

The modern home of Professor Henry Kamphoefner received recognition from national magazines.

seven modern houses in all parts of the country featured in the May issue of *Pencil Points*, the magazine of architects. The magazine devoted two pages to photographs and drawings, accompanied by explanatory comments, of the Kamphoefner home. "It is encouraging to publish an example of contemporary residential architecture from a state so infrequently represented in the architectural press," the magazine stated. In June, a request came from *House and Garden* for photographs of the house to be used in an early issue.

► Miss Lois Peyton, secretary of the University admissions office, and Kenneth C. Kaufman, '16ba, '19ma, professor of modern languages, were married May 26 in Norman. Mrs. Kaufman attended Decatur Baptist College and Baylor College in Texas, and received a B.A. degree from Central State College, Edmond. She joined the University staff in 1936. Mr. Kaufman, chairman of the department of modern languages, is book page editor of the *Daily Oklahoman* and an authority on Oklahoma writers and literature.

► Herschel G. Elarth, associate professor of architecture now on leave of absence, has been promoted to first lieutenant. He has been stationed with the Army Engineers in England for more than a year.

► Mary DeBardeleben, former member of the Oklahoma School of Religion faculty, is living in Atlanta, Georgia, where she has charge of the woman's department of a Methodist Negro Seminary where girls are trained in religious education.

► Leslie Hewes, associate professor of geography, has been elected president of the campus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, succeeding John C. Brixey, associate professor of mathematics.

► Frank P. Vance, Jr., '38eng, assistant professor of chemical engineering, was commissioned an ensign in Naval Ordnance and assigned to New York City for indoctrination. Ensign Vance joined the University faculty in 1942 and before that time was associated with the U. S. Bureau of Mines in Bartlesville.

► Helen B. Burton, director of the School of Home Economics, was one of four people selected by the American Home Economics Association to make a study of research in food and nutrition in the United States. Lila M. Welch, professor of home economics, was one of four people selected by the Association to make a study of research in home economics education. Both studies will be confined to the southern states.