

Founder of Chicago Plan Celebrates Fifteenth Year as College President

Robert Hutchins Once Dubbed Boy President Now Holds Rank as Fourth in Seniority

Chicago, Ill. (IP)—Robert Maynard Hutchins recently started his fifteenth year as president of the University of Chicago. He was formally inaugurated as the fifth president of the university, when he was 31, on November 19, 1929.

Often referred to in 1929 and later as the "boy president," Mr. Hutchins today is fourth in seniority among the presidents of universities in America (those affiliated with the Association of American Universities). Only Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia, 42; Wallace Atwood of Clark, 23 years, and Robert A. Millikan of the California Institute of Technology, 22 years, outrank him in service.

Mr. Hutchins' incumbency has been marked by changes in the university initiated by him in furtherance of two of his ideas that have provoked considerable attention and at times controversy—first, that the basic purpose of a university is to teach people to think and provide an education; second, that the American system of education is susceptible to improvement, especially with regard to elimination of waste and of duplication, and also in the curriculum.

Chicago Plan

Among the changes by which Mr. Hutchins' incumbency has been marked was promulgation of the so-called Chicago plan of 1930. This plan was the reformation both administratively and educationally.

Administratively, the Chicago plan provided for five divisions, the college and the divisions of humanities, physical sciences, biological sciences and social sciences, under which all depart-

ments were grouped, but with the law, social service administration, divinity and library science schools established as separate entities. The school of medicine was made a part of the division of biological sciences, to emphasize research.

Educationally, the Chicago plan provided for "passing" students on the basis of comprehensive examinations, which they could take whether they had attended classes or not, for a greatly expanded system of student advisers, and for the giving of examinations, not by the instructors, but by a separate board of examiners. To obtain a bachelor degree, a student had to take a final comprehensive examination covering his last two years.

Basically, the plan was an effort to eliminate a kind of "lock step" from which the college world, in Mr. Hutchins' view, suffered, so as to place educational emphasis on intellectual accomplishment, not on grades. It undermined the grading system at Chicago.

An extension of the Chicago plan came last year (July, 1942) when the senate of the University approved the granting of the bachelor's degree for completion of a general education at the end of what conventionally was the college sophomore year. This relocation of the bachelor's degree followed the step taken in 1937, when there was established the four-year college plan that began with the junior year of university high school.

Now high school students generally may enter the University of Chicago after they have completed their high school sophomore year. If they enter after completing the high school sophomore year, they are first year students in the college. If they enter after being graduated from high school, they are third year students in the college.

300 at Chicago

This year, according to an announcement in October by Mr. Hutchins there were more than 300 students enrolled in the college who traditionally would still be in high school—an increase of more than 50 per cent over last year, showing, he said, that "the college program of the University of Chicago has met a widespread need," aside from its

Girl Friends Visit Boy Friends During Christmas Vacation

Several campus coeds will leave Reno during the Christmas recess to visit their boy friends in the service, it was learned this week.

At Flagstaff, Ariz., a Tri-Delt-Lambda Chi reunion will take place when Lavina Ramelli, Genevieve Siri and Blanche Capurro will arrive to visit marines Carl Digno, George Yori and Marshall Johnson. The three will be accompanied by Mrs. Johnson and Pat Johnson, former student and member of Delta Delta Delta. The group will travel by automobile.

Valerie Scheeline and Valerie Snell, also members of Delta Delta Delta, left Monday for West Point military academy where they will visit cadets Jack Dayton and Bruce Bowen.

Cadet Dayton attended the University of California last year and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, while Cadet Bowen attended Nevada and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

wartime significance.

Another change was the reorganization of the law school, with the development of a wholly new curriculum designed to give lawyers greater awareness of social and economic problems and also to expose them to the disciplines of philosophy. This was in line with Mr. Hutchins' oft-expressed view that it is a job of a university to train students to think, not to teach them "tricks of a trade." He would leave the latter to purely professional schools. The aim in the new law school is to produce, not merely lawyers, but "educated lawyers."

Three dramatic steps were taken by the university along the lines of Mr. Hutchins' views for eliminating waste and duplication in educational plants. One was the relinquishment of Rush Medical College. Another was the arrangement whereby the University of Chicago and the University of Texas exchange facilities and staffs in the fields of astronomy and astrophysics, which resulted when the University of Texas was given \$950,000 for an observatory, but had no staff to use it, whereas the University of Chicago has one of the best astronomy departments in the world but suffered from inadequate equipment. A third was the federation of four separate Protestant theological faculties that had been groups at the university.

Theological Faculty

Recently, Mr. Hutchins described the new federated theological faculty of the university as "the beginning of a great movement in education, the significance of which far transcends our own time," adding: "By minimizing sectarian differences and seeking those principles valid for all Protestants, the federation at one leap surmounts one of the greatest dangers of professionalism."

