

The President Reports on

The State of the University

Dr. Cross surveys enrolment, construction, academic and fiscal affairs and research

THE enrolment on the Norman campus for the present school year, totaling 12,117, represents an increase of 7 per cent over last year's enrolment of 11,244 and, of course, establishes a new record for the Norman campus at the University of Oklahoma. When enrolment at our Medical Center and our other centers is included, we are able to report a new record-breaking total of 13,396. These figures are gratifying, although, if they continue to grow, they will, of course, pose some rather difficult problems.

With respect to fiscal matters, the University expended during the school year of 1961-62 on the Norman and Oklahoma City campuses a total of \$17,101,492 of which 59.4 per cent or \$10,159,760 came from state appropriations. This was the operational budget and did not include money spent for buildings and improvements.

On the Norman campus, excluding the Geological Survey, the total spent was \$10,686,200 of which \$6,223,552 came from state appropriations. The budget of the Geological Survey was \$211,453.

Our budgetary situation for the year was only slightly improved over that for the preceding year. Our increase in state-appropriated moneys had been only about 5 per cent. Thus we were not able to increase salaries to any great extent, but we did make some merit increases which raised the average paid to our faculty from \$7,418 to \$7,590, an increase of only 2.3 per cent.

It is always a source of satisfaction to be

able to raise faculty salaries somewhat. The quality of a university is established by the quality of its faculty. It was pleasing, therefore, that, because of increased fee income this fall, we were able to give some rather more substantial merit increases to our personnel, effective September 1, raising our average faculty salary to \$7,952.

There was not much construction of physical facilities during the past year, but, as you know, a considerable program is in the offing for the months ahead.

As a matter of fact, the largest single construction and modernization program in the University's 70-year history is now shaping up. The total program will represent an outlay of funds of approximately \$15 million. Funds for the program will come from various sources, including the state bond issue, student facility bonds, FHA loans, as well as grants from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and the National Science Foundation.

—The University has been officially notified that a construction grant of \$300,000 and a movable equipment grant of \$26,200 have been made by the National Institutes of Health for health related research facilities to be incorporated in the new Botany and Microbiology Building.

—The University has been "informally" advised that a construction grant of \$300,000 and a movable equipment grant of \$52,400 will be made to the University by the National Science Founda-

