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## The University

GEORGE LYNN CROSS, 39-year-old acting president of the University of Oklahoma, was unanimously elected permanent president by the Board of Regents at a meeting late in August.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Dr. Claude S. Chambers, Seminole, president of the board, after acceptance was received from Dr. Cross. He is the seventh University president.

"The office was tendered Dr. Cross as its first and only choice after the board had interviewed several nationally prominent educators during the last eight months," Dr. Chambers said.

Choice of Dr. Cross, who has served as acting president since last January, was approved by Gov. Robert S. Kerr, '16, who expressed gratification at the unanimous election.

"His noteworthy accomplishments in the academic world, his successful administrative experience as dean of the University's Graduate College, as director of the Research Institute and finally in the precarious role of acting president, gave the regents the desirable opportunity to choose a president from the faculty," Governor Kerr said.

Dr. Cross has continued to fill his regular positions as acting dean of the Graduate College and acting director of the Oklahoma Research Institute, while serving as acting president. New appointments will have to be made to fill those positions since he will be unable to do so.

"To be named president of our state university is a great honor of which I am very appreciative," Dr. Cross said. "I am aware also of the opportunities and responsibilities involved in accepting the appointment. I shall do everything possible to justify the confidence of the Board of Regents."

His future plans for the University center about postwar problems of readjustment. He is particularly interested in postwar plans for returning servicemen—housing, guidance, counseling and programs of study.

Dr. Cross came to the University of Oklahoma as assistant professor of botany from the University of South Dakota in 1934. He was appointed assistant dean of the University Graduate College and later acting dean following a leave of absence granted to Dean Homer L. Dodge, who recently resigned that position.

As acting director of the Oklahoma Research Institute, he has administered the affairs of this growing research organiza-



George Lynn Cross

tion which has been and is now engaged in projects of wartime value and of importance to the future industrial welfare of Oklahoma.

Born in Woonsocket, South Dakota, Dr. Cross received his elementary and high school education there. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in science at South Dakota State College and took his doctor's degree at the University of Chicago in 1929.

Dr. Cross is a member of the Botanical Society of America, Sigma Xi, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Torrey Botanical Club and the Oklahoma Academy of Science. Results of his research have appeared in American journals of botany, proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science and other publications.

He is married and has two children, Mary Lynn and Bill.

### The Regents

At its August meeting the Board of Regents took action on the admission of American-born students of Japanese parentage to the University, ruling that they can be accepted on the same basis as other citizens recognized under the constitutions and laws of the United States and the state of Oklahoma, provided their status as loyal citizens is first proved by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Resignations were accepted from the following:

Mrs. Joyce E. Bowerman, '43letters, secretary to Dr. Leonard Logan, to accept position at Naval Air Technical Training Station, Norman.

Mrs. Pauline Marshall, night PBX operator.  
Betty Coe Armstrong, '39ba, instructor in drama.  
Dr. John A. Roddy, instructor in medicine at the Medical School.

The following appointments were made:

Dr. Thomas Pyles, professor of English, effective September 1. Dr. Pyles, who holds B. A. and M. A. degrees from the University of Maryland and a doctor of philosophy degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, comes to the University from Johns Hopkins, where he has been on the faculty for a number of years. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Modern Language Association.

Mrs. Dorothy Waldrep Defenbaugh, '42he, dietitian in charge of planning meals for all University-operated dormitories. She was formerly dietitian at Duke University Hospital, Rice Institute and at Malone and Hogan Clinic, Big Springs, Texas.

Mrs. Frankie Culwell, formerly secretary to Dr. W. B. Bizzell, secretary to Dean A. B. Adams.

Mrs. Gladys T. O'Conner, secretary to Dr. Leonard Logan.

Mrs. Beryl Capshaw Ballard, secretary of the School of Home Economics.

Mrs. Mary Penoi, '35fa, personnel director of University residential halls.

Jessie Mae Long, night operator of the PBX board.

Betty Jane Swanson, '44ba, secretary to Dr. Glenn C. Couch.

Dr. Robert H. Bayley, professor of clinical medicine and vice-chairman of the department of medicine at the Medical School, effective September 1. Dr. Bayley, a graduate of Emory University, comes to the University from the Louisiana State School of Medicine, and was formerly associated with the University of Michigan.

Dr. Florence C. Kelly, assistant professor of bacteriology, effective September 15. A graduate of Chicago University, Dr. Kelly formerly was on the faculty of Simmons College in Boston.

Mary Leidigh, assistant administrative dietitian at the University and Crippled Children's Hospitals in Oklahoma City. Miss Leidigh holds degrees from Texas Technological Institute and the University of Texas.

Leaves of absence were granted to the following:

Dr. Charles H. Bumstead, associate professor of psychology, for one year effective September 1, to teach at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois.

Stella Sanders, assistant professor of Romance languages, for one year effective September 1, to do work with the Y.W.C.A. in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Dr. Eleonora Schmidt, resident physician for women, effective for one year beginning August 1, because of poor health.

