gion of Merit.

the University R.O.T.C. recently received the Le-

leader to assist in and insure the securing of a motor

vehicle by Col. Everett C. Williams and party in
time to go forward and reach certain of the front
line units with orders prior to daylight.

Colonel Collier, who formerly was stationed with the
University R.O.T.C. recently received the Leg-

tion of Merit.

Ratliff Cited

Lt. Col. Frank G. Ratliff, '36ba, '391aw, Okla-

homa City, was recently presented the Bronze Star

Medal for meritorious service, while serving in the
China-Burma-India Theater of Operations. The
award was made by Col. T. M. Kelehan, commandant of the Field

Artillery School.

The citation accompanying the medal for Colonel Ratliff read: "For meri-
torious service as operations officer of Head-

quarters, Intermediate Section, China-Burma-India Theater. His successful
planning and supervision of operations led to a con-
tinuous flow of troops and supplies to the combat units in the far east."

Colonel Ratliff received a reserve commission in the
Army upon graduation from the University in
1936. Entering active service in the Regular Army in
September, 1939, Colonel Ratliff attended the
Battery Officers Course of the Field Artillery School
1941-42 and the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. At present he is attending the Advanced Course at the Field
Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Stevenson Appointed Secretary

Lt. Col. Ralph L. Stevenson, '42bus, Ponca City,
former gridiron star of the University and the
Cleveland Professional Rams, has been appointed
secretary to the General Staff of the Army
Staff of the Army Air Forces Technical Training
Command, Scott Field, Illinois.

The China-Burma-India theater was Colonel Steven-
son's first overseas assignment, where he served first as executive of organiza-
tional planning, and then as deputy chief of staff of the
India-China Division of the Air Transport Com-
mand. He was later appointed chief of staff under
the command general of the India-China Divi-
sion of the Transport Command, Brig. Gen. Charles
W. Lawrence, who is now serving as deputy com-
manding general of the A.A.F. Technical Training
Command at Scott Field. Colonel Stevenson was
transferred to the Africa Middle East theater when
General Lawrence and his staff were reassigned to
the North African Division of the A.T.C. on Febru-
ary 11, 1946.

Returning to the United States on June 1, 1946, Colonel Stevenson immediately assumed the duties of
administrative officer of the Medical and General
Headquarters, Air Transport Command, Memphis,
Tennessee. On July 19, he arrived at the A.A.F.
Technical Training Command Headquarters, Scott
Field, Illinois, and was appointed chief of the
Operations of the planning division. Now serving as
secretary to the General Staff, Colonel Stevenson
directs administrative functions under Major Gen-
eral Keper, former commanding general of the

Thompson Gets Army Discharge

Capt. William Best Thompson, '34med, Medical
Corps, returned to civilian life recently after two
years service in the armed forces. He is the son of
Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson, 524 N. W. 17th
street, Oklahoma City.

Captain Thompson received an unusual honor
when he was awarded a commendation for meri-
torious service and outstanding efforts which
were an exceptionally difficult assignment while serving at
Camp Polk, Louisiana.

During his period of service in the Army, Captain
Thompson was ward officer and consultant in
general medicine and ophthalmology. His out-
standing ability was recognized when he was se-
lected as one of the few doctors to instruct in the
Army Nurses Training Center at Fort Lewis, and
to attend a post graduate school in the Army.

His plans are to return to the practice of general medicine in Oklahoma City.

Muchmore Named to Med Board

Clyde E. Muchmore, a K.U. grad and an O.U.
Dad, publisher of the Ponca City News, has been
chosen a member of the Board of Directors of the
recently incorporated Oklahoma Medical
Foundation. This month the foundation will launch
a drive to raise an eventual three million dollars
for research centers in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Lee K. Emenheiser, '28 in med, '31 med,
and John Lamb, '28ba, '32med, both of Oklahoma City and many other Sooner medics are active
in the Medical Foundation.

Miniature Town

Valued at $10,000, a scale model of a prehis-
toric Indian village uncovered in LeFlore County,
is on exhibit at the University Anthropology
Museum. Depicting a funeral ceremony, the authentic
model was prepared by members of the Univer-
sity student body. Handwork and implements belonging
to the ancient Spiro Indians who lived 700 to 1200 years ago also are exhibited in the museum. These
civilization were taken from a Spiri

mound discovered near the village.

Press Prints Book on Democracy

A modern representation of democracy organization,
"The Design of Democracy" by George Wash-

ington Cable will be published by the University
Press in October. The author is professor of law at the University of Illinois.

Dr. J. Red Nihiser research professor of physics at the University of Oklahoma, represented the
University at a conference on nuclear physics and
chemistry held at the Los Alamos scientific labora-

ory.

