



Proposed Education Building

Budgeting for Greater Service

A University of Oklahoma budget request designed to enable the University to perform its functions more efficiently and to serve the state more extensively will be presented to the Eighteenth Legislature which convenes this month.

The basic functions of the University have been described by President W. B. Bizzell as:

1. Resident instruction.
2. Research, which develops new knowledge and stimulates progress.
3. Extension services, which carry the teaching and service functions of the University to the entire state.
4. Printing and publishing, which take education to the general public through the medium of the printed word.

Provisions for improving and extending these basic functions are included in the budget request, which will amount to approximately \$1,800,000 for maintenance and salaries for each year of the 1941-43 biennium. This total is somewhat larger than the amount being spent this year, but is substantially less than the amount requested from the Seventeenth Legislature.

In addition to the salary and maintenance budget, the University will request funds for increasing the physical plant. Only one building (Business Administration) has been erected on the campus with state funds in the last twelve years.

The University has listed as chief needs in its building program: a new Engineering building to be devoted largely to mineral industries; an Education Building, which has been strongly recommended by Oklahoma school administrators; an extension on the Pharmacy Building, to be

used for physics and chemistry classes and laboratories; an extension on the Geology Building to provide additional classroom and museum space for this badly overcrowded department; an additional unit for the Press Building to relieve serious congestion there; a greenhouse for use of biological science departments; and completion of the Fieldhouse.

Tentative plans have been made to request funds which the University could use as sponsor's share for erection of two \$100,000 armory units as WPA projects. Federal funds are available for armory projects if the sponsor will contribute approximately one-third of the cost. The University would like to build one additional unit in each year of the biennium. The present armory is quite inadequate for military science needs at the University, and the training program is expected to grow rapidly.

The University also is seriously in need of cheap housing accommodations for about three hundred students who are unable to afford the cost of living in private rooming houses in Norman, according to President Bizzell. The University already has provided inexpensive accommodations for boys in the west wing of the Stadium, where room and board are given for \$14 a month to a list of about sixty-five men. Rochdale Hall for girls was opened this fall on a co-operative basis, but is large enough to accommodate only about one-third of the women students who reported their financial resources too small to permit them to pay regular rates at a private house.

The University hopes to provide additional housing facilities for students un-

able to afford regular accommodations by securing the erection of NYA dormitories. Under this plan the NYA would supply all labor, including the fabrication of window and door units and most of the furniture, the University providing only the raw materials used.

The budget request includes an item for building an additional unit on the Press Building, which now consists of two connected units. This building houses the publishing and printing divisions of the University Press, the School of Journalism and the offices of the student publications. The congestion in this building is so serious that the University has had to rent storage space for most of the Press's books and paper stock downtown in Norman, and the mechanical equipment of the press is so crowded as to impair the efficiency of the plant.

The University Press has brought national distinction to the University since its establishment in 1928 and President Bizzell has considered education through the printed word to be one of the basic functions of higher education. Establishment of the University Press was one of his first major additions to the University program after he became president in 1925.

The School of Journalism has all its offices and classrooms in the Press Building and is badly cramped for space.

A small greenhouse has been requested for the biological science department to use as a laboratory. The general University greenhouse is not properly equipped for this purpose, and also does not have the space to spare for work of this kind. The University is now in the peculiar position of having a faculty member (Dr. J. O. Eigsti) who is probably the best known authority in the world on the use of colchicine to develop entirely new varieties of plant life, and yet the University has no suitable greenhouse laboratory in which Dr. Eigsti might conduct his important experiments.

The new Education Building is sought to provide better facilities for training teachers, principals, supervisors and superintendents, who in turn provide leadership in the system of public education in Oklahoma. During the first semester of the present school year 110 classes were scheduled for the faculty of the College of Education, all of which had to meet in buildings other than the present Education Building, because of the fact that the present building has barely enough room for the training school and small offices for faculty members.

During the University's summer sessions, approximately seventy per cent of the students are teachers or potential teachers enrolled in the College of Education. From 1925 to 1939 inclusive, thirty-seven per cent of the master's degrees conferred by the University and forty-three per cent

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of the doctorate degrees were from the College of Education. Oklahoma school administrators on several occasions have strongly urged the erection of a suitable education building at the University to increase the effectiveness of the University's leadership in this field.

An additional building for engineering work has been at the top of the building program for many years. The present Engineering Building was erected in 1924 and enrollment in the College of Engineering has increased since that time from 485 to 1,700. A new building to be devoted to mineral industries and other engineering needs is included in the budget request for 1941-43. The College of Engineering needs additional classroom facilities, additional laboratories for instruction and for graduate research, specialized semi-industrial pilot laboratories which would be of great assistance to prospective new industries in Oklahoma, more library space, more offices for faculty members, additional auditorium space, conference rooms, drafting rooms, and shops. An extension for the present Geology Building is seriously needed to provide additional classrooms for geology—now being held in buildings scattered all over the campus—and also to provide space for the geology department's valuable and extensive collections of paleontological and geological materials from all over Oklahoma.

The University School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, is asking for two building projects, one a \$125,000 detention building for the Crippled Children's Hospital, and the other a new nurses' home.

The last Legislature appropriated \$68,000 to be used by the School of Medicine as sponsor's share of the cost of erecting a nurses' home as a federal PWA project. However, by the time the appropriation was available, it was no longer possible to get PWA assistance. The Legislature will therefore be asked to re-enact this appropriation and increase it enough to erect the building as a state project. The old nurses' home is to be used as an out-patient department for University Hospital.

The budget request includes a \$10,000 item for building new antenna and other mechanical improvements for WNAD, the University's broadcasting station. It was necessary for the University to agree to make these improvements in order to be assigned a new wave length in the general reallocation of wave lengths being made this spring by the Federal Communications Commission. The University has applied for the 640-kilocycle channel and has agreed to make the required improvements if this channel is assigned

as expected. Under the new arrangement WNAD will have a continuous all-day broadcasting schedule which will greatly increase its effectiveness, and its broadcasting coverage will be increased to reach most of Oklahoma.

WNAD was one of the first educational broadcasting stations established west of the Mississippi and ranks high nationally in the standards maintained in its program.

The items mentioned are highlights of the budget request. There are many other individual points of great importance to the general efficiency of the University. The increase sought in the salary appropriation, in order to bring faculty salaries back on schedule in accordance with rank, and in order to add additional faculty members to relieve the critically heavy teaching load, is a matter of highest importance.

One thing is certain. Every item in the budget was put in because the University administration and the members of the Board of Regents are convinced that the funds are needed to enable the University to perform its basic functions satisfactorily.

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Bulldog Breeder

Kingsdale Kennels, owned by Fred King, 723, Duncan, Oklahoma, can boast of some of the best show bulldogs of the country. One of them was judged best bulldog and best non-sporting dog at the fall all-breeds show of the Oklahoma City Kennel Club. His full title on Mr. King's kennel records is "English and American Champion Duranside Roddie."

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