

## The University

ADMINISTRATIVE machinery to handle the education of veterans under the G. I. Bill and the Rehabilitation Law—the University's biggest program for years to come—was set in motion last month on the Sooner campus.

Probably the first institution of higher learning in the country to get down in black and white a blueprint for channeling this vast educational project, the University of Oklahoma is now ready to make full use of every department in every school and college and the entire staff and faculty to offer the returning veteran a well-rounded program of education, guidance and counseling.

Weeks ago faculty members and administrators, faced with the possible enrolment of several thousand veterans within the immediate future years, went into a huddle to discuss how best to meet the emergency. They came from the conference table last month with a plan under which the services of the University will be used to best possible advantage in the growing veteran education program.

Appointed by President George L. Cross to serve as liaison officer in the Veterans Records Office was Dr. Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, professor of chemistry and member of the faculty since 1906, who will devote full time to the new duties beginning next semester. Dr. Williams will serve as liaison man between the University and the Veterans Administration, channeling all matters relative to veteran education to the proper places on the campus.

Fayette Copeland, '19ba, counselor of men, who since last summer has been bearing the brunt of the veterans program, will concentrate on counseling and guidance, functions recognized by federal authorities as among the most important a university can offer in this program. A representative of the Veterans Administration was expected to arrive at O. U. soon to assist him in this work and there is the possibility that William J. Mellor, former assistant to Mr. Copeland now serving in the Air Force, may be released from service to work in the counseling program.

The Veterans Administration Office in Muskogee may delegate to O. U. the handling of classification and vocational guidance for veterans from surrounding

counties. This work will be in addition to the program of veteran education, necessitating an adequate staff of counselors and vocational guidance experts.

In announcing the University's preparedness to handle expanding veteran enrolment, President Cross emphasized that the program is not built around one man or office, but the entire personnel and facilities of O. U.

From now on, ex-servicemen who wish to enrol in the University should go directly to Mr. Copeland's office in the Oklahoma Memorial Union. Ex-servicewomen should go to the office of Virginia Reincke, counselor of women. Matters of admission, enrolment, housing, vocational guidance, health service, corrective physical training and so forth will be discussed with these counselors and the veteran referred to the proper office.

### Everyone's French Teacher

One of the gayest, friendliest greeters on hand to welcome alumni back to the campus this Homecoming, as in many years past, was Dr. Lucile Dora, professor of modern languages and practically everyone's French teacher at some time during his days at O. U.



GOOD TIME WAS HAD

*Dr. Lucile Dora, who never sees a stranger on Homecoming Day, visited with one of her former students, Mort Woods, '11, Ardmore rancher.*

All of Dr. Dora's students remember her for her pretty hats, often topped with flowers and swathed with veiling, her witticisms, her kindness towards sophomores overcome at having to memorize a poem by de Musset.

So thoroughly immersed in French culture that many people presume her to be French by birth, Dr. Dora is of Middle Western birth and rearing. She earned her B. A. degree at Christian College and her M. A. at Hellmuth College in Ontario, coming to the University in 1908. Her trips to France have been made while on leaves of absence.

Dr. Dora's accumulation of honors started when she became the first woman to receive a doctorate from the University of France, which is what all French institutions of higher learning are called collectively. Dr. Dora attended the Sorbonne in Paris and the Universities of Grenoble and Montpellier, receiving her degree at the latter.

Her fondest memories are of her days in France, the inspired teachers she had, the fine performances she saw at the *Comedie Francaise*, and the lasting friendships she formed. She is now firmly resolved to return to France at the earliest possible time, look up all her old friends, and have a good visit.

Dr. Dora has brought many honors to the University by her prominence in the field of French literature and drama. She was the first woman educator in the United States to be decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor of the French Republic, in 1933. She was the first to be honored by receiving *palms* from the University of Paris, and the first to present a French play by radio in this country, for which she received an award from the Society of the American Friends of Lafayette. This was in 1934, when she presented the sonnet scene from Moliere's *Learned Women* over WNAD. More recently, Dr. Dora was the first professor at the University to be appointed to the governor's honorary staff by Governor Kerr.

Few people, thinking of Dr. Dora only as a teacher of French, realize that she was the first dean of woman at O. U., serving for two years soon after she came to Norman. She also introduced and taught the first practice teaching course at the University, and was the first wom-

serve as a full professor having come to O. U. with that rank.

Teaching at the present a part-time schedule of courses, Dr. Dora is busy doing the basic research on a book she plans to write. The book will be a study of the relationship between Thomas Jefferson and the Baron de Montesquieu, a French philosopher and political theorist who lived and wrote in the century preceding Jefferson's birth.