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Oklahoma.

Medical School Notes

Dr. Ethan A. Walker, '43med, has opened his
office at Yukon, Oklahoma, for the practice of
general medicine and surgery.

Dr. Charles A. W. MacFarlane, associate professor of
physiology has resigned from the Medical School
faculty to accept a position with the Merck Phar-
caceutical Company, Rahway, New Jersey.

Dr. Dore R. Patterson, instructor in pharmacology
has resigned to accept a similar position with Mar-
quette University School of Medicine, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin.

Dr. Albert D. Foster, professor of anesthesiology,
and Dr. Jack Milowsky, assistant professor of
anesthesiology have resigned from the Medical
School faculty. Dr. Foster plans to enter private
practice.

Dr. Henry W. Hooper, instructor in histology
and embryology has resigned to return to the
faculty of Northeast High School, Oklahoma City.

Dr. H. Gray Carter, '43med, recently returned from
the armed forces and is connected with the Tulsa Clinic, 915 South Cincinnati, Tulsa.

Dr. Calmen P. Bishop, '37med, became direc-
tor, Muskogee County Health Department, on
September 1, 1946.

Dr. R. H. Gingles, '36med, Director, District 1,
Health Department, Talkeetna, was recently released from active duty with the Army
Medical Corps.

Dr. Lenor S. Goerke, '36med, was recently ap-
pointed as one of the few doctors to instruct in the
Office of the Surgeon General, the hospital and
the Central Burma campaign; the Army Commendation Ribbon with two oak leaf clusters; the Europe-Africa-Middle
East Theater Ribbon and the American Defense
Ribbon.

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Special Study Program Started

A special program of study in the basic sciences
was started at the School of Medicine July 22,
1946, for those members of the faculty who desire to
avail themselves of the opportunity to prepare for
examinations for certification by an American
Board. This course covers material in the fields of
anatomy, histology, bacteriology, parasitology,
physiology, pharmacology, biochemistry and path-
ology.
IMA Reorganizes

A few weeks before the commencement of the 1946-1947 school year, a very important election took place in the Engineering Auditorium. At this meeting three men were elected for the final appointment to the office of secretary for the independent men of O.U. campus.

On September 1, 1946, the new I.M.A. secretary took office and began a plan of organization and to carry on the ideals and achievements of the original group which first began the I.M.A. The other officers who took office at the same time were a vice-president, secretary, treasurer, social chairman, athletic chairman, scholaristic chairman, inter-campus alliance chairman, publicity chairman, and a special officer to help in providing a well-rounded social program for the men and women of O.U. who have been disabled in some way.

The purpose of the I.M.A. as originally outlined by the founders back in 1934 involved four main divisions. The first objective was to provide a means for representation of independent men in the intro-mural sports, the second was in the form of a well-balanced social program for independent men, and the fourth was to help independent men to become acquainted with alumni and faculty members of the University.

It is well to remember that our University was the first school to foster such a movement among independent men under the supervision of Dean Findlay. Now many schools throughout the country are strongly represented in the national society of independent men and women.

The first national convention for the nation’s Independent Men’s Association was held in the spring of 1938 here at Oklahoma University. We held the national charter for a few years after which it went to Purdue University. At present the national charter is held by Texas University, Austin, Texas.

The original I.M.A. program on O.U. campus called for seven districts but with the ever increasing student body the number of districts has been increased to 21 districts. Each district works independently of the main headquarters, and each councilman from the district is responsible for promoting the interests of all independent members.

The first I.M.A. social function was held on October 19 in the National Guard Armory in Norman. A very spirited election was held during the week for an I.M.A. Girl of the Year. Over 700 votes were cast during the election, and the night of the big I.M.A. Dad’s Day Dance a crown was placed on the fair hair of the first I.M.A. Girl of the Year, Miss Danny Miller. Other attractions of the dance was the all I.M.A. band which was newly organized and had gained wide prestige in less than a month’s time.

To take care of the many varied functions of the I.M.A. the following committees were organized to see that nothing was left undone. After a month of concerted efforts by the various officers, great strides had been taken to provide a program for the independent men.

Gene Shaw, social chairman, with a committee of five men has arranged the date bureau to take care of any independent men desiring companionship with other independent girls. Future social functions are already on the planning board. Some of these include steak roasts, swim fests, song fests, hay rides, dance lessons, and many other interesting features.

Dick Witten, athletic chairman, has taken over the reins in the intro-mural sports, and the districts have all entered various teams to participate in the many sports offered by the intro-mural department. A committee of five men aid Dick in seeing that each district goes on and on with the goal of victory at every game.

