

The University

Two BILLS concerning the University's proposed dormitory and building program, Senate Bill 41 and Senate Bill 42, were introduced in the State Legislature in mid-January and were passed in the Senate by a unanimous vote. Final approval depends on passage by the House and the Governor's signature.

Also up for legislative consideration were the University's budgetary appropriations for the 1945-47 biennium which were introduced on the same day as the Senate bills.

Roscoe Cate, financial assistant to President George L. Cross, explained the bills as follows:

Senate Bill 41, providing for construction of dormitories and other buildings at the University, is generally designed to give the Board of Regents permission to issue bonds to borrow money with which to build dormitories, providing that bonds can be issued either by the Board of Regents or by a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of building dormitories on the University campus. The projects would be self liquidating. They would pay for themselves out of the income from rentals, room and board receipts. There is no state appropriation involved. The bill merely authorizes the University to build dormitories as self liquidating projects.

Senate Bill 42 relates to power of the Board of Regents pertaining to contracts for leasing a portion of the campus for an addition to the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building. The bill authorizes the Board of Regents to lease additional land to the Board of Governors of the Union so it can be enlarged. The present site of the Union is land which is leased by the University to the Union Board of Governors. The addition to the Union would be built by a bond issue which would be retired by Union fees and revenues of the building.

Budget recommendations for the Norman campus of the University for the 1945-47 biennium, including an increased amount for faculty salaries and maintenance, will be considered soon by the twentieth session.

The State Regents for Higher Education late in 1944 agreed to recommend to the Legislature a total operations budget, including salaries and maintenance, which is approximately 28 per cent larger than any appropriation the University has ever had.

The total operations budget approved for the University for the next academic year was \$2,224,885. The board agreed to recommend to the Legislature that \$1,899,855 be appropriated from state funds for the operations budget, since income of \$325,000 from student fees and other sources is anticipated.

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

The University did not fare so well, however, on its request to the State Regents for \$3,450,000 for the 1945-47 biennium for buildings and other capital items. Concluding its consideration of the University's budget needs in December, the board agreed to recommend to the Legislature an appropriation of approximately \$1,850,000, which is roughly half of the amount previously approved by the University regents.

The President

President George L. Cross left in mid-Jan-

uary for Washington, D. C., where he planned to contact officials of various governmental agencies to get materials for the construction of a building to house the University of Oklahoma Research Institute.

Appropriations for the building were made by the Legislature four years ago and were reapportioned in the last session. All research projects now in progress are devoted entirely to the war effort. Because of lack of facilities, Research Institute officials have been forced to decline many projects, President Cross said.

During the coming month, President Cross is scheduled to speak before the Lions Club of Yukon, February 7; the Presbyterian Men's Club of Shawnee, February 9, and the federated Sunday evening service of the Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Bartlesville, March 4.

The Regents

President George L. Cross discussed the legislative program of the University with the Board of Regents at the regular January meeting.

The following appointments were made to the University staff and faculty:

Robert H. Rucker, landscape architect and assistant professor of plant sciences, effective June 1.
Edwin C. McReynolds, '22ba, '26ma, special instructor in history.

Mrs. L. Virginia H. Dearborn, special instructor in speech for the second semester.

Maryelyn Stewart, special instructor in commercial education for the second semester.

Bert K. Lewis, special instructor in chemistry for the second semester.

Rudolph N. Evjen, special part-time instructor in social work for the second semester.



COMMANDS O. U. POST
Bob Wilson, veteran from Muskogee, commands the Thomas C. Reynolds post which is the first Legion group organized on a college campus.

Mrs. Golden Bedford, assistant in nursery school.

Mrs. Gerald Hollman, music director of radio station WNAD, December 15, 1944, to June 1, 1945.

Mrs. Blanche Tarlton Brixey, '37ba, '39lib.sci, cataloger in the University Library.

Mrs. Addie Lee Pickard Barker, '39journ, secretary to the dean of the College of Engineering.

Mrs. John H. Hooks, Jr., secretary to the department of chemistry.

Levita Bollinger, part-time secretary of the School of Social Work.

Mrs. Esther Poholsky, stenographer in the Alumni Office.

Mrs. Lillian Whitworth, stenographer in the Correspondence Study Department.

Thomas Phillips, nightwatchman in the Utilities Department.

Extensions of leaves to September 1 were granted to Dr. Orie J. Eigsti, associate professor of plant sciences, and Howard Larsh, associate professor of plant sciences. John H. Casey, professor of journalism, and L. M. Rohrbaugh, assistant professor of plant sciences, who have been on leave, were to return to the faculty at the beginning of the second semester.