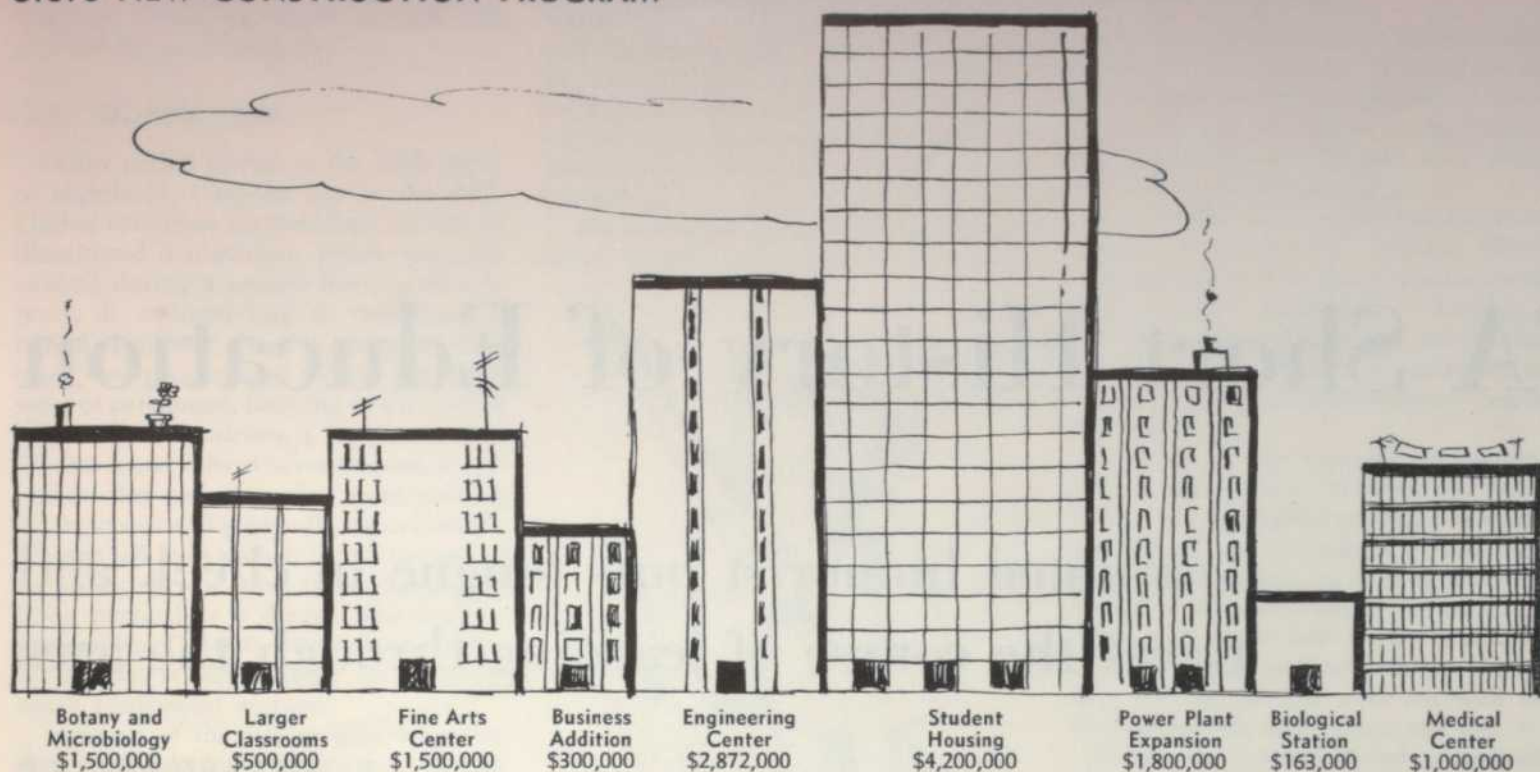
tion for graduate research facilities in the Botany and Microbiology Building. —The University has received informal advice that the National Science Foundation will probably grant \$180,000 to the University for graduate research facilities to be incorporated in the new Engineering Building.

—The University has received official notification of an award of \$114,500 from the National Science Foundation for new construction at the Biological Station. The total cost of improvements at the Station is estimated at \$163,067.

THE bonded indebtedness of the University (not an obligation of the State of Oklahoma) is being reduced on schedule. The reduction for the past year amounted to \$483,000. The total old bonded indebtedness now amounts to \$9,909,000, but we have \$1,109,930 in the sinking fund. Our indebtedness will be increased during the coming year because of the construction of new housing for students. We will build new housing to accommodate 1,000 single students. The housing will be constructed in such fashion that it may be used to house either men or women as need may dictate. We expect to have it ready for occupancy at the beginning of the school year in 1964.

The University and the University of Oklahoma Foundation have received gifts and grants during the past fiscal year amounting to over \$5,880,000. Of this amount, approximately \$3,400,000 was re-

O.U.'S NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM



ceived by the University Medical Center. Total federal funds received for research grants and contract research during the year amounted to approximately \$5,345,200.

The University continues its efforts to see that young people who are talented and deserving may have an opportunity to attend our school regardless of the financial status of their families.

The development of the North Campus area—the Research Institute, the Research Park, and basic research laboratories—is of great interest throughout the state.

During the past year the Research Institute signed contracts for more than \$1,800,000 worth of new research and contract extensions. Sixty-five new contracts and 75 extensions and renewals are included in this figure. The value of the new contracts represented an increase of more than 25 per cent over that of the preceding year. As of the present time, the Research Institute has research contracts in excess of \$4,380,000.

Among the major events that have occurred during the last year was the installation of two radar units on the North Campus. These are used in connection with the Severe Storms Project of the United States Weather Bureau. We have recently negotiated with this department of the Weather Bureau and the Bureau is going to relocate a portion of their Severe Storms Project in Research Park, occupying the south wing of Building 604. They will augment the existing radars with three

major units mounted on towers. The radar consoles and associated equipment will be mounted in Building 604.

