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ARTS GRANTED

REGENTS AWARDS A.B., M.A., M.S. AND Ph.D.

NEWS RECEIVED LATE FRIDAY

HOLIDAY DECLARED

State University--Long Island Center, is now authorized to grant Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees it was learned today from President Lee. The Bachelor's degree becomes effective September 1, 1961; the other degrees will take effect as soon as the Long Island Center develops graduate programs to support them.

It is not yet certain that the Bachelor of Arts can be granted to non-science majors now in their senior year. President Lee stated that special arrangements are now being negotiated so that students expecting an A.B. degree in June may receive their diplomas at the regular commencement exercises.

It has also been announced that March 24 will henceforth be known as University Day and will be a legal school holiday. This year University Day will be commemorated on Thursday, March 30th, thus beginning the Spring Recess one day earlier than had been planned.

The official statement released by the State Department of Education on Friday afternoon follows:

"At its regular monthly meeting today, the Board of Regents approved a recommendation that State University of New York--Long Island Center, be authorized to grant the degree of Bachelor of Arts effective September 1, 1961.

"The Board also approved the recommendation that State University of New York--Long Island Center, be authorized to grant the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy, with the under-

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News of the Regents action was telephoned to State University President Thomas Hamilton by the Commissioner of Education James J. Allen immediately after the meeting of the Board of Regents Friday. President Hamilton phoned President Lee who at the time was attending a meeting at the Three Village Inn in Stony Brook. The Statesman received the news from Dean Austill at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and plans were immediately made to publish this special issue.

In anticipation of affirmative action by the Board of Regents the Humanities Division and the Social Science Division have for some months been preparing special programs in the liberal arts, the Statesman learned today. Details of these programs will be made public shortly and will appear in the new University catalogue which will be published this spring.

Plans for graduate programs in the arts, sciences, and engineering will be included in the very near future, President Hamilton said. A substantial increase in the size of the faculty is expected immediately. Facilities on the Stony Brook campus also will be expanded.

Fifty students presently enrolled have transferred out of science, mathematics, and engineering, and have been taking courses in Humanities and Social Science in the hope that the A.B. degree would be forthcoming. Students were told last spring they could not be assured of an A.B. degree from this

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HISTORIC OCCASION, SAYS PRESIDENT LEE

"This is an historic occasion for higher education in the United States and one of the profound accomplishments of the State of New York." said President Lee. "New York has now joined its 49 sister states in the establishment of a true university deriving its support from the people. The people of New York have long recognized the true measure of excellence in secondary and elementary education and will insist that the Long Island Center assume its proper place among the great universities of the world. The challenge to greatness will be met with full vigor by the administration and faculty of Long Island Center."

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standing that this power will not be exercised until, in the judgment of the State Education Department, the faculty and facilities meet the criteria that are applied to institutions offering those degrees in the State of New York."

Upon hearing the Regents announcement Dean Leonard K. Olsen made the following statement: "Since early 1957 members of the faculty and staff have worked here to establish a university. I join with them and with our students in celebrating the founding of a great university."

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENTS WILL BE AMONG 250 ENTERING FRESHMEN

For the first time since September, 1957 all freshman students will not be majors in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology or engineering. Because of the action of the Board of Regents today it is certain the University this fall will be matriculating with intended majors in Humanities or Social Science.

Dean Austill indicated that in addition to admitting students who are candidates for the A.B. degree the University would also increase the size of the freshman class. In the fall of 1960, one hundred and ninety-four matriculated. In 1961 it is likely that 250 students will matriculate.

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institution. All but four members of the class of 1961 elected to continue their studies at Oyster Bay.

UNIVERSITY RINGS ON DISPLAY

The samples of the Long Island Center rings have arrived and are presently on display in the glass case in the main foyer of Coe Hall.

REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 29TH

Registration forms for the Polity Elections are now available at Miss McMahon's desk. Only students who register will be able to vote on April 27th.

March 29th is the last day that the forms may be obtained.

CALENDAR

March 30th - University Day, Spring Recess commences.

April 8th - Crew Meet with Drexel at Oyster Bay.

Open House for entering freshmen.

April 10th - Classes resume

8:15 p.m. Film and lecture sponsored by the Division of Biological Sciences in the Great Hall.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Editor of The Statesman would like to thank Dean Austill, Miss McMahon, and Mr. McDonald for their help in putting out this special edition of the paper. Their help was invaluable.
