

# Enrollment On Rise Again

THE Fall Term, opening at the University November 2, saw an increase of close to 10 percent in civilian enrollment over the fall enrollment for 1943, with a total registration of 6,568 as of November 6. This is the first time in the past five years that an enrollment increase among civilians has been shown over the previous year. The all-time peak was reached in 1939-40 when nearly 13,000 students enrolled. Attendance in recent years has steadily dropped as pressure of the war has increased, until the opening of the present term.

One of the direct causes of this increase has been a sharp rise in the enrollment of women students. The largest number of women in the history of the University is now registered and the total includes 1,229 Freshmen girls. It is interesting to note that the women comprise over half the total enrollment, with 4,554 in residence as compared with 2,024 civilian men. This marks an increase of 568 women since last fall, with 21 more men.

On the other hand, while there was a sharp rise in civilian enrollment, the number of servicemen stationed on the campus has dropped to 2,575. This figure, reached on November 6 and which includes 1,150 Army trainees and 1,425 Navy trainees, is far below the record high of 3,800 servicemen stationed here a year ago. This drop may be attributed both to the drastic reduction in ASTP affected last April and to the curtailment of V-12 assignments, which, according to a recent announcement, will be closed to new entrants March 1, 1945. In addition to these reductions, the Army has announced that all dental training students on the Campus will be discharged at the end of the current term.

Returning veterans under honorable discharge are bringing the war much closer to the Campus this year. Three hundred twenty-nine are now enrolled and of this number 29 are vocational rehabilitation cases under Public Law 16, which implies serious disability, and the others are beneficiaries of the "G.I. Bill of Rights."

Servicemen eligible for vocational rehabilitation aid must have a disability incurred while in active service and be receiving a pension. The Veteran's Administration Office in Dearborn, Michigan, has the final word for the state

on which men are to be classified under this Law, and those chosen are sent to school for four years. Aid under this Law takes the form of tuition, books, laboratory fees, and a subsistence allowance consisting of \$92 per month for single men, and \$103 per month for married men, or men with dependent relatives, all of which is paid by the federal government.

Ex-service men eligible under the "G.I. Bill of Rights" who have seen 90 days active service or have a service-incurred disability receive the same federal aid with \$50 per month subsistence allowance. They are sent to school for one year, plus their term of service, if they are under 26 years of age. Those veterans over 26 years, however, are sent to school for a one year's refresher course, but if they wish to continue, they must prove their education was interrupted by their service in the armed forces.

An emergency subsistence loan of \$1,200 recently was granted the University by the State Office of Veterans' Affairs which will be used as short-term loans for the veterans during the period they are waiting for their federal payments to begin. This has been necessary as the G.I. Bill payments are not made until the veteran has been in school a month.

As only \$50 per month is allowed for unmarried men, and \$75 for married men or men with dependent relatives, Clark Tibbitts, Director of the Veterans' Service Bureau at the University, remarked recently that they cannot possibly live on that amount as living expenses in Ann Arbor are so high. He further explained that some of the veterans will not take advantage of the loans as they prefer to work, but, as he pointed out, these men have been out of school for so long that they will have a hard enough time readjusting themselves to studying without being forced to work. "If the veterans have to take short hour programs because they have to work, it will defeat the purposes of the G.I. Bill," Mr. Tibbitts said. He also pointed out that the average apartment rental in Ann Arbor is \$50 a month and there is a desperate need for low-priced apartments for married veterans if they are going to be able to take advantage of the G.I. Bill.

In addition to the men enrolled

under these two federal programs, there are a few veterans registered under the State Rehabilitation Program. In these cases the State of Michigan furnishes aid in the form of tuition, books, and in some cases room and board. The men enrolled under this plan are those who are not eligible under either the G.I. Bill or Public Law 16, or those who are waiting for their G.I. applications to be processed.

Of the 329 veterans enrolled for the new fall term, three are women, with two from the Marines and one from the Navy. These women are at the University under the G.I. Bill. Two of the girls are graduates and one is an undergraduate.

All theatres of the war except the Northern European Campaign are represented in this group of returning servicemen. The most recent ones are from the Italian theatre and include men who have seen service in Sicily, Africa, and Italy. In addition there are two men from Iran. Veterans of most of the Pacific campaigns are also well-represented. These men are for the most part upperclassmen and transfer students, but there is a representative body of Freshmen.

It is heartening to University officials to realize that the veterans of this war are being remembered with a badly-needed helping hand from the Government. It is evident too, particularly among the freshman group, that many of them never expected to continue their educations beyond high school, as the preponderance of industrial courses on their applications indicates.

There has also been a sharp rise in the number of Latin-American students enrolled for the Fall Term, and the University continues to have more Latin-American students than any other school in the country. Over 150 are now in residence at the University, which marks a decided upward trend, and this is due to several reasons. First, many Latin-Americans are coming to the University as a direct result of the Good Neighbor Policy; and secondly, many who used to go to European universities are coming to the United States as there is no other place to go. In addition, the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, the Institute of International Education and the State Department have all encouraged the education of Latin-Americans in this country through scholarships in pursuance of the Good Neighbor Policy.