Dr. Dora debates as to the link between their ideologies and suggests that much of what Jefferson believed and practiced may have been coincidental with Montesquieu's ideas. She is currently spending many hours in the Law Library, digging out details and facts, to support various views of the matter. She is taking her time on the book and intends it to be the product of cautious, careful work.

During the past few years Dr. Dora's chief interest outside her academic pursuits has been the train of events in France. She makes it a special point to be well informed on all the ins and outs of French politics, and is a staunch de Gaullist. Not essentially a politically minded person, she yet feels herself close enough to the French people and their special problems to know that de Gaulle is the right man to lead them.

Towards the French Dr. Dora does not have the superficial sentimental attitude too often found among their admirers, nor does she brush them off as a gay people, "fond of dancing and light wines," as do many American travelers who never got any closer to France than the Ritz Hotel and the *Folies Bergere* during their stay in Paris. On her several long sojourns in France she lived in French homes, came to know the people well, and knows them for a proud, reserved race, deeply entrenched in their culture, and hard to conquer. The France she loves and believes in is the France of Moliere, Racine, Corneille and Montaigne, and she has unreserved faith in its ability to survive and grow.

Lively, friendly and in her own words, "always growing," Dr. Dora has become a legend in her own time. The sight of her chatting gaily with students on the walk between the Union and the L. A., fluttering veils and scarves, laden with books, magazines, papers and a huge handbag, is among the indelible memories of the thousands who have been to the University.

Dr. Dora recently made a sort of confession of faith when she said that to her, ideas are the most important, the most romantic and engrossing things in life. "Why," she said, "sometimes I get hold of an idea or bit of information that excites and stimulates me so I can't go to sleep at night for thinking about it."

The greatest tribute to her may well be that she has instilled this same passion

for knowledge and keenness of mind into several generations of students at O. U. —E.L.

## Budget Increase Recommended

A total operations budget of \$2,224,885 for the Norman campus of the University for 1945-46 has been approved by the State Regents for Higher Education, Chancellor M. A. Nash announced in November.

The board agreed to recommend to the Legislature that \$1,899,885 be appropriated from state funds for the operations budget, since income of \$325,000 from student fees and other sources is anticipated.

The proposed salaries and maintenance appropriation of nearly \$1,900,000 is approximately 28 percent larger than any appropriation the University has ever had. The largest previous appropriation was \$1,489,000 which was the amount for 1930-31.

In recommending the larger amounts the State Regents recognized the need for a higher salary scale, and the addition of more faculty members to meet the increased enrolment anticipated by the fall of 1945.

The proposed budget for 1946-47, the second year of the 1945 biennium, calls for \$90,000 additional in the salary budget.

In addition to the budget for regular operation of the University, the State Regents agreed to recommend \$22,500 each year for books and periodicals, and \$62,500 each year for purchase of equipment.

The State Regents recommended a total operations budget of \$281,640 for the University Medical School, of which \$236,640 would come from state appropriation. An operations budget of \$825,580, including \$765,580 from the state, was approved for the University Hospitals. A budget of \$57,200, all from the state, was recommended for the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

The total state appropriation to be requested by the State Regents board for the operating budgets of all institutions and agencies in the system is \$7,760,899 as compared to slightly less than \$5,000,000 appropriated two years ago.

"In approving this increased budget for higher education the regents have considered detailed requests submitted by constituent institutions and their local boards of control," Chancellor Nash said.

"It has been the expressed purpose of all governing boards to recommend that higher education in Oklahoma be brought up to the level of other progressive states. It is the wish of all citizens that Oklahoma youth have opportunities for education that are available elsewhere.

"The increased budget in the main reflects an approach to better salary schedules which would be more in line with salaries in surrounding states. The recommendations made will by no means enable our institutions to compete with many of the better institutions of some of the other states, but it is contemplated that the recommendations will place Oklahoma institutions in a reputable position with comparable states. The maintenance items of the operations budget are consistent with what has been needed for these purposes as shown by a seven-year study made by the regents.

"Although the total operations budget figure of \$9,737,999 for the entire state might seem at first thought to be large when compared with past appropriations to Oklahoma institutions, it will be found that some of the more progressive states in the nation have budgets which exceed this amount in a single institution."

The total operations budget recommended for the University, the Medical School, the University Hospitals and the Oklahoma Geological Survey is \$3,389,305.

Recommendations on appropriations for new buildings, purchase of capital equipment and land are to be considered at the December meeting of the State Regents for Higher Education.

