



BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

The basement floor in the north wing of the Union will serve as a utility unit. From left to right—book storage space for the book exchange, mechanical equipment room, dish-washing room, dish and linen station, kitchen storage, rest rooms, lockers and lounges for Union employees.

be detected from the new."

Many of the lounges and dining rooms will be carpeted. All of the new sections of the building and part of the original section will be air conditioned as a concession to Oklahoma weather.

A special feature of the new north wing will be a circle drive which loops under a concrete canopy. From the north lobby an elevator shaft rises to the ballroom floor.

The south wing and tower will be serviced by an elevator which is now in use. And a special elevator will connect the kitchen with dining rooms in the building.

Worn floors in the old part of the building will be replaced, treads on stairways will be renewed, and marble wainscotting will be installed on the lobby walls. The total effect will be a building which looks spanking brand new all over.

Cost of the building and remodeling project is \$2,300,000. Ideal building weather during the spring months has kept the contractors ahead of schedule, and everything indicates the completed building will be ready for use in August, 1951.

► Dr. J. E. Fellows, dean of admissions and registrar, has returned from San Francisco, California, where he visited San Francisco State and Fresno State College as well as attended the annual meeting of AACRAO, April 12-25.

With an Alumni of 40,000, Correspondence Looks Ahead

More than 40,000 persons have enrolled for courses through the Correspondence Study Department of the University's Extension Division since it was organized in 1913.

In post-war years, with classrooms and campuses crowded to capacity and beyond, the Correspondence Study Department, under the direction of Miss Lucy Tandy, '32ma, and her two right-hand "men," Mrs. Christine A. Virgin, '44ma, and Mrs. Maude Kitchens, '23ba, has proved its value many times over. Annually, between 3,000 and 5,000 students enroll in more than 450 courses offered in college and highschool divisions.

No other single department of the University has served a larger or more varied clientele, or drawn its students from a wider field. Name a type of person: housewife, missionary, college student, prisoner in a penitentiary . . . "doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief . . . tinker, tailor, cowboy, sailor . . ." like the old nursery rhyme, students in correspondence courses include them all.

Or shut your eyes, and put your finger down anywhere on a map of the world, chances are that correspondence study courses from the University have been sent there. Right now, all of the 77 counties of Oklahoma, most of the 48 states, and twenty foreign countries are represented in current enrollments.

The Extension Division department handles lesson plans and books, and acts as a clearing house in the grading of papers by University faculty members or certified high school teachers. Only college courses were offered during the early years, and it was not until 1935, when an extension program was begun at government expense under

WPA, that high school courses became important.

Today, the enrolment is divided almost equally between high school and college courses. Courses for both high school and college credit offered through the department are approved by the State Board of Education, as well as by the United States Armed Forces Institute. A new ruling by the State Board allows persons over 21 years of age to take all courses for a high school diploma by correspondence.

The University, in co-operation with the USAFI, offers correspondence courses to enlisted personnel as well as officers in all branches of the service, at one-half the total price of the course. The government pays the other half. Credits in these courses apply on the requirements for high school diploma, or a university degree. Most correspondence courses can also be paid for under the G. I. Bill. Veterans who are interested in further education should write for more information.

At present, there are about 250 college courses offered, ranging through the alphabet from accounting to zoology. It requires a large staff of instructors and clerical workers to maintain these services.

College correspondence courses are written by members of the campus faculty, and are kept up to date by periodic revision. This spring, twenty-seven have been completely revised. These include six in education, six in music, four in home economics, and two each in English, history, French, German, Russian, and sociology. One course in Spanish, in Greek, and in journalism have been newly revised.

New courses not previously offered total 36, according to Miss Tandy. Business administration leads the field with ten new courses on the college level. Business law, economics, statistics, four courses in marketing, and business mathematics are now offered.

Electrical engineering offers six courses, as does home economics. A new course in applied thermodynamics, and one in aeronautical engineering are now available. Drama, mathematics, Japanese, and Chinese, are scheduled, with two courses each, and philosophy, geography, public health and German each offer one new course. Further additions to the curriculum offered are being considered, and will be announced from time to time.

Old stand-bys, still very popular with students, include English composition, professional writing, Oklahoma history, and U. S. government. They are kept revised and up to date.

Many students have found that an interesting and valuable feature of the department is the large collection of foreign language records. The department rents records in French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish, all made by persons who are natives of the various countries. Records for beginners, and on through to advanced conversational records are available.

The department is proud of its staff of instructors. Only teachers exceptionally well-qualified in their special fields and in correspondence teaching are utilized. Two Deans are teaching now. They are Dr. Horace B. Brown, dean of the college of Business Administration, and Dr. E. D. Meacham, '14ba, dean of the college of Arts and Sciences.