Mr. Hutchins' incumbency has seen his emergence as a foremost advocate of the principle that a liberal education should be based on first hand acquaintance with the great books of western civilization and upon emphasis on the intellectual disciplines implicit in metaphysics. However his beliefs have been incorporated in the curriculum at the University of Chicago only to a slight degree, the educational policies of the university being determined by the senate, composed of faculty members of the rank of professor, rather than by the president. Since 1930, Mr. Hutchins himself has been teaching courses in the great books at the university.

HARMS ON LEAVE

Bob Harms, former student, is home this week on a 12-day leave from his station with a navy V-12 unit at Dickinson, N. D. While on the campus, Harms played basketball and was affiliated with Sigma Nu.

This is a Coed Year.

Sorority Catting

ANONYMOUS—BUT FEMALE WITH CHRISTMAS ONLY TWO days away most of the so-called members of the civilized race turn to the nasty business of purchasing last-minute gifts for old friends. These late purchasers can be classified in only one group; namely those who give grudgingly because they have to do so. In all probability they have received an enormous package through the mail and belatedly decided to send one in return . . . not because they want to but because they feel it is the thing to do. To these people Anonymous says NUTS. You late shoppers no more have the Christmas spirit than milady's pet poodle.

GIFTS TO YOU MEAN SOMETHING that costs as much and no more than the gifts received. Most of you send a present and then beef like hell if you don't receive one in return. To most of you, Christmas has fallen into a farce. It is one big display of people trying to outdo each other. Christ had an entirely different attitude concerning such affairs and it wouldn't hurt any of us to look over the history of his life and teachings and regain some of the feeling which is supposed to accompany the act of giving.

TRUE, THIS SERMON DOES NOT apply to all of you, but to those of you whom the shoe fits put it on. There are some people who can't afford to keep up with the neighbors, but they are not lacking in the true spirit of Christmas even without the benefit of money. They give something much greater than a few dollars worth of junk that will soon be forgotten; they give their love to each other, a smile to everyone, and put their trust in God and their fellow men. They believe in the inherent good of everyone, are willing to share their all with the next fellow and by so doing give a gift far greater than any money can buy.

THIS WRITER DOES NOT BELIEVE that the former group is completely lost; they have just missed the true path in the whirl of modern times. So let's try to get back on the right path this Christmas and instead of trying to outspend your sorority sister's bank account give what you wish to give in the true Christmas spirit.

He: I suppose you dance?
She: Oh, yes, I love to.
He: Great, that's better than dancing.
She was only an electrician's daughter, but she had low resistance.

Joseph Brandt Back in Papers

Norman, Okla. (IP)—Joseph A. Brandt, who has resigned as president of the University of Oklahoma to become director of the University of Chicago Press, effective January 1, said he saw a "will of the wisp" future for himself under the Oklahoma system of financing higher education. Brandt declared drastic economy hastened his decision to return to publishing work.

In March, 1942, President Brandt at a general faculty meeting stated four broad objectives he had adopted for his administration: (1) to bridge the chasm between the university and the people of the state, (2) to bring about democratic participation in the university's administration, (3) to promote industrial development for better utilization of the state's natural resources to prevent economic ruin in the future and (4) to give university students the finest possible education.

Some of the innovations he brought to the University of Oklahoma to implement these objectives were: rotating department chairmanships; placing policy making powers in the hands of departmental faculties instead of chairmen; replacing the administrative council with a faculty senate composed of elected representatives from university divisions; establishing the research institute to promote industrial development of the state, and adopting the university college plan with its requirements of two years of general education for all students in order to improve the standards of work in freshman and sophomore years.



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SAMETH CITES MANY CHANGES IN WOMEN'S PE

Women's physical education classes have been carried on with a number of changes this year due to wartime conditions, Miss Elsa Sameth, director, said today.

Since access to the university gymnasium was impossible at any time, classes have been held at the Northside junior high school in the mornings, and at the Reno high school at 3:20 in the afternoons on Monday and Wednesday. Other afternoon classes were held at the bowling alley in Reno. Dorothy Reynolds and June Conser, senior dance minors, to aid in working out a course of study in dance, were given the opportunity to try their material on the seventh, eighth and ninth grade girls at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic school.

WAA sports were few due to the lack of a place to hold them and a poor turn out. However, 44 girls took riding for WAA credit at the Steele

ranch. Five girls turned out for bowling and tennis was popular.

Next semester a new bowling class will be offered at 11 o'clock supplementing those offered at noon and one. It is hoped that it will be possible to offer a class in roller skating.

