

The University

O. U. Places Its People

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The recently organized Placement Service, located in room 128, Union Building, is now promoting a four-way program, directly under University sponsorship, of job placement. This includes a placement service for all alumni and former students, placement service for graduating seniors, and placement service for students desiring part-time employment while attending the University. This office has also taken over the responsibility of teacher placement formerly handled by the Alumni Association. It is attempting to serve business and industry, both locally for student help and statewide and nationwide for graduates.

In addition to actual job placement the Placement Service keeps a survey of occupational opportunities in an attempt to coordinate the training received in the University with the opportunities which are existent in the state and nation. An adequate collection of vocational information is available for perusal in the Placement Service at all time.

Complete employment records are kept on students who are employed in part-time work so that this information may be used by the advisors and Counselors' offices. Placing of students in part-time positions is done in close cooperation with the infirmary, academic advisors, and Counselors' offices. Placement Service Records, which are accumulative employment records for all Alumni of the University, will be located in this office.

In addition to these services the Placement Service offers aptitude and vocational interest tests to students who are having difficulty concerning vocational problems. The testing program is to be carried out in close cooperation with the newly-formed testing clinic. These tests are followed by vocational counseling and guidance by the Placement Service Director.

During the summer months this office received over 1200 requests for teachers. These came from twenty-three states, including Oklahoma. Over seventy-five teachers were placed. This is indicative of the serious teacher-shortage which existed this year. There were no teacher applicants who could not have had jobs.

With the increased enrollment this semester, and also the increase in the number of students who wanted work, this office was kept extremely busy finding part-time jobs. Approximately 230 students were placed in part-time positions. There are still about 200 students who want and need work who are as yet unemployed. This is just the beginning of an unemployment situation here on the O. U. campus. Because of the obvious need for more jobs than the University or the town of Norman can produce, the Placement Service Director is working with the Norman Chamber of Commerce in its attempt to interest some company in starting an industry here which would absorb our unemployment needs and still offer valuable experience to the working students.

It is not the aim of the Placement Service to "take over" placement for all graduates of the University. Some of the various schools and departments do an excellent job of placement now. They have built up contacts through the years which could not be duplicated. They have worked out elaborate systems of records which meet their

needs to perfection. However, at some time in the future the all-university Placement Service will be a place where all records will be centralized. Contacts with industry and business which require specially trained employees will continue to be referred to the department involved, but the records will be kept of all negotiations which take place as a result of these contacts. The most efficient placement offices in the outstanding universities of the country operate on this plan, and they have found it works to the advantage of everyone concerned.

This office is just a year old now. The organization consists of a Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and two part-time student secretaries. The expansion will probably eventually include a Director, three Assistant Directors—one for teacher placement, one for student part-time placement, and one for graduate placement—and full-time secretarial help for each Director. The burden of placing returned service men will and must be

versity, Evanston, Illinois, in Personnel Administration. While at Northwestern University she did some special work in vocational guidance. She is now a member of the American College Personnel Association, and the Association of School Administrators.

The new Assistant Director is Mrs. Richard Virtue, the former Sue Starr. She graduated from this University in June, 1943, with a major in Social Work. Following her graduation she was employed by the Alumni Association as Field Representative, and also as Assistant Executive Secretary. Following her marriage she was employed by the Oklahoma Red Cross as Director of Public Information.

Mrs. Elveta Hughes, ex '24, is now employed as Secretary in the Placement Service. Mrs. Hughes has had experience working for Phillips Petroleum Co., Oklahoma Tax Commission, University Press, and as Supervisor in the pay-roll department at the Naval Air Station in Norman.



Staff of the University Placement Bureau, reading left to right, are: Mrs. Elveta Hughes, secretary; Miss DeAnne Donaldson, student assistant; Mrs. Robert C. Twyman, director; Miss Patricia Martin, student assistant, and Mrs. Richard L. Virtue, assistant director.

assumed by this organization. It is now in a position to take this responsibility and it is the hope of all concerned that it will be able to carry the load as it increases in the next year or two.

The Director, Mrs. Robert C. Twyman, the former Margaret Anne Gessner, who from February, 1938, to February, 1940, was Assistant Counselor of Women for the University, is a graduate of Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. She has a Master of Arts degree from Northwestern Uni-

Vets Are Returning

More than 500 war veterans are now attending classes at the University of Oklahoma with indications that several hundred more will enrol for the second semester, it is reported by Dr. Guy Y. Williams, veterans liaison officer. The veterans range in age from 19 to 50, some of the older ones serving in both World wars. Approximately one-third of the men are married, Williams said.

Oklahoma Radio Men May Attend 4th Conference

Oklahoma radio station managers and representatives will have an opportunity to participate in the fourth annual radio conference to be organized by Dr. Sherman P. Lawton, who has recently assumed his duties as professor of radio at the University of Oklahoma.

The University of Oklahoma will be host for the conference which has been tentatively scheduled for the first week in March, 1946, and will be held in Norman and Oklahoma City.

The Barrister of the Future

By DR. MAURICE H. MERRILL, *Acting Dean*

The war reduced Law School enrollments drastically throughout the nation. Law students, in the judgment of those in authority, were expendable. Some schools suspended instruction because of this decreased attendance. Others curtailed their programs rigidly. Wisely, the University authorities determined to maintain the program of our Law School with as little diminution as possible, realizing that the law provides the rules under which our social organization functions, and that its practitioners need the fullest training even in times of stress. The faculty cooperated fully, carrying extra loads and teaching an extra session without compensation for the benefit of students who were about to depart for service with the armed forces.