## Twelfth Year for Juggler

Now firmly established as an O. U. tradition, the Juggler of Notre Dame, a Christmas pageant based on a medieval folk story, will be presented for the twelfth consecutive year on December 14 by Orchesis dance society.

The performance of the Juggler this year, as in the past, will be preceded by an original dance based on a religious theme. Participating in the presentation will be Kathryn Miller, Tulsa, as the Madonna, Joan Lima, Oklahoma City, as the Juggler, and other members of Orchesis.

Brought to the Sooner campus by Helen Gregory, physical education teacher and sponsor of Orchesis, the Juggler originated at the University of Wisconsin where Miss Gregory studied and has since spread to universities throughout the country. Miss





one of the reasons he was such a staunch supporter of President Roosevelt was because of the strong stand the President took in favor of adequate federal funds for education without federal interference in local school administration.

The governor scored certain press reports regarding his out-of-state activities and received a round of applause from the school men when he said he was going to be out of the state some more knocking on the White House door in support of the educational program.

"We must improve our health program," the governor declared, emphasizing that this program, too, is a responsibility of education.

"We need your support and understanding," he told the administrators. "I'm happy to have the opportunity to move forward with you in this program."

The governor's address was given at the noon-day luncheon held in the ballroom of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, which concluded the annual fall meeting of the administrators and which was attended by school men from all over Oklahoma and a number of O. U. alumni attending Homecoming activities on the campus.

He was introduced by Superintendent DeWitt Waller, Enid, president of the Association of School Administrators.

University President George L. Cross, in making the welcome address, stated that universal education is the American people's answer to the problems of a permanent peace and the weapon with which to combat intolerance in the post-war world.

He told administrators that the University did not want its professor to live in an "ivory tower," but to be practical in discharging the functions of the University.

Maj. T. M. Beaird, University alumni secretary and director of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, said that administrators also would be called on to aid in the great program of rehabilitation which faces education. He introduced members of the executive board of the Alumni Association and of the board of governors of the Memorial Union who were also guests at the luncheon.

Speakers for the school administrators at the two-day meeting November 10 and 11 included G. T. Stubbs, superintendent of schools at Durant and president of the Oklahoma Education Association; Herbert Bruner, superintendent of schools in Oklahoma City; Tom Hansen, superintendent of schools at Hobart, and Professor Henry Harap, of George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee.

### Dads Elect Muldrow

H. L. Muldrow, Sr., Norman, moving spirit behind the University Dads Association and secretary since the association was begun in 1925, was elected president at the organization's annual fall meeting in late October.



### GLAD TO SEE YOU

*Among homecoming alumni in November were Maj. Ted Beaird, '21ba, alumni secretary, and Gov. Robert S. Kerr, '16.*

Mr. Muldrow succeeds Frank A. Sewell, Oklahoma City. R. W. Hutto, Norman banker, was re-elected treasurer. Lowell C. Brown, faculty representative who was elected secretary, left the campus in November to take another position and that post has yet to be filled.

Highlighting the Dads Day meeting was the annual presentation of awards to an outstanding man and woman student. Winners this year were Bonita Fitzwater, Watonga, and Charles Milton Roscoe, Eureka, California, student in the Navy V-12 unit who was graduated from the University with a degree in engineering October 27.

Miss Fitzwater, an arts and science senior, has a grade point average of 2.4. She is president of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, the Woman's Choral Club and the Woman's Athletic Association; a member of Mortar Board, the Junior Woman's Honor Class, Alpha Lambda Delta scholarship society for freshman women, the Racket Club and the Golf Club. She is employed on the staff of radio station WNAD.

Mr. Roscoe had a grade average of 2.5 in the College of Engineering. His activities included president of St. Pat's Council, president of Engineers Club, Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Tau engineering fraternities, American Society of Chemical Engineers, company commander in the V-12 unit and member of the V-12 chorus. He came to the University from Humboldt State College, Arcata, California.

### Homecoming One of Best

Simple though it was, without elaborate program of prewar variety, the University's third wartime Homecoming Day on November 11 wound up as one of the best ever.

From the time registration began at 9

a. m. in the lobby of the Oklahoma Memorial Union until the final cup of coffee was drunk at the after-the-game reception, everyone had a fine time visiting with everyone else, welcoming Alumni Secretary Ted Beaird back to the campus and watching the Sooner eleven tie up their football game with the Missouri Tigers.

Approximately 350 persons registered during the day. Included were a number of servicemen, some of whom were back from overseas duty, and other Sooners from 66 towns in Oklahoma and the states of Kansas, California, Texas and Michigan.