During the spring semester no special WAA activities will be offered, but any class offered in physical education may be taken for either WAA credit or class credit—not both. This arrangement is to provide for those girls who wish to retain WAA membership, or gain it, Miss Sameth added.

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This will allow time for trips of 50 miles or less, and those who live within a day's travelling distance will be allowed to go home, though no furloughs will be granted.

On Friday night the trainees will be treated to a special Christmas dinner with the following menu: Texas grapefruit marshino, roast tom turkey, oyster dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, snowflake potatoes, fresh green peas, fresh crabmeat salad, hot rolls, fresh fruits, candy nuts, old fashioned fruit cake and coffee. Dinner will be served from 5 until 7 o'clock.

Townpeople have offered to take groups of not more than three trainees for dinner during the weekend and A. T. Brennan, head of the local USO, is making arrangements.

Plans Underway To Fully Equip New Building

Plans are being formulated for the complete equipping of the civil engineering building, Dean Stanley G. Palmer announced, though the project will not be finished before the end of the war.

Construction of the new building was completed about the time war was declared and shortages of essential materials made it impossible to finish the furnishing of the laboratories. Few materials were available at that time, and many important fixtures were restricted for use in war industry.

Though the university has priorities, it is not logical nor patriotic to press them at this time of depleted civilian attendance in colleges, and national need, Dean Palmer declared.

After the war a surplus of materials and equipment will be available as war industries come to a stop, and complete

Students Travel Home for Xmas

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lock; Mary Ancho and Marianne Wells to Battle Mountain; Pat Riley, Dace Ricketts and Gloria Rosachi to Yerington; Ellen Turnquist, Betty Waugh and Eileen Kerr to Ely; Jean Marie Proctor and Pauline Sirkegian to Kimberley; Mary Lou Hovenden to McGill; Alyce Devis, Frances Ullom, Donna Jo Hanley and Mary Ellen Schwartz to Las Vegas; Barbara Mills to Fallon, and Jane Perkins to Tonopah.

Bianche Parker to Goldfield; Esther Detweiler to Mill Canyon; Shirley Campbell, Fernley; Genevieve Case to Paradise Valley.

California Visitors

Some of the ATO residents will be going to California and among these are Jo Ann Miller, who will go to San Francisco; Kathleen Spear, Lafayette; Margaret Woodbury, Alhambra; Anita Hincelot, Mountain View, and Barbara Lee to Quincy.

Lambda Chi Alpha residents who will go away from Reno during the holidays are Eileen Sweeney, Boulder City; Wilda Pflum, Male and Myrl Nygren, Frances and Phyllis Baumann to Fallon; The Whipple sisters, Marjorie and Barbara, will travel to Boulder City; Jerry Streshley to Austin, and Muriel Westergard to Lovelock.

The following men will leave the campus also: John McFarland, Elko; James Calkins to Elko; Ted LaTona, Sacramento; Charles Sheehan, Fernley; Bob Jones, McGill; Bruce Larson and Bob Uhlig, Manhattan; Italo Gavazzi, Virginia City, and Vern Keller, Smith Valley.

Don Maestretti Home From Pacific

Pvt. Don Maestretti, former U. of N. engineer, visited the campus yesterday on his first furlough in the United States in two years.

Maestretti joined the marine corps on New Year's day, 1942, and has seen duty at Guadalcanal, New Guinea, the Hebrides, New Zealand and the Fijis.

He began officers' training at Redlands University, Redlands, Calif., after returning to the states a month ago.

and modern equipment may be obtained to finish the laboratories, the dean added.

However, plans will be completed and enlarged on at the present time so that instant action on the building may be obtained at the time of his armistice.

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the university, and awards were presented to those schools having the best annuals and papers.

"Queen Dorothy Casey Reigns Tomorrow" headlined the April 9 Sagebrush. The next day was Mackay Day with beards costumes, prizes, luncheon and dance in traditional style.

That week the contract with the army was signed and the cadets were legally stationed on the campus. Campus Players presented "Out of the Frying Pan" under the direction of Patsy Prescott, senior play production student. Summer session plans were completed and catalogues were sent out.

More ERC Leave

April 16 more reservists left for the service, and April 23 saw the year book sadly behind in schedule. The basketball tourney between cadet flights and civilian classes had narrowed down to the seniors, juniors and flight D.

With graduation approximately three weeks away plans for senior week began April 30 with Jim Kehoe as chairman. Prof. E. M. Hulme was chosen to deliver the annual commencement address. The annual spring plague took the campus by storm as cadets and students alike were being confined with the measles. Pacific Student Presidents' convention began its discussion. Eugene Mastroianni acted as presiding officer for the PSPA group.