James W. Fitzgibbons, assistant architect on campus planning, was promoted to assistant professor of architecture.

Scholarships in professional writing were awarded to Frances Freeman, Grove, and Maurice Ogden, Seminole, on the recommendation of Walter Campbell, professor of English.

The following changes were made on the School of Medicine faculty:

Dr. Charles B. Taylor, professor of urology and acting chairman of the department of urology, resigned and was appointed professor emeritus of urology.

Dr. Basil A. Hayes, promoted from professor of clinical urology to professor of urology and appointed acting chairman of the department of urology to serve during the absence of Dr. Rex Bolend, '08, colonel in the Medical Corps.

Dr. Ward Loren Shaffer, returned to position as associate in dental surgery after receiving discharge from Army.

Dr. Charles E. Leonard, '30bs, '32med, resigned as assistant in medicine and appointed instructor in psychiatry.

Dr. Carl T. Steen, '14med, assistant professor of psychiatry and acting chairman of the department of mental diseases, resigned.

Dr. Hubert E. Doudna, professor of anesthesiology and chairman of the department of anesthesiology, resigned.

O. U. Post Asks Investigation

Investigation of reported "un-American" activities of an American Legion post at Hood River, Oregon, was urged in a resolution passed by World War II veterans in a special meeting of the recently formed Thomas C. Reynolds post at the University of Oklahoma.

The action was taken following the reading of news reports telling of the Hood River post's "erasure" of the names of American servicemen of Japanese ancestry from their honor roll

and the publishing of advertisements warning Japanese-Americans not to return to the Pacific northwest.

Calling such action an "open and flagrant violation not only of the constitution of the United States but that of the Legion," the college World War II veterans urged an investigation of the Hood River post and recommended that the post be requested to cease such activities.

The resolution directed to Legion national headquarters stated that taking such measures in the name of the American Legion constituted a "blot and discredit" to the organization as a whole.

At least one of the servicemen whose name was erased by the Hood River post was reported recently to have received the Bronze Star for gallantry in the European war theater, it was pointed out.

War Training Enrolment High

With the exception of Texas, Oklahoma had more people enrolled in Engineering, Science and Management War Training courses during the first half of the fiscal year than any other bordering states.

In a report issued in December, J. R. Chandler, institutional representative for the E.S.M.W.T. at the University, reported that Oklahoma enrolments from July 1 to December 1 totaled 1,890. Of this number, 1,238 were enrolled in the program carried on by the University of Oklahoma.

Dads Help O. U. Legislation

Members of the University Dads Association legislative committee, five leading state citizens, were last month assisting the University in legislative matters during this session of the Oklahoma State Legislature.

Appointed by H. L. Muldrow, Norman, Dads Association president, the members of the committee are Frank Sewell, president of the Liberty National Bank, Oklahoma City; Judge B. B. Barefoot, of the Criminal Court of Appeals, Oklahoma City; Dr. W. E. Grisso, Seminole; John E. Turner, Holdenville, and Neil R. Johnson, Norman.

Phillips Confers on Campus

Milt Phillips, co-ordinator of veterans affairs on Governor Kerr's staff, was on the campus recently to consult with O. U. people on the state-wide veterans program.

Among those he visited were Fayette Copeland, counselor of men, and Ted Beard, alumni secretary.

Rainey Re-instatement Urged

Petitions addressed to Governor Coke Stevenson of Texas protesting the dismissal of Dr. Homer P. Rainey and urging his re-instatement as president of the University of Texas were circulated on the campus last month by the O. U. chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

The statement was prepared by the A.A.U.P. committee on academic freedom and tenure, composed of Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, professor of government, Dr. J. F. Bender, professor of school administration, Dr. Dora McFarland, associate professor of mathematics, Dr. N. A. Court, professor of mathematics, and H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism.

Ledeen Begins Duties

Plans to revitalize the work of the Y. M. C. A. on the campus in order to better serve returning veterans were under way soon after Theodore J. Ledeen, new secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at the University, took over his duties the first of the year. Mrs. Elizabeth Ledeen, his wife, has been serving as acting secretary since September.

Mr. Ledeen was formerly Y. M. secretary at the University of Texas in Austin and war emergency secretary for the Southwestern Regional Council of the Student Christian Asso-

Campus Calendar

February 10—Basketball game with Kansas State at Norman.

February 13—Basketball game with Kansas at Lawrence.

February 14—Public Lecture: Dean Arthur B. Adams, College of Business Administration, *Relation of the Government to Private Business in the Postwar World*, 8 p. m., Business Administration Auditorium.

February 17—Basketball game with Iowa State at Ames.

February 22—Basketball game with Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.