Mingling with the visiting, chatting crowd of alumni during Homecoming morning were University faculty members, Gov. Robert S. Kerr and his secretary Ralph Trask from Oklahoma City, and Congressman Mike Monroney, just re-elected to serve another term from Oklahoma's Fifth District.

Chiefly responsible for the smooth running of Homecoming Day activities were members of registration and reception committees who worked with Major Beaird. Members of these committees are as follows:

Registration—F. F. Gaither, chairman, and Mrs. Dolly Smith Connally, co-chairman, Ruth Elder, Glenn C. Couch, H. V. Thornton, Ralph Records, Ima James, J. C. Powell, J. Bruce Wiley, Maurice Merrill, Fayette Copeland, Virginia Reinecke, C. F. Daily, Maurine Starns, W. H. Smith, Genevieve Kern, J. W. Keeley, J. E. Smay, Dean D. B. R. Johnson, E. E. Hatfield, W. B. Ragan, E. M. Edmondson, C. L. Caldwell, W. H. Butterfield, J. L. Rader, Wilda Griffin, Ruth Collier McSpadden, Sam C. Holland, Betty Abbott, Mrs. Maurine Fitzwater Nash, Mrs. Ruth Roys, Mrs. Mary Penoi, Mrs. Rosamonde Miller, Janet Werner, Boyce Timmons, H. E. Wrinkle, Roscoe Cate, John G. Hervey, John F. Bender and Grace E. Ray.

Reception—Mrs. E. E. Dale, chairman; Mrs. J. C. Mayfield, Mrs. Guy Y. Williams, Mrs. R. L. Huntington, Mrs. C. C. Beaird, Mrs. Margaret Gessner Twyman, Mrs. Clyde Beson, Mrs. Ted M. Beaird, Mrs. G. L. Cross, Mrs. Tom R. Benedum, Mrs. E. D. Meacham.

Six members to serve on the board of governors of the proposed University of Oklahoma Museum were appointed at the annual Homecoming morning meeting of the executive board of the Alumni Association.

Appointed were Mrs. Dolly Radler Hall, Tulsa; Dr. Ernest Lambert, Okmulgee; Norman Brillhart, Madill; Carl Ford, Enid; J. H. Van Zant, Fort Worth, Texas, and Harold Belknap, Norman.

### Award Received

In the *Sooner Magazine* mail last month was a certificate of award for "excellence in editorial" from the Southwestern Association of Industrial Editors.

Members of this association include publications in eight states, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska and Texas. Announcement of awards to *Sooner Magazine* and other magazines was made at a recent S.A.I.E. meeting in Dallas.

Gregory has charge of the annual presentation.

At O. U., an ever-increasing audience packs Holmberg Hall year after year to see the unfolding in dance of the gentle Christmas story.

## Research Fund Set Up

Establishment of the John Archer Hatchett Memorial Research Fund by Dr. Coyne H. Campbell, '24ba, of the Institute for Neuropsychiatry, Oklahoma City, for the advancement of medical research has been announced by President Cross.

Funds will be used in the creation and support of a research fellowship or fellowships in the field of biochemistry under the auspices of the University of Oklahoma Research Institute.

Dr. Hatchett joined the staff of the Medical School in 1911 and continued as professor of obstetrics until his death August 15, 1940. He was appointed professor emeritus February 2, 1933.

Expenditure of funds and determination of projects for which they are to be used will be under the authority of the chairman of the department of biochemistry, subject to the approval of the dean of the School of Medicine, President Cross explained.

The agreement also provides that the School of Medicine or any of its departments, with the approval of the dean, shall make laboratory, library and clinical facilities available for the use of those engaged in research activities, and if needed, hospitals associated with the Medical School.

Purpose of the donors in making the gift, Dr. Campbell explained, is (1) To make direct personal contributions in tribute to scientists who have endowed clinical medicine with the bases for effective technique, and (2) To encourage others who may be able to do so to join in the project of providing funds for the expansion of medical research at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

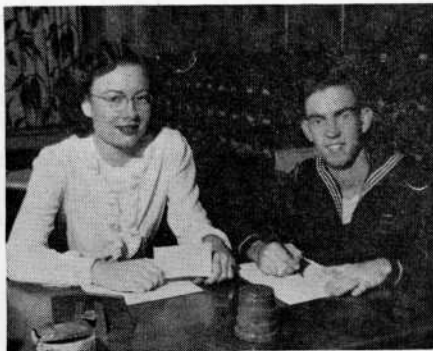
The Board of Regents, in accepting the gift, expressed their appreciation to Dr. Campbell "with the hope that the results of the research that is done will be an encouragement to others to make similar gifts."

