



Sooner alumni in the motor city met with five visiting University representatives for a luncheon December 2, 1948. Those present were: seated, left to right, Mrs. Martha Korenowski, '29ba; Mrs. Marjorie Duerksen Mosely, '43; Raymond R. White, '41m.com.ed; and Ann Raunika Stroman, '36bus. Standing, left to right are: H. S. Odermann, '16bs, '27eng; Neal J. Mosely, '43eng; E. E. Hatfield, '36m.bus; Louis C. Bailey, '43eng; Dr. E. Bert McCollum, '29bs, '30bs in med, '32med; Roy C. Jenkins, '31bs; Dr. Earl Clevenger, '46d.ed; Dr. Harl Huffman; Ramsey de Meules, '38ba; and Jodie Smith, '48 m.com.ed.

Members of the Detroit Alumni Club met with five visiting University representatives December 29, 1948, in the Hotel Book Cadillac for an informal luncheon.

The five visitors—E. E. Hatfield, '36m.bus, associate professor of secretarial science; Dr. Earl Clevenger, '46d.ed, assistant professor of accounting; Dr. Harry Huffman, associate professor of education; Jodie Smith, '48m.com.ed, special instructor in business communications, and Raymond R. White, '41m.com.ed, associate professor of secretarial science—were in town for the National Business Teachers' Association Convention. White also presided at a meeting of Pi Omega Pi, National Undergraduate Business Education Fraternity, and was honored by receiving the first president's pin ever awarded.

Alumni present included Ann Raunika Stroman, '36bus, Detroit; Roy C. Jenkins, '32bs; Dr. E. Bert McCollum, '29bs, '30bs in med, '32med; Ramsey de Meules, '38ba; Neal J. Mosely, '43eng; Mrs. Mosely (Marjorie Duerksen, '43); Mrs. Leon De Mause (Martie Korenowski, '29ba); Louis C. Bailey, '43eng, and H. S. Odermann, '16bs, '27eng.

Hearing Clinic Booms

Has your hearing sounded differently lately?

If you've ever had occasion to visit the Oklahoma University Speech and Hearing Clinic at University Hospital in Oklahoma City, then undoubtedly it has.

If any group or organization can "tune you up" this clinic, headed by Dr. John W. Keys, certainly can.

The Speech and Hearing Clinic in the Crippled Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City was created to fill the tremendous need for speech and hearing services in the State of Oklahoma. It came as the result of over a year of careful planning on the part of representatives from the University, Vocational Rehabilitation, Crippled Children's Com-

mission, otologists, and the University Medical School.

The clinic has been in operation for a little over a year since it first accepted its first patient in the new quarters on October 15, 1947.

Realizing that hearing or speech defects may mean the difference between success and failure of an otherwise intelligent and capable individual, this state, sponsored clinic is doing its best to help channel the many people in Oklahoma onto the road to successful and happy living.

The clinic, however, has a much wider scope than is at first glance imagined. Its purpose is three-fold. It is devoted to: (a) service to the entire state; (b) teacher training; (c) research.

At present the staff is giving 81 percent of its time to the Crippled Childrens Commission. Twenty-one deaf children, ranging in age from three to six years, ten cleft palate cases and a dozen children with other types of speech defects are being taught by the group of eight specialists every day.

Hearing aids are also fitted for such groups as the Vocational Rehabilitation service and the Veterans Administration organization. Hearing tests are also administered. The services are available to any Oklahoman.

In the first year of operation 1,028 patients have made 5,952 visits to the clinic. Since March 1, of this year, there have been 10,016 hours of clinical work in the clinic. Patients from 74 counties in the state have received educational and clinical services.

One of the long range purposes of this special branch of the campus speech department is the training of prospective teachers of the deaf and speech correction clinics. The University now offers an excellent curriculum in both the hearing and speech correction fields.

If hard of hearing children and children with speech defects are to be cared for adequately, teachers in these special areas must be trained. According to Dr. Keys, "We have a wonderful op-

portunity here in Oklahoma.

"The State under House Bill 122, provides \$65,000 for special education classes in the public schools. At present there are not trained teachers available for those classes.

"Oklahoma University can supply these teachers in hearing and speech correction. In fact, the demand for teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing far exceeds the supply all over the nation. Last year, the first Oklahoma University trained teacher of the deaf accepted a position in Ohio at a very good salary. Such positions are available in almost every state."

Probably one of the most integral parts of the program is the research that is carried on. An excellent acoustic laboratory is available to students who wish to do research in the electronic phase of hearing or work on their master's degree.

The present clinic encloses an area of 1,434 square feet. Occupying this space are seven full-time clinicians, one secretary, a social worker, approximately fifty children and two or more hearing aid patients every day.

"It has been our practice to accept ten to twelve pre-school deaf children each year for training in speech, lip reading, language and reading."

One of the most interesting phases of the entire program is the hearing aid fitting procedure. The testing takes four hours and is available to anyone in the entire state. Objective tests are conducted to determine which hearing aid is most suitable for the individual's hearing loss from the complete stock of the most recent hearing aids maintained at the clinic.

One of the principal purposes of the whole program is to train prospective teachers of the deaf. Dr. Keys remarked that, "At present this area of teaching offers almost unlimited opportunities." He pointed out that salaries are considerably higher than corresponding positions with normal hearing children.

"The teacher can choose the location where she would like to teach."

The University offers a major in both hearing and speech correction in the field of speech. A student entering from high school can plan his or her course so that they can do work in these fields.

Members of the present staff of the clinic besides Dr. Key include: Laurel Schendel, hearing consultant; William Gresham, '43eng, electrical engineer; Mrs. Mamie Reilly, auricular training teacher; June Miller, auricular training teacher; Mrs. Margaret Schendel, speech correctionist; and Dr. Carl Ritzman, director of speech correction.

Social Service Offers Career

Want to be a career girl? Then you might try social service. "This is one field literally 'manned' by women in Oklahoma," says Dr. J. J. Rhyne, director of the University school of social work.

Women also dominate the social work classes at O.U. Out of 110 majors all but 15 are women students. "This probably explains why out of 850 social work positions in the Oklahoma department of public welfare alone, nine-tenths of the jobs are filled by women," Rhyne says.

"Best paying jobs are medical and psychiatric work with the Veterans Administration and those with the social work division of the Indian service." The greatest single demand in the state now is for public welfare case workers. He estimates 100 positions are now available in this department.

► Paul V. Keen, associate professor of intramural athletics, attended a national meeting of the intramural associations in Chicago, December 26-31.