The cryogenics facilities have been enhanced during the last year by a large portable nitrogen generator furnished us by the Navy, and large storage tanks that were made available to us with the assistance of Dr. C. M. Sliepcevic, as a result of his research work with the Conch Methane Services, Ltd. When these are installed, we will have one of the finest over-all cryogenics facilities in this part of the country.

During this year Building 1001, which previously housed the Extension Division, has been taken over by the Research Institute for administration. Currently the State of Oklahoma Bureau of Standards, the Geronimo Project which relates to research projects at Fort Sill, and a number of other projects are being relocated in this facility.

ALTHOUGH activities in all areas have increased, which has been particularly rewarding, an appreciable number of contracts have come from the areas of the Social Sciences. One of the most active groups in this area has been the Oklahoma Center for Urban and Regional Studies, which has a number of projects supporting communities and regions in this area.

One new major area of development has been made possible by funds from Mr. Ward Merrick and Mr. Howard McCas-

land to support the establishment of an Oil Information Center. One of the basic objectives of this center will be to make use of the outstanding computer facilities on the campus to support the oil industry.

The Research Park has made steady and excellence progress. It has nine clients which occupy 1,000 square feet of mostly air conditioned space on the North Campus. Arrangements have been made, as you know, with one of these clients, the Oil Recovery Corporation of New York, for the construction of a new research laboratory. It is expected that construction will be under way sometime during the coming year.

The Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education was opened for meetings in February of 1962. The volume of business increased during the first five months of the operation and by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, enough income had been received to pay all operating expenses for the period. The occupancy of the housing currently is running at about 60 per cent. This with future reservations, indicates that the operation will continue to be self-supporting.

A great deal of work remains to be done before the Center is completed. Drainage, lighting, streets and parking need to be installed and the final building of the complex, a registration and office building, remains to be constructed. As you know, the state agreed to match the initial construction grant of the W. K. Kellogg Founda-

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tion. Receipt of the appropriation by the last legislature has been somewhat delayed and the last half of the state's funds are just now becoming available. With the money we will be able to do most of the work necessary to complete the Center.

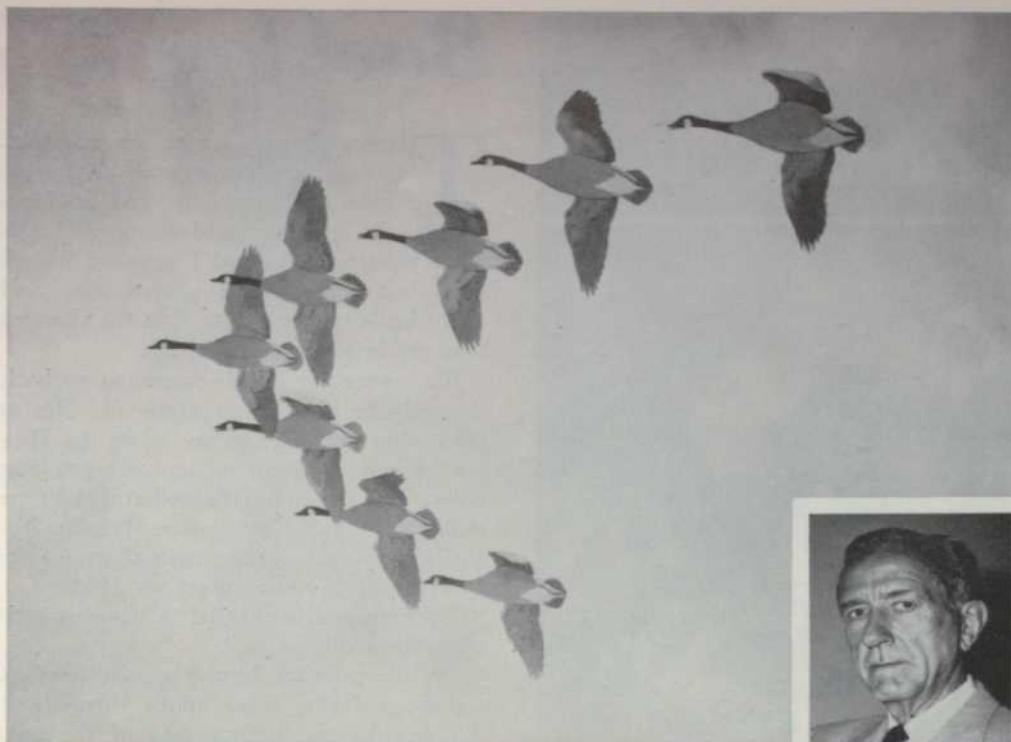
The University's programs in Extension and Continuing Education have been exceptionally well supported—both in and out of Oklahoma. Approximately \$1½ million was deposited for the programs during the last fiscal year from fees, grants and contracts. Several new and significant continuing programs were successfully undertaken during the year. Among these were:

—the Academy of Industrial Development directed by Mr. M. L. Powers. A pilot program in cooperation with the Southern Industrial Development Council was held in August for 40 professional developers from 16 southern states. The success of the program is a direct credit to the efforts of the Norman and Oklahoma City Chambers of Commerce.

—the programs in Urban Science directed by Dr. Joe Brown. Under a Ford Foundation grant, eight scientists have begun training and are now assigned to seven Oklahoma cities to develop educational programs which are designed to facilitate the process of urbanization. This is the first such assignment by an Oklahoma institution of higher education.

—the training of Peace Corps volunteers. More than 100 volunteers have been trained on the campus—one group is already in Bolivia directed by Professor Carl Moore; a second group headed for Brazil are now completing their training at Muscle Shoals under the direction of Mr. John Freeman. A third group, who will be assigned to Bolivia, began training on the campus October 21, under the direction of Mr. Dave Morgan.

One last item on continuing education of considerable interest to University friends is the assured success of the new degree program for adults. The first eight candidates for the Bachelor of Liberal Studies, financed in part by a grant from the Carnegie Foundation, completed their residential requirements in August. We look forward to conferring their degrees at the June Commencement. The event will mark a major academic milestone in the history of American higher education.



Dr. George Sutton (insert) considers this watercolor, "Canada Geese," one of his finest in recent years. He has offered the proceeds from its sale to the memorial fund honoring Harriet Harvey.

memorial for a friend—

Sutton Painting Goes on Sale

An original water color by Dr. George Miksch Sutton, one of the world's foremost bird painters, is part of a plan to raise money to honor Dr. Sutton's long-time friend and colleague, the late Dr. Harriet Harvey, chairman of the department of zoology, who died September 18.

Dr. Sutton, research professor of zoology, contributed the painting to help establish a memorial fund which will provide financial aid for deserving students. The watercolor, *Canada Geese*, is considered by Dr. Sutton to be the finest of 50 paintings he did last summer during a research expedition north of the Arctic Circle. It measures 24 by 18 inches and has the subtle color and amazing life-like quality that are characteristic of the noted ornithologist's work. The painting is on display at the University Book Exchange in the Union.

Instead of selling the painting outright, the committee is accepting sealed bids which may be mailed to the Book Exchange. The envelope should be marked "Sutton painting bid." The bids will be opened the day of the final home football game, November 24. No bid of less than \$250 will be considered.

With more than 40 years' experience studying birds from the Arctic Circle to the Mexican jungles, Dr. Sutton has won in-

ternational fame as a bird painter and writer.

His books include *Mexican Birds: First Impressions*, *Esquimo Year*, *Birds in the Wilderness* and *Iceland Summer*, which won the 1962 John Burrough Medal. He has also illustrated many other bird books.

Only five of Dr. Sutton's paintings are in private collections in Oklahoma, and those were painted many years ago. For many years Dr. Sutton has politely but firmly refused most offers to buy his paintings.

His decision to permit the *Canada Geese* watercolor to be sold stemmed from his warm respect and admiration for Dr. Harvey, who won recognition as a research scientist, administrator and teacher.

"We in the zoology department really thought the world of her," Dr. Sutton says. "She had a rare understanding of people and a remarkable interest in the work of her students. What she stood for needs to be perpetuated."

Goal of the memorial committee is \$20,000 for the scholarship endowment fund which will be administered by R. Boyd Gunning, director of the University Foundation. At the suggestion of Dr. Harvey's students, who knew the wide range of her interests, the financial aid will not be limited to students majoring in zoology.