### 82 Degrees Granted

Two doctorates were among 82 degrees granted by the University at the annual summer school commencement in August.

Donald Kennedy Coles, who has been

a half-time instructor in physics, received the degree of doctor of philosophy. Robert Ray Ewerz was granted the degree of doctor of philosophy. He is connected with the State Department of Education, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Commencement speaker was Dr. Arthur M. Harding, president of the University of Arkansas. Rev. Blake Smith, pastor of the University Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, was guest speaker at baccalaureate.

## Museum for Oklahoma

Plans for a two-million-dollar University of Oklahoma Museum of Art, Science and Natural History began taking shape last month pending final approval by the Board of Regents.

The regents went over first plans earlier, giving their approval and suggesting a few changes. After the changes were made, the new draft was presented to the board for its action at the September meeting.

The moving force behind the museum project is dynamic, rapid-talking Dr. J. Willis Stovall, professor of paleontology, whose dream for such a building on the campus goes back more than 12 years. Dr. Stovall is well known to people all over the state wherever he has talked before community organizations and supervised fossil diggings.

The purpose of the University of Oklahoma Museum, according to the plans presented to regents, shall be as follows:

1. To collect and prepare for public exhibit and for scientific investigation all kinds of objects of art, nature and history.
2. To increase and diffuse knowledge and appreciation of the history of Oklahoma.
3. To encourage research respecting the natural history and history of the state of Oklahoma.
4. To establish an Institute of the American Indian.
5. To establish Junior Historical, Natural History and Art Societies in Oklahoma.

The supervising body of the museum is to be a Board of Governors directly responsible to the president of the University and the Board of Regents.

Over a long period of years, the University has amassed valuable collections now estimated to be worth two million dollars. These collections have never been placed on permanent public exhibit because of lack of space. For the most part, they are stored today in scattered rooms over the campus where they are in danger of gradual destruction.

These collections include objects of geology, paleontology, anthropology, biology, art, music and history. The Woodruff, Carnegie, Matzene, Wentz and government art collections are spread all over the campus wherever space can be found.

The collection in the Bebb Herbarium includes 30,000 plants. This and 60,000 species already owned by the department of plant sciences are housed in the Biological

Sciences Building, while the valuable Phillips Historical Collection of books, documents and pictures resides in a room of the O. U. Library.

Stored under Owen Stadium and in bins in the Geology Building is a vast collection of fossils, few objects of which have ever been viewed by the public. The preservation and exhibit of these collections will constitute only one service the University of Oklahoma Museum can provide.

The museum, through its wide facilities, can be used as a research center, will aid teachers in laboratory and lecture work, and finally, through the radio, motion pictures and publications, will bring the University in close contact with citizens of the state and aid in the elevation of Oklahoma's cultural standards, improving the scholarship of students admitted to the University.

The Junior Club plan which is incorporated in the organization blueprint of the museum, proposes the establishment of art, science and natural history clubs for Oklahoma young people, which will function under the direction of the museum. It is believed that these clubs will eventually lead to better scholarship among students and a decline in delinquency, and will aid students in selecting vocations and avocations.

Because of its location, the museum can offer particular aid in the preservation of Indian culture through the establishment of an Institute of the American Indian. The University already owns one of the finest collections of Indian materials anywhere in the world and is in a position to secure and preserve valuable additions. J. R. Simpson, Oklahoma oil royalties man, has contributed greatly to this project.

## New Research Project

R. L. Huntington, director of the School of Chemical Engineering, recently completed plans for obtaining a research project from the Aluminum Ore Company, a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America, for the University.

The project, which will deal with the drying of gasses passing over alumina under

high pressures, will be of practical importance to the natural gas industry.

The contract for this project which is being set up to continue over a period of 18 months in the School of Chemical Engineering will be between the Oklahoma Research Institute and the Aluminum Company of America. Dr. Huntington will serve as director of the project.

## 53rd Year Opens

The fifty-third academic year of the University of Oklahoma will get under way this month with fall semester classes beginning September 11.

Enrolment estimates indicate that approximately 1,000 more women students will attend this fall than were enrolled in the same period last year. This will bring the total number of women students to nearly 3,000.

There are prospects for a few more men students on the campus, principally war veterans taking advantage of the liberal provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights and the Rehabilitation Program of the Veterans Administration to return to school. No appreciable increase in the enrolment of civilian men is seen.

Fayette Copeland, counselor of men who is in charge of the veterans setup at O. U., pointed out that ex-servicemen should take advantage of the veterans programs, if at all possible, and continue their education.

To qualify under the G. I. Bill, a veteran must have served 90 days or more, exclusive of any time spent in the Army or Navy Training Programs, and must have been under 25 years of age at the time he entered the service.

The bill provides that veterans returning to school will receive books and fees plus \$50 a month subsistence allowance for unmarried men and \$75 a month for married. Veterans do not have to be disabled to come under this program.

Mr. Copeland at the present time is handling the veterans setup by himself, but expects that the return of ex-servicemen will eventually reach such proportions that a whole staff will be needed to do interviewing and carry on other business of the office.