February 23-24—University Playhouse production, *Guest in the House*, 8 p. m., Holmberg Hall.

February 24—Basketball game with Oklahoma City Air Technical Service Command at Oklahoma City.

February 26—Basketball game with Iowa State at Norman.

February 28—Basketball game with Long Island University in New York City.

ciations. In the latter position he traveled throughout the Southwest, helping colleges and universities set up Y. M. organizations and revise programs of established groups to serve better the military trainees on the campuses and the veterans returning to them.

Mr. Ledeen succeeds Clifford Murphy, now with the War Relocation Authority at Manzanar, California, as secretary of the University Y. M. C. A.

Page Returns to Faculty

Edwin R. Page has returned to his position as professor of electrical engineering after serving in the armed forces for two and a half years on leave of absence.

Mr. Page was a major in Army Ordnance, and was stationed for 13 months in England.

Aid for Better Reading

A reading clinic to help students learn to read quickly and with greater comprehension is being set up on the campus under the direction of Dr. Lester L. Harris, who arrived at the University last month.

Dr. Harris will diagnose reading difficulties and advise remedial measures, and will supervise a state-wide program for improving the quality of reading in Oklahoma public schools.

Dr. Harris, who holds three degrees from the University of Chicago, came to the University from Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania. He was formerly director of the reading clinic at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and assistant in English and reading at the University of Chicago.

Miss Abbott Resigns

Betty Abbott, '44bus, Durant, resigned as assistant director of Union activities on December 15. She took the position soon after graduating last June.

No announcement had been made regarding Miss Abbott's successor in mid-January. The assistant director of Union activities plans and directs Union dances, openhouses and parties, working with the Union Activities Board.

Seniors Set Up Headquarters

Officers of the Senior Class of '45 set up headquarters in the Alumni Office last month after conferring with the class sponsor, T. M. Beard, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, about plans for a senior week and for purchasing graduation announcements.

President of the class is Jack J. Coe, Naval V-12 trainee from Yuba City, California.

Student Life

STUDENT organizations, which have been defunct since the war started, are slowly coming to life again on the University of Oklahoma campus and others, new to the campus scene, are making an appearance.

Mainly responsible for the revival of student groups is the slight increase in enrolment, the growing number of veterans in the student body and the natural tendency and need for a certain number of working organizations in collegiate life.

One of the newcomers to the campus is the newly established American Legion post of World War II veterans, which is the first in the country set up on a college campus.

Headed by Bob Wilson, Muskogee, as commander, the post has been named for Ensign Thomas C. Reynolds, Jr., '37, Valliant, Oklahoma, who is believed to be the first University alumnus to lose his life in this war, according to Alumni Office records.

Reorganization of the Independent Men's Association was under way with a group of 12 students working to organize five of the seven I. M. A. districts. The organization has been inactive for the last two years because of the shortage of men on the campus.

Past members and men who hold letters in college athletics met for the first time since 1941 to reorganize and re-establish the University "O" Club. Bob Mayfield, Sooner football player from Norman, was elected president.

A large group of students, who have named themselves Constructive University Critics, was at work last month on plans for setting up student government machinery on the campus. A constitutional convention was to be held early in February for the purpose of drawing up a constitution for the student body.

The purpose of the C. U. C., it was pointed out, is not only to take a special interest in student government but "to sponsor immediate reform for prevalent campus situations."

Another newly established group called the Student Citizens for Democratic Action was pledged to the support of liberal causes. It was primarily interested last month in amassing support for the proposal to lower the voting age in Oklahoma, a measure which has the backing of Governor Kerr.

To help inform students on reasons for the lowering of the voting age, the S. C. D. A. in December sponsored the appearance on the campus of R. M. McClintock, press secretary to Governor Kerr, who said he was "probably the oldest man in captivity who favored the vote for 18-year-olds."

► Approximately 6,500 persons attended the 31st annual openhouse of the College of Engineering held in December. Climax of the affair was the presentation of the St. Pat award to the students in the School of Civil Engineering for having the exhibit judged most outstanding. Students in the School of Electrical Engineering were given honorable mention for the second best exhibit. The engineers sign, which has been in blackout since Pearl Harbor, was in operation during the openhouse.

► Pat Saunders, University junior from Tulsa, has been elected editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* to serve during the spring semester. She succeeds Mart Bourne, also a co-ed, from Shawnee. Phyllis Tengdin, Kansas City, Missouri, was re-elected editor of the *Covered Wagon*.

► O. U. students had the opportunity in January to gaze at close range at Venus, Saturn and the moon through three telescopes located in the University Observatory. Faculty members and Norman townspeople were also invited to have a look.