Chairmen of departments carrying on correspondence teaching include, Francis R. Cella, business statistics; L. A. Comp, '27bs, '35ms, aeronautical engineering; Dr. Howard O. Eaton, philosophy; E. E. Hatfield, '36m.bus, secretarial science; and Wyatt Marrs, '17ba, sociology. Other department chairmen who teach correspondence courses are Dr. Jim E. Reese, economics; Dr. J. J. Rhyne, social



Giving the 1950 Bulletin of the Correspondence Study Department its final inspection, Miss Lucy Tandy (center), '32ma, director, checks the listing of more than 450 courses with Mrs. Christine Virgin (left), '44ma, and Mrs. Maude Kitchens, '23ba, who are in charge of college and high school divisions respectively.

work; Dr. C. Eugene Springer, '25ba, '26ma, mathematics; Dr. M. O. Wilson, '24, psychology; and Dr. Alfred B. Sears, history.

Also on the correspondence study staff are: Dr. F. A. Balyeat, '11ba, '18ma, assistant director of adult education; Dr. Percy W. Buchanan, director of the Institute of Asiatic Affairs; Walter S. Campbell, director of courses in professional writing; Dr. E. E. Dale, '11ba, director of the Phillips Collection; Dr. Garold D. Holstine, director of University School; Dr. Leonard M. Logan, '14ba, director of the Institute of Community Development; and Jesse L. Radar, '08ba, '13ma, director of the School of Library Science.

Correspondence study has helped to solve the educational problems of many persons, Miss Tandy points out. As a general thing, shut-ins constitute the greatest number, she says, with teachers working on advanced degrees running a close second. Then there are veterans; former college students who lacked only a few hours for a degree; present college students who are deficient in highschool credits or need extra hours. Another large group includes highschool students who cannot get cer-

tain desired courses in their own school. A special group is the middle-aged people, and others older and younger, who take courses simply because they want to learn "some new thing."

But whatever his status, whatever his problem, each one is assured of sympathetic personal attention to his educational needs by the skilled staff of the Correspondence Study Department of the University of Oklahoma.

Anyone desiring further information or assistance in solving educational problems may fill in the blanks of the following form and mail it to the Correspondence Study Department, University of Oklahoma. A prompt answer, giving specific and pertinent suggestions, will be forthcoming.

Jenkins Employed in El Reno

Alan Jenkins, '49ba, has been employed in the news department of the El Reno *Daily Tribune*.

Jenkins is the former editorial employe of the Coalgate *Record-Register*. He was managing editor of the Oklahoma Daily in the spring of 1949.

PiKA's Remember Beaird

Beta Omicron chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity has established the Ted Beaird scholarship in memory of Ted Beaird, '21ba, the late executive secretary-manager of the alumni association.

The scholarship is open only to members of the University chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. Other qualifications are that he must have a 1.5 grade average for school work done during the three semesters previous to the semester of consideration; he must be classified as a junior or senior by the school in which he is enrolled; and he must be of good moral character and reputation.

Ted Beaird was initiated by the University chapter on January 3, 1921. Later he became the second president of that chapter. From 1936 to 1938 he was national secretary of PiKA and was national vice president from 1938 to 1940.

In a pamphlet explaining the scholarship the purpose of the scholarship is said to be:

"In recognition of his many years of faithful service to this fraternity, and to the ideals upon which this fraternity was founded, Beta Omicron chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity does hereby establish the Ted Beaird Scholarship in memory of our late brother, Thomas Marion Beaird."

What a Press Box!

Owen Stadium's new press box has been described as "a glorified correction of most of the abuses the nation's working press has suffered trying to cover football the last 76 years."

This comment comes from a recent article appearing in *Editor and Publisher* titled "Oklahoma! Oh, What a Beautiful Press Box." The article described the 3-deck press box, with dimensions of 136 by 16 feet, housing sports writers on the first floor, radio and scouts on the second and television and photographers on the third.

This press box was planned by Harold Keith, '29ba, '39ma, director of sports publicity, who got most of his ideas from the suggestions of sports writers he met while traveling with the University teams.

In the new press box, food is served constantly from 12:30 p.m. until the last writer leaves. The box is also equipped with a private elevator. Sixty-five press seats and eight radio booths are available.

Short Courses Outlines

Ten short courses and conferences will be conducted by the Extension Division of the University during June, July and August.

The events, which will be held at North Campus, are:

- June 27-28—P.T.A. Council Presidents' Meeting.
- June 27-28—Regional Conference for Teaching Film Custodians.
- June 29-30—11th Annual Audio-Visual Conference.
- July 10-21—Drum Majors and Twirlers' Short Course.
- July 18-19—School Administrators' Conference.
- July 20-21—Marching Band Clinic.
- July 24-28—Indian Women's Conference (tentative).
- August 7-11—Vocational Teachers Meeting.
- August 7-19—Safety Institute (Drivers' Training) (tentative).
- August 21-25—University Film Producers' Workshop.

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Please send more information about correspondence study for:

----- College credit. ----- Highschool credit. ----- Non-credit.

I am interested in the following courses: -----

I (am) (am not) an O.U. alumnus. -----

(name)

(occupation)

(street address or box)

(town and state)