## Postwar Aid for Towns

Three University faculty members are contributing their services in an important statewide project sponsored by the State Planning and Resources Board to assist communities in postwar planning.

Chairman of this postwar planning group is Leonard Logan, University sociology professor, who will be relieved of teaching duties this fall in order to devote full time to the project. Assisting him will be J. J. Rhyne, director of the School of Social Work, and H. Vern Thornton, professor of government and mayor of Norman.

The postwar committee will work only with those communities which request their services. Acting as consultants, these men will work with local committees in surveying the resources of the communities and



BACK IN SCHOOL  
*John Bedford, ex-serviceman from Ada now an O. U. student (left), confers with Fayette Copeland, head of the veterans program.*

upon the basis of the data assembled will project plans for each community's use.

One of the primary purposes of these surveys is to help find satisfactory means of providing employment for returning servicemen and women and for others who left their home towns to work in war industries. It is intended that these plans not only have immediate uses but also long-time value.

The program was begun August 1 and thus far a sufficient number of cities have already asked for the services of the consultants to keep them busy for several months.

Dr. Logan served as executive vice chairman of the first official planning board for the state and has done work in planning along state and local levels in Oklahoma and in surrounding states. His colleagues are also well acquainted with the prevailing economic and social problems existing in Oklahoma.

Dr. Rhyne has co-operated with state and federal agencies on problems of community planning and has made several socio-economic studies of communities in Oklahoma. In addition to teaching and serving as mayor of Norman, Dr. Thornton is chairman of the postwar planning committee of the Oklahoma Municipal League.

### New 'Y' Secretary

Theodore J. Ledeen, war emergency secretary for the southwestern regional staff of the Student Christian Association, has been appointed general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at the University.

He succeeds Clifford Murphy who resigned in June and is now associated with the War Relocation Board in California.

Associate secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at the University of Texas for the last five years, Mr. Ledeen has been on leave from that position to serve as war emergency secretary of the regional staff. In that capacity, he has been visiting colleges and universities in this area, helping them organize and revise programs for trainees stationed on their campuses and returning servicemen.

Mr. Ledeen is a graduate of the University of Alabama and has done graduate work in the Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. He is an ordained minister.

### O. U. Drawings Win Again

Students in the University School of Architecture have taken the majority of honors for the third time this year in a national student architectural competition sponsored by the Beaux Arts Institute of Design of New York City.

University students received seven of the thirteen awards given by the New York jury of architects. The other six awards were divided among Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Illinois and Western Reserve University.

Marian S. Cralle, Springfield, Missouri, and Mildred J. Kelley, Tulsa, both received



### STADIUM AND UNION CLEARED OF DEBT

*Roscoe Cate, (right) representing the Stadium-Union Memorial Fund, delivered a check to A. N. Murphy, assistant trust officer of the First National Bank and Trust Company, which cleared the Owen Stadium and the Oklahoma Memorial Union at the University of bonded indebtedness. The payment marked virtual completion of the financing of the two large projects which were begun in 1928.*

the highest possible citation from the jury for their designs of "A Chair and Side Table for a Terrace." Hans Knoll, nationally known furniture designer, commented favorably on the Oklahoma drawings.

Both drawings by Miss Cralle and Miss Kelley were published in the summer issue of the bulletin of the institute, and all seven of the drawings by O. U. students will be sent on a traveling exhibition to schools of architecture all over the country.

Receiving awards in addition to Miss Cralle and Miss Kelley were Leslie G. Brauer, Cleveland, Ohio, R. Bruce Miller and Thomas B. Emerson, both of Oklahoma City, all Naval trainees, Juan A. Amador, Hatillo, Puerto Rico, and J. Sherman Koen, Guthrie.

### Union Expansion Planned

Shortly after the last payment was made freeing the Oklahoma Memorial Union and Owen Stadium of bonded indebtedness, announcement came from the Union Board of Governors that plans for postwar expansion of the building were already in the blueprint stage.

Livingstone Elder of New York City, consulting architect for the Association of College Unions, has been engaged to prepare the preliminary plans, the board reported.

Information collected by the Association of College Unions shows that the Union is approximately half the size of the typical union at a university with an enrolment equal to that of O. U.

For several years the Union has been unable to take care of the demands of student, faculty and alumni organizations for meeting rooms, luncheon and dinner service, office space for student organizations and recreation facilities.

Plans for expanding the building are still in the formative stage and the building committee of the Board of Governors will welcome any suggestions from students, faculty and alumni groups as to the facilities which should be included in the enlarged building.

### Liked O. U.'s Trees

His visit to Oklahoma and the University was discussed by Paul Schrecker, European scholar and teacher, in an article in the August issue of *Harpers* magazine as part of his *American Diary, Part II*, relating his impressions of the United States.

Dr. Schrecker, formerly on the faculties of the Academy of Science in Berlin and the Sorbonne in Paris, wrote favorably of the University campus, commenting particularly on the beautiful trees. The architecture of University buildings puzzled him, however.