May 7—Adey May Dunnell and Mary Watts were named business managers of the Sagebrush and Artemisia, respectively.

The final week of the spring semester drew to a close with the Sagebrush dedicating the May 14 issue to seniors and senior week. The week started with a social tea on Sunday and concluded with commencement exercises the following Monday.

Fall Semester

The fall semester began with a change—President Leon W. Hartman died on August 27, and the regents selected Charles H. Gorman as acting president. Gene Mastroianni had graduated leaving Dorothy Savage as acting student body president until elections could be arranged. The first Sunday football game in history was scheduled for Nevada's eleven to be played with Tonopaharmy air base team.

The next week a woman president was legalized by vote of the senate, and election of student body president was slated for September 30. The men's upperclass committee started the registration of all cars. The Lambda Chi and Alpha Tau Omega chapter houses became women's dormitories.

Four coeds were nominated for ASUN president by September 24—Helen Batjer, Katy Little, Ruth Mary Noble and Dorothy Savage. Women also were nominated for class managerships with the exception of freshmen, where men were predominant. Six fraternities began pledging.

Primary Election

Batjer and Noble won the primary election on October 1. That week the Wolf Pack had beaten the Reno army air base team, and were expected further wins.

Marilou Ferguson was selected as the sweetheart of Squadron C, with the duty of arranging social affairs between the air cadets and sorority girls.

The first final election for ASUN student body president was declared void by the senate because of mismanagement on October 8, and a new election was ordered. Air corps squadrons chose two more sweethearts, and the football team, much depleted through loss of men to the services, was to face a strong Utah team.

Batjer won

Batjer won the election in the final returns, and Bev Waller and Genevieve Siri won the places of frosh and soph class managers, respectively. The "Wolf Pack" received the new name of the "Flying Wolves," when it combined with the Reno army air base team to gain strength to finish the season.

The 24th Homecoming was celebrated in the best style possible under wartime restrictions. Jack Good was head of the committee, and four special events were scheduled—an assembly, sorority open house, Homecoming dance and a football game.

Lucille Benson, dean of women, died Thursday night after a long illness, and Mrs. Alice B. Marsh was chosen to take her place. Freshmen were to paint the N on October 22.

Four squadron sweethearts had been chosen up to this time, including a mystery sweetheart for squadron D. They still don't know who she was.

ROTC Returns

Twelve ROTC students, Rodney Boudwin, James Collins, Robert Crowell, Floyd Edsall, John Hattala, Robert Hoyer, Alex Lemberes, Addison Millard, Robert Preece, Stanford Reese, Neal Stewart and Mike Zoradi, returned to the campus under the ASTP October 29.

Nine coeds were selected for membership in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Total frat pledges came to 34.

Dean Thompson celebrated his 35th year at the university on November 5. Seven student helpers were appointed to aid the war chest committee in cooperation with downtown executives, and the Independents initiated a wrap-up service for air cadets and for engineers under the ASTP stationed on the campus.

November 12—Bette Poe and Mary Watts, editor and business manager of the Artemisia said the 1944 edition would be only half the size of last year's book. A compulsory tea was scheduled by the women's war board

to obtain full cooperation of campus women.

Plans for a military ball were announced November 19 by Alex Lemberes, captain of Scabbard and Blade. The affair will be formal and an honorary major will be chosen. Coeds were scheduled to help with the Reno community and war chest cleanup. Men's upperclass committee declared dinks for frosh mandatory.

War Chest Drive

Helene Batjer announced November 26 that the U. of N. contributions to the Reno community and war chest drive totalled \$2049. Red Cross committee volunteers were to begin war work following Thanksgiving recess. University officers estimated approximately 3000 former students now serving in the armed forces.

December 3—Juniors began plans for the prom. Leonore Hill, Gamma Phi, was selected as chairman. Athletic board debated the question of a frosh basketball team. No coach nor gym could be assured the proposed team. Three frosh women were nominated to fill the position vacated by resignation of class manager, Bev Waller.

"Winter Time" was announced December 10 as the theme of the junior prom. Three social groups began plans for Christmas dances. Berry and Masini won primary elections. Campus coeds outlined date bureau plan.

At \$1.10 per couple the junior prom plans were completed December 17, decorations, music, honored guests and all.

Shortage of help was reported as curtailing the Artemisia. Lack of working staff slowed Sagebrush ads. Hallie Berry, Sigma Nu, won the freshman class managership from Tosca Masini, Tri-Delt. Stan Reese announced the position of honorary major was open to all coeds instead of only the junior class as in previous years.

So ends a year with the 'Brush.

VAN METER VISITS HERE

William Van Meter, staff sergeant in the army, is at his home in Sparks on furlough. He is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

While on the campus, Van Meter was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

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