

Extension Division "Goes North"

The University's Extension Division is now operating from new quarters located at the North Campus, which have been acquired by the University from the Navy on a revocable permit basis. Valued at seven million dollars, the station makes a tremendous addition to the University's physical plant.

Offices for Correspondence Studies and Oklahoma Family Life Institute are on the first floor of the building, while offices for the Director of the Division, Department of Visual Education, Short Courses and Conferences, Public Information Department, Extension Classes, State Speech League, and Lecture and Entertainment Service, are on the second floor.

Some of the buildings at the station have been converted into residential units to house student families. Others will be used as classrooms, laboratories, and University offices. These facilities will help to accommodate the enrollment of 10,000 to 11,000 students.

The Navy hangars, runways, and other facilities for the service and maintenance of aircraft are being operated for the convenience of both local and transient planes. These are now a part of, and enlarge very greatly, the facilities of Max Westheimer Flying Field, a gift to the University from the Max Westheimer Estate.

O. U. Short Courses Listed

The Director of Short Courses and Conferences furnishes the following list of proposed conferences and short courses for the school year 1946-47:

Industrial Electronics Short Course, Camping Institute, Industrial Recreation, Physical Education Activities for Handicapped Child, Golf and Tennis Clinic, Institute of Local Government, Short Course for Commercial Florists, Curriculum in Flower Judging (two courses), Professional Writing Short Course.

Psychology of Handicapped Children, School Administrators, Audio-Visual Aids, Guidance Conference, Education of Exceptional Children, Improvement of Teaching, Speech Activities Conference, Annual Radio Conference.

Institute in Education by Radio, Crime Prevention, Institute of Legal Review, Commercial Education Conference, News Photography Short Course, Public Relations Institute, All State High School Orchestra, Association for Childhood Education, Band Orchestra and Choral Workshop, Town and Country Sports Clinic.

Dates for these have not yet been announced.

In-Service Classes Organized

Dr. F. A. Balyeat, Extension Division Director of Adult Education, has announced the locations and instructors for In-Service Classes for the first semester of the school year 1946-47. They will be as follows: Seminole, Dean Arnold E. Joyal; Lawton, Ellsworth Collings; Henryetta, William B. Ragan; Muskogee and McIntosh County, S. E. Torsten Lund; Ponca City, M. Fred Tidwell; Oklahoma City, Leo F. Cain, F. F. Gaither and Garold Holstine; Atoka and Durant, F. A. Balyeat.

Classes to be held at most of these centers will be organized, and class work began the second week in September. These will be teacher training courses. It has not been definitely decided in every case what the courses to be offered will be. All of the classes will meet once a week for the semester.

Bragg Named O. U. Photo Head

The Extension Division has announced the appointment of James H. Bragg, '36ma, as director of the University Photographic Service.

Mr. Bragg served in the Navy over three years during the war, for the most part in the Southwest Pacific. At the time of his release from the service, he held the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.



New headquarters for the University Extension Division is a former Navy enlisted men's recreation hall located on the North Campus.

Prior to his entry into the service, he was associated with Foto-Art, Oklahoma City, and since his release has been employed by Litho Negative and Supply Co., also of Oklahoma City.

The office, studio, and dark rooms of the Photographic service are located at Park Row, immediately west of the Administration Building.

Drama in the Pool Parlor

Reconversion at the North Campus has brought about some peculiar situations for many departments moved out there. For instance, did you ever attend classes in a pool room, see a play in a bowling Alley or go into a University department office located in a barbershop?

If not, try scheduling a few classes in the drama department next semester. The housing shortage may cause unprecedented use of forms of shelter for families but the University really did something when it moved the drama department to the North Campus.

Occupying the southeast wing of the recreation hall, the department has utilized the available room space in a most unusual manner.

Rupel J. Jones, director of the School of Drama, has an office located in a room formerly used as a barber shop. Just across the hall where the Navy had a tailor shop the department has neatly installed the costume room.

The beauty parlor equipped with one of the barber chairs from the barbershop makes a nice make-up and class room. Next door the pool room, with a partition across the center, forms two class rooms.

The bowling alley is being remodelled to make a theater. Although work is proceeding slowly due to the shortage of labor, the theater when completed will have a seating capacity of 250 compared to the seating capacity of the old studio theater of only 100. Other features of the new theater are two well equipped dressing rooms backstage and acoustics such that a whisper on the stage may be heard at the far end of the auditorium.

A new arrangement for the switchboard controlling the stage lights places the switchboard at the end of the room facing the stage. A slot enables the operator to view the stage from the front thus allowing faster and more efficient handling of the stage lighting.

This theater will be used for one-act plays, experimental plays and some full length productions. However, all major productions will be produced in Holmberg Hall as formerly.

The first show to be produced in Holmberg Hall this season is "Kiss and Tell." It is scheduled to run October 31, November 1 and 2.

Garner C. Collums, new director of housing at the University, served as business manager of the Oklahoma College for Women before entering the service in 1942.

Commercial Air Operators at O.U.

The University Board of Regents approved, in a special meeting called specifically on the matter of airport problems recently, the leasing of the north and south hangars at the Max Westheimer Flying Field to commercial airport operators, according to a statement issued recently by President Cross.

Contracts were signed for one year with an option at the end of this period to be held by the commercial operators.

All of the north hangar will be leased to Clarence Page, Oklahoma City, who will provide a CAA-approved flight school. Within six months he will establish a CAA-approved repair station in conjunction with the flying field.

Mr. Page, who is state distributor for the North American Navion, a 4-place light plane, may later use the repair shops to convert army transports for civilian use. He also plans to establish a charter service serving the Southwest and connecting this area with all the mainline air routes.

Part of the hangar will be used to store and sell aircraft parts under the direction of the War Assets Corporation and will operate as a retail store, attracting many prospective customers to Westheimer Field.

Norman L. Blake, president of Southwest Aviation Service, has obtained the contract for half of the south hangar, for one year with the same provision of option as is held on the north hangar.

Blake will operate a CAA-approved flight school and maintain a charter service in Cessna and Beechcraft airplanes. He will also establish a maintenance, repair and modification shop for twin-engine Cessna planes for civilian use.

During the early part of the war, he was production test pilot for Cessna Aircraft Corporation at Wichita, then later went to Fairchild Aircraft as chief of the flight test division in Burlington, North Carolina.

Byron Post, former maintenance superintendent at Cimarron Field from 1941 to 1943, will act as shop superintendent. Mechanical work will be directed by Keith Gan, Norman, former foreman of the engine overhaul department at the Norman Naval Air Station from 1942 to 1946.

The parachute loft, operated by Paul O. Black, Oklahoma City, will handle major overhaul and repair work as well as repacking. Black is recognized as one of the leading parachute technicians in Oklahoma.

Space will be provided in the south hangar for National Guard and other service units who wish to carry on aviation activities, President Cross said.

A small building south of the tower will be rented by J. E. Westervelt, Norman, for Luscombe airplane sales and a Luscombe aircraft accessory store.