Now the tide has turned. With the cessation of hostilities, law students are entering the schools in increasing numbers. We have a freshman class of thirty-nine, nearly sixty-five percent of whom are veterans. Indications are that as many more will enter the school at the mid-year, and that next fall the incoming class will equal or exceed in number the normal pre-war first-year groups.

The wisdom of the policy followed during the war years now is manifest. Those schools which suspended instruction in those years are experiencing great difficulties in recruiting their faculties and in renewing their instructional programs. We, on the other hand, were left with a seasoned faculty group to serve as the nucleus for our program despite the losses we suffered recently through resignations.

The yeoman service rendered by Judge Alfred P. Murrah, Judge Clarence Mills, and Mr. Rex H. Holden in teaching classes for us at great personal sacrifice is just one indication of the esteem and loyalty in which the School is held by its alumni. The interest of the alumni in the School, and the interest of the organized bar of the state, manifested by the creation of a special committee to cooperate with the School and the University administration in the advancement of legal education, are important parts of the foundation upon which we may expect with confidence to build an even greater, more effective School in the future.

With the appointment of Professor Earl Sneed, Jr., B.A. 1934, LL.B. 1937, our program of instruction became adequately staffed with full-time instructors for the present semester. The appointment of another teacher at the mid-year will bring our faculty up to the normal pre-war number. For the ensuing year, the addition of two more teachers is authorized. This will enable us to care for the augmented enrollment in a more effective manner than before the war.

Another recent step in advance is the institution of a corps of research assistants to work under the direction of the faculty in various fields of the law. These appointments will go to high ranking students, in accordance with a program which has proved of great value in other schools.

The Oklahoma Bar Association, which has been studying the problem of refresher courses for returning veterans, adopted a resolution at its recent annual meeting, looking to the sponsorship of such courses in various cities of the state. The faculty of the Law School expects to cooperate fully in this work in accordance with the plans that are developed for it.



University of Oklahoma Press staff in conference, reading left to right: Miss Mary E. Stith, assistant editor; Will Ransome, art editor; L. J. Carrel, sales manager; Savoie Lottinville, director; Van Endicott, superintendent of the Printing Division.

The University of Oklahoma Press of the Future

By SAVOIE LOTTINVILLE, '29ba

The University of Oklahoma Press, printer to the University for thirty-five years and the institutional publishing arm for seventeen, was able this month to look ahead to a larger future. By action of President George L. Cross and the University and State Regents, provision has been made for a new building which will house both publishing and printing functions. Architect's plans were scheduled for completion November 1, and construction is to begin shortly after the first of the year.

In the period since 1928, when President W. B. Bizzell conceived the plan for scholarly publishing under the auspices of the University and brought the first director of the Press, Joseph A. Brandt, to the campus, 175 books have been published. One of them was a selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club, two were chosen by the Scientific Book Club, and several have ranked as national best-sellers. During the war, five books published by the Press were selected by the Council on Books in Wartime for distribution to servicemen abroad in Armed Services Editions ranging from 90,000 to 140,000 copies each.

Many alumni, faculty members, and citizens of the state are represented in the Press list on subjects as widely varied as southwestern history and European and Eastern affairs. The largest contribution that the Press has made thus far relates to Oklahoma and the Southwest, not only in historical accounts, but in folklore, travel, industrial development, and agriculture.

Increasingly as the University has grown, the Press has found it all but impossible to keep up with the institution's requirements for printing and the demands of people throughout the country and abroad for Press books. The building of a new plant and the installation of additional machinery are intended to keep the University in the forefront of the nation's universities both in printed informational services and in worthwhile publishing.

It is expected that the Press will be able to move into its new home in the autumn of 1946. There

the publishing program will be substantially increased, and additional information will be printed by the University for distribution regularly to alumni and former students.

Plans have already been drawn for a wide variety of writing projects which will interpret the Southwest culturally. Three University faculty members, Professors E. E. Dale, W. S. Campbell, and Paul S. Carpenter, and one alumna, Miss Alice Marriott, of Oklahoma City, are now carrying out the necessary investigations in their fields through grants that have been made available to the University by the Rockefeller Foundation of New York. Other projects are under consideration for this particular program, which will require an additional two years for its completion.

As the Press list of publications has grown, it has become clear to those of us who are intrusted with it that Oklahoma's position in scholarship cannot be confined merely to matters of immediate regional interest. As a matter of fact, the books of some Oklahomans are as wide as world scholarship itself. Hence it will be the goal of the Press to bring the University's scholarly contributions to a world audience. A number of distributing arrangements have been made with organizations abroad, and others are now in contemplation.

The Press has had to limit its publication list during the war to approximately a dozen books a year, but within a year after occupying the new building, it should be issuing nearly twice this number in fields that have not been adequately exploited in the past. How much these publications are needed may be determined from the fact books issued by the Press and either distributed by it or published by other agencies under licensing arrangements have aggregated 840,000 copies during the past two years.

Indian Data Studied

Indians and their relations with the federal government since 1848 was the topic recently studied by Dr. E. E. Dale, University of Oklahoma research professor of history, at the Henry Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif. Dr. Dale plans to complete a book by September, 1946, in which the material collected will be included.