Marvin Hambrock, scholaristic chairman, who is in charge of promoting a program to induce independent members to strive for better grade averages; to help another in tutorial service, and to bring a better understanding between the student and his faculty members. Special awards are to be made for the highest grade averages during the semester.

Floyd Johnston, inter-campus chairman, heads one of the most important offices. With a committee of five, Floyd’s task is to strive for better understanding between the I.M.A. and other campus organizations. Their problems become the problems of the I.M.A., and with a generous supply of patience and co-operative assistance Floyd has begun a program of helping other groups on the campus as well as other schools.

Dick Ratliff, publicity chairman, has done a commendable job in the journalistic department of the I.M.A. When the organization is in need of first rate publicity in the city papers or the school paper, the I.M.A. calls to Dick to print the facts.

H. B. Frank, chairman of the special committee, has been busy giving of his time and effort, and is bringing the benefits of the I.M.A. to those who are handicapped in some way. His call goes out to all of those who wish to join the throng of I.M.A. members, especially to those who like H.B. have some physical handicap. It is said around the campus circles that H.B. carries with him the most pleasing and most friendly smile that anyone can find. Yes, even with a physical handicap of his own. But if you are ever feeling low sometime just find H.B., and you seem to pop right out of your self pity, because H.B. is glowing with understanding for your troubles.

Making plans for the return of the I.M.A. national charter to O.U. are the Sooner chapter’s prexy, Hugo Dallas (seated), Dover, Ohio, senior in business administration; Secretary Wayne Hubbard (left), Oklahoma City, junior in business administration; and Harold Shuter (right), Muskogee, senior in business administration. The national charter is now held by the I.M.A. at the University of Texas.
When a Life Member of the
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YOU ENJOY THESE ADVANTAGES...
as compared with annual membership

1. Membership dues and Sooner Magazine subscription paid up for life. No bother with annual renewals, or lapsing subscriptions because of failure to renew on time.

2. Eighty percent of all the money you pay on a Life Membership goes into a permanent trust fund, providing endowment income for an independent alumni program in behalf of your University.

3. If you have a reasonably good life expectancy, and want to keep up with what's happening at the University, and the news of your Sooner friends, you make an actual dollars and cents saving by taking a Life Membership instead of annual membership year after year.

4. A single Life Membership includes both husband and wife, if both are eligible for membership in the Alumni Association.

5. You identify yourself with a fine group of leading Sooner alumni who have put their life-long loyalty to the University in permanent and tangible form by becoming Life Members.

6. When an alumnus takes a Life Membership in the University of Oklahoma Association, it proves to the people of his community that he has faith in his University, and is vitally interested in its welfare. Active support of the University by alumni is absolutely necessary to secure support from the public in general.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEANS YOU ASSIST...

★ In promoting the interests of higher education in Oklahoma, to stimulate and develop public interest in culture and learning, and especially to develop such interests in the fields of higher education offered at the University of Oklahoma.

★ In disseminating information about the services of the University of Oklahoma, including both the educational program on the campus and the extension services throughout the state.

★ IN COUNSELING WITH THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION, THROUGH THE ALUMNI OFFICES, ABOUT OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION ON THE UNIVERSITY'S PROGRAM AND ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

★ In sponsoring meetings of University of Oklahoma alumni and former students in the interests of good fellowship and in order to promote the welfare of the University.

★ In directing the office of the Alumni Association in maintaining alumni records, and in collection of news items for the alumni publications, with particular attention to former students and graduates.

★ In interesting prospective donors of gifts or bequests in the special financial needs of the University for projects not likely to be financed by state appropriations.

★ In sponsoring other projects and programs in the interests of the University of Oklahoma and its alumni, consistent with the general principle, "In united effort there is strength!"

Initial payment for a Life Membership is only $15.00. Pay the balance at the rate of $5.00 quarterly until the total amount of $60.00 has been paid. Buy a share in O.U.!

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her uniform. Warren L. E. Hencel, Stuart, put on deposit his Red Cross brassard, a Nurse Corps insignia, at the American National Red Cross regional office in Oklahoma City, where he was named an assistant nurse. The School of pharmacy is now fully staffed for a larger space to house this museum.

POTTER NAMED COOK—On October 2 Curtis Potter, Enid, was named cook of the Drug Store Cowboys, pharmacy fun organization. This is the first time that a man has been named to this office.

BENVANG NAMED—Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy, has been named a member of the Committee on Activities for Alumni of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy by National President Henry S. Johnson of New Haven, Connecticut.