It is further believed that one of the main reasons Michigan has such a large enrollment of these students is the fact that it was the first university to have a counselor to foreign students, and is one of the very few universities which sponsors and pays for a Counselor to Foreign Students, a large staff, and an International Center. Another reason for the influx of South Americans at Michigan is the specialized programs which are offered. A few of these are the W. K. Kellogg Foundation's Fellowships in Public Health; the Legal Research Fellowships in Inter-American Law under Professor Hessel E. Yntema, A.M.'13, Ph.D.'19, of the Law School; and the Wood Technology fellowships in the School of Forestry and Conservation under Dean Samuel T. Dana, and Professor William Kynoch. There are also many students attending the College of Engineering, but they are largely paying their own way.

As is to be expected, this influx of students has resulted in a housing shortage. This has been particularly true as a result of the further increase in the number of women students which has caused an unprecedented demand for women's housing facilities. Although the situation was partially relieved by taking over eleven more men's fraternity houses and eight more league houses, the University has also relaxed its requirements in so far as allowing women to live in approved private homes with parental consent. Since two of the eleven fraternity houses were not vacated by the men in time to be redecorated and cleaned, 48 girls were housed in the main lounge rooms of the Women's Athletic Building during Orientation Week, until the houses were ready. These houses are all operated under the regulations and practices which govern University-controlled residence halls, with a Director in charge in each instance.

Men students are being housed in a section of the West Quadrangle this fall for the first time since this group of buildings was closed to civilians in July, 1943, by the Naval V-12 program. Freshmen students are now living in Wenley and Allen-Rumsey Houses in the Quadrangle. Fletcher Hall has also been relinquished by Army Headquarters and is housing approximately 55 civilian students. Of the six fraternities used as men's dormitories last spring, only one, the Psi Upsilon house, has been retained for this purpose this fall.

## For Gallantry



CAPTAIN HARVEY

**Captain Walter Lewis Harvey, '39-'42**

*Distinguished Flying Cross  
Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters*

*Presidential Unit Citation*

**Lieutenant John P. Downing, '42e**  
*Purple Heart*

Wounded in the leg by shell fragment while serving in the European area.

**Lieutenant William Stegath, '42**  
*Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters*

**Staff Sergeant Teddy G. Kirkpatrick, arch'42-'43**

*Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal*

"For achievement while serving as waist gunner of a B-17 Flying Fortress during combat bombing missions over Nazi Europe."

**Captain James F. Bourquin, '43e**  
*Bronze Star*

"For heroic and meritorious service in action."

**Private, first class, John M. Rosso, e'42-'43**

*Expert Infantryman's Badge*

**Captain James Gordy, '41-'42**  
*Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters*

**Staff Sergeant Ralston Hayden, e'42-'43**

*Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster*

**Brigadier General Frederick S. Strong, Jr., '05-'06**

*Distinguished Service Medal*

Cited for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services in the 1941 War Department program.

**Lieutenant Colonel Norman Appold, '40e, M.S.'41**

*Distinguished Flying Cross*

*Air Medal and seven Oak Leaf Clusters  
Silver Star*

For outstanding aerial combat.

*Distinguished Service Cross*

For magnificent heroism in action.

*Presidential Unit Citation*

## Regents Accept \$61,422.18 In Gifts

**G**IFTS totaling \$61,422.18 were accepted by the Board of Regents at the meeting held October 14, with the W. K. Kellogg Foundation furnishing money for two different purposes. The Foundation's one gift was a grant of \$27,500 for the Post Graduate Dentistry Institute, while the other was a sum of \$1,200 to provide eighty scholarships of \$15 each for nurses attending the inservice training course for public health nurses.

Another generous gift came from the estate of the late Andrew B. Biddle, A.M.(Hon.)'35, and this was a total of \$6,618.26 to be used for postgraduate work in medicine. The Rockefeller Foundation gave \$8,000 for the proposed study of emergency maternity and infancy care, while \$10,000 and part of Dean Cooley's library was received from the estate of the late Dean Mortimer E. Cooley, Mech. E.(Hon.)'85, Eng.D.(Hon.)'25, in order to establish the Albert Blake

and Achsah Griswold Cooley Fund.

William B. Thom, '15, of New York City, gave \$5,538.94 for the Dr. Henry Earl Riggs Fellowship Fund, and an anonymous donor gave \$200 to cover the Henry M. Bates award for the year 1944-45.

The Mallinckrodt Chemical Works of St. Louis, Missouri, gave \$2,100 to establish a fellowship in surgery in the field of urology, while Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, Jr., of Kenilworth, Illinois, donated a sum for research in infantile paralysis.

The Grand Rapids chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants donated \$120 for a scholarship to be granted for the year 1945-46 to a woman graduate of Grand Rapids Junior College in the Class of 1945 who has majored in accounting.

Dr. Lawrence Reynolds of Detroit gave \$100 for the purchase of seven rare Confederate items to be added to the collection in the Clements library, while the Sarah Caswell Angell