

# Serving All Oklahomans

The University of Oklahoma recognizes its responsibilities to all the people of the State, as well as to the nearly seven thousand students resident on the campus during the winter terms. Classroom teaching, and research for the advancement of knowledge are carried on in Norman on a large scale. But at the same time, the University is serving multiplied thousands of persons in every part of the State. Some of the services rendered to the state-wide campus are outlined below.

## University Press Books

New York newspapers probably have devoted more space to reviews of books from the University of Oklahoma Press than to any other news from Oklahoma, year in and year out. Ranking with the best university presses in the nation, the O.U. publishing division has performed noteworthy service in publishing books about southwestern history and other scholarly subjects.

## Correspondence Study

During the last year, 256 college courses, covering virtually every field of university work, and 100 high school courses, were available through the University Extension Division. This diffuses educational facilities of the University to persons throughout the State who wish to continue their education by studying at home, in order to get special training or to enjoy additional learning and culture.

## Extension Classes

In order to meet the demand by teachers in the schools of the state for in-service training, extension classes in graduate education have been organized by the Extension Division in various centers of the State. These classes allow teachers to do work toward master's degrees while engaged in regular teaching work. The classes are taught by members of the University faculty.

## Public Information Service

The Public Information Department of the Extension Division furnishes package library material, dramatic literature and general informational research service to teachers, students, business and professional men and women, clubs and organizations, and individuals throughout Oklahoma. Material is supplied without cost except for postage. Last year the department furnished 29,864 different packages of material in response to requests.

## Forensic Leagues

The High School Public Speaking League and the Junior College Forensic Association of Oklahoma, which sponsor statewide speech competitions, are sponsored by the University Extension Division. Last year 153 schools in Oklahoma took part in these speech activities, and it was estimated that nearly 2,000 students participated in some supervised speech activity and attended in most cases at least one of the twenty-five tournaments held throughout the State.

## WNAD Radio Programs

WNAD, the University broadcasting station, is the only non-commercial radio station in Oklahoma and ranks among the leading stations of its kind in the nation. Last year WNAD broadcast from its studios in the Union Tower 870 hours of educational, cultural and entertainment programs, intended especially for adults of the State interested in radio as an educational aid and for elementary and secondary schools interested in radio as a part of their educational curriculum.

## Short Courses

The University offers to citizens of Oklahoma and to visitors from throughout the nation special instruction in the form of short courses—lectures and discussions on various professional subjects. Last year the Short Courses and Conferences conducted by the University served 28,802 persons. This work is growing rapidly and each year serves an increasing number of citizens.

## Lecture and Entertainment Bureau

The University's Lecture and Entertainment Bureau arranges bookings of faculty and student talent for programs anywhere in the State. These include lectures, musical solos, dramatic productions and concerts by University instrumental or vocal musical organizations. Its purpose is to assist individuals and communities in obtaining University talent for their organizations' programs. Last year, faculty and students fulfilled 1,440 engagements, appearing in every county in Oklahoma.

## Visual Education

The visual education department of the Extension Division provides public schools and colleges of the State an educational service through the distribution of pictorial teaching materials, such as motion pictures, glass slides, film slides, and exhibit materials. This service is available not only to public schools but also to any non-theatrical group interested in educational or cultural betterment. A minimum charge is assessed, covering only the costs of maintenance and mailing.

## Museum Service

The Extension Division of the University is cooperating with the Works Progress Administration in developing a state museum service designed to diffuse knowledge of Oklahoma's past among the high school students and adults of Oklahoma. The project was organized to train workers and to assist in establishing museums in every community in the State to preserve the artistic, scientific and historical resources of Oklahoma. Eleven museum units were established in the first three months of the service.

# The University of Oklahoma

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