ASSOCIATION—The Oklahoma University Pharmaceutical Museum is currently holding its meetings in Business Ad Auditorium, having outgrown Room 310, Pharmacy Building.

Sooners Take Flu Precautions

An all out campaign for the prevention of an influenza epidemic in the University has been started by the Student Health Service. Dr. James O. Head, director of the service, announced recently.

The entire campus is centered around the new influenza vaccine which is being offered to all faculty members, students and their families. The new vaccine, which was made available to the public only last year after being developed by the Army, is administered in a single dose in the form of a shot.

A fee of 75 cents is charged for this service. This fee is merely to cover the expense of the vaccine and the extra trouble involved in the administering of the shots to several thousand students.

President Cross was to pose for a picture while taking an influenza shot, but the picture was not made. The reason: President Cross was home for the day because he had contracted a slight cold.

Miss Stella Sanders Elected Faculty Women's Club President

Miss Stella Sanders was elected president at a recent meeting of the Faculty Women's Club. Miss Virginia Morris was chosen vice president and Miss Marie Ann Warren, secretary-treasurer.

Plans for the year include an informal reception at the Faculty Club on November 22. The reception will honor faculty women who have recently joined the faculty and the women who have joined the University faculty since September, 1945.

Eight Students Get Doctorates

Eight doctor's degrees, the largest number ever conferred at any one commencement, were granted at the summer commencement of the University. President George L. Cross conferred doctor of philosophy degrees on five students of the department of plant physiology: Gladys Carmen Bellamy, Norman, and Clifton James Malone, Shawnee; and doctor of education degrees on Vernon Arnold Musselel, Norman; Edward Clevenger, Edmond; and Eleanor Vodges, Tonkawa; Emmett Ray Stapleton, Carnegie; Arkan-
sas; and John Louis Feirer, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

A class of 143 students, representing 62 cities in Oklahoma, and 12 other states, received degrees. These included 59 master's degrees.

Foreign Scholarships Offered

Students interested in studying abroad may compete for one of the 100 foreign scholarships being offered to American students by the International Association for Correspondence and Change.

A letter from the secretary general of this organization addressed to the University states that In-A.C.C. is sponsoring a competition for Student's Triennium with the purpose of promoting international relations, collaboration and friendship, according to the resolutions of the U.N. Central Assembly in Paris.

The Triennium provides for exchange of study and vacations among students of all nations, scholars, for study and vacations, for educational trips to different countries, and for summer and winter international rest and recovery centers for students dedicated to health and those unhealthy.

Application for the 1946-47 term are due November 30, 1946, and applications for the 1947-48 term must be in by January, 1947. Students failing to apply by the above dates can apply only for the year 1948-49.

Correspondence concerning the contest should be addressed to International Association for Correspondence and Change, Rome, Casella Postale 329, Italy.

Faculty Chess Club to Compete

The University Faculty Chess Club will play in the chess tournament sponsored by the Oklahoma City Chess Club, to be held December 28 and 29 in Oklahoma City. All state players will be invited. This is the first time a chess tournament has been held in Oklahoma on a statewide basis in the last seven years, Dr. Kester Svendsen, professor of English, said.

The tournament will have the approval of the United States Chess Federation. The entry fees and prizes have not been announced, but it is expected that provisions will be made for the best players to go to the national meet with expenses paid.

Already entries are assured, of from 10 to 15 players each from Norman, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and possibly from Stillwater.

Extension Division Gets 7 Films

Seven films have been received from the Veterans' Administration, Thurman J. White, director of audio-visual aids, announced. These films are designed to show the veteran some of the opportunities offered him and are available to veterans and veteran groups at a nominal cost.

The new reels are entitled: "Medical Service Second to None"; "Veteran's Report Number 1"; "Veteran's Report Number 2"; "Hang On!"; "Write Right!" and "Diary of a Sergeant."

Botanists to Present Papers

Four members of the department of plant sciences faculty will present papers at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meetings to be held December 26-31 in Boston.

Dr. Lawrence M. Reddough will give a paper to the Botanical Society of America.

Dr. Norman H. Bole will present a paper to a section of the Botanical Society of America.

Dr. George J. Goodwill will address the American Society of Plant Taxonomists.

Dr. Elwyn O. Hughes will give a paper to the Limnological Society of America and Systematic section of the Botanical Society of America.

Photo Projectors Club Started

A student projection operators' club is being organized by the University High School under the guidance of Dr. Garold D. Holstine, director of the University Library Schools. The club is designed to provide a high school student as approved operators for motion picture, still picture, opaque and slide projectors.

Dr. Holstine said emphasis will be placed on using newer audio-visual aids.