## State Honors Two

Two of four Oklahomans so honored, Kenneth C. Kaufman, professor of modern languages at O. U., and Paul B. Sears, professor of botany at Oberlin College in Ohio, were inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame on November 16.

Others inducted were Dr. John R. Abernathy, Oklahoma City minister, and Burton Rascoe, dramatic critic of the *New York World-Telegram*. The installation ceremony took place on the 27th anniversary of Oklahoma's statehood.

Mr. Kaufman is co-editor of the internationally known quarterly *Books Abroad*, an active contributor to numer-



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Life Member No. 822 of the Alumni Association, recent V-12 graduate H. B. Curtis of Fort Smith, Arkansas, gives alumni staff member Elaine Larecy his new address before leaving for midshipmen's school.

ous newspapers and magazines, and since 1932 literary editor of the *Daily Oklahoman*. His best known literary work is *Level Land*, a book of western verse published in 1935. He joined the O. U. faculty in 1928.

Dr. Sears gained national prominence while a member of the O. U. botany faculty with the publication of his book *Deserts on the March* back in dust bowl days. A contributor to botanical journals and magazines, he is the author of several widely read works, especially on ecology and conservation. He came to Oklahoma in 1927, leaving in 1938 for Oberlin College.

## Another '44 Graduation

Commencement exercises for 58 graduating seniors on October 27 brought the number of alumni in the Class of '44 to approximately 750. The group was the sixth to complete work for degrees during the year.

More than half of those who received degrees were Navy V-12 students who completed engineering study for bachelor's degrees in the last Navy semester. Two co-eds who received bachelor's degrees were Nancy Adams, Norman, and Bette Ruth Rogers, Mountain View. Several master's degrees were conferred by President G. L. Cross.

Commencement speaker was Dean John G. Hervey, of the School of Law, who declared that unless the moral teachings of Jesus Christ prevail at the coming peace conference, another war will have been fought in vain.

Asserting that we cannot depend on education and inventive science alone, Dean Hervey called for a moral quality to use these powers to accomplish the peaceful ends.

In addition to the conferring of degrees, five Navy R.O.T.C. men were commissioned by Capt. J. F. Donelson, commandant of Navy units at O. U., who administered the oath of office. (See under "New Officers" of With the Armed Forces section for names.)

Captain Donelson announced that 35 Navy V-12 students, who also were present at the exercises, would be awarded certificates indicating completion of work in the V-12 program. This group and the V-12 students who received degrees left soon after commencement to enter midshipmen's school.

The speeding up of the educational program in July of 1943, when the Army and Navy training programs were set up to turn out technically trained men and officer material, resulted in the numerous commencements in 1944. The approximately 750 members of this class completed work for degrees in December, 1943, and February, June, August, September and October of 1944. The September group was composed of graduates of the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing.

## The Regents

The Board of Regents in November established ten scholarships for Canadian students similar to scholarships previously established for Latin-American students.

These scholarships provide for the waiving of the non-resident and departmental fees. At the present time there are only two Canadian students at O. U., but several more are expected next semester.

Resignations were accepted by the Board of Regents from the following:

Mrs. William G. Bauman, Jr. (Marjorie Smiley, '42journ), secretary of the School of Journalism.  
M. Jeanne Wilson, secretary of the department of chemistry.

Catherine M. Smith, secretary of department of naval science.

Mrs. Mildred Gossett, '31bus, '34ba, executive secretary of the School of Medicine in Oklahoma City.

A leave of absence was granted to Lowell Brown, '37med, representative of the Engineering, Science, and Management War Training Program at the University, to become a regional director with the National Safety Council, from November 15 to September 1, 1945.

Dr. John R. Chandler, '40ph.d, formerly field representative of the E.S.M.W.T., was appointed institutional representative to replace Mr. Brown. Other appointments announced by the Regents are as follows:

Martin S. Kermacy, assistant architect on campus planning.

Mrs. Zona Pagenkopf, secretary of the department of animal biology.

Mrs. Dorothy LaHayne, secretary of the department of chemistry.

Mrs. Eleanor B. Miller, stenographer in the office of the Counselor of Men.

Mrs. Ellen Oliver, assistant in the Faculty Exchange.

## Support Promised Schools

Speaking before 400 state school administrators attending their annual meeting on the O. U. campus, Governor Robert S. Kerr, '16, stated that Oklahoma is now in a position to provide adequate funds for common school and higher education.

Governor Kerr also spoke favorably for a federal program that will aid in providing equal educational opportunities for all the states. He said