



The new Business Administration building, shown on the left, is an important addition to the campus and meets the serious needs of a rapidly growing division of the University. Plans are being made for an openhouse late in October.

Homecoming for business administration alumni

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THE college of business administration moved into its own building in September, and as a result of having the new structure, the college now has adequate physical facilities with which to carry on its work.

The faculty and students of the college are extremely grateful to the legislature, the governor and the state of Oklahoma for the beautiful, commodious and useful building which has just been completed for them.

Alumni and the general public will be given an opportunity to inspect the building at a celebration set tentatively in late October.

In appreciation of the new building and in celebration of the steady growth of the college, the faculty and students of the college have decided to hold a celebration of the twenty-fourth year of the existence of the college. This celebration will be in the form of a homecoming for former students and friends of the college, an openhouse for showing off the building, and a thanksgiving by the faculty and students.

The faculty committee in charge of this celebration has tentatively decided on Friday, October 30, and Saturday, October 31, as the time for holding it. The tentative plan is that the celebration will open with an evening meeting, October 30, followed by a morning session October 31, a luncheon at noon on that day, an openhouse in the afternoon, and a banquet in

the evening. It is expected that some outstanding personalities of the state and nation will take part in this program.

Completion of the new building meets a serious need. Since its establishment the college has been cramped beyond reason for class room, laboratory, and office space in which to carry on its work.

Since the World war the number of students enrolled in the college has grown by leaps and bounds, until in 1935-36 it had 949 students. During this time the space available for use by the college increased very little. For the last three years the third floor of the Administration building was packed with students as a sardines can is packed with sardines—when they breathed the walls would expand, and when they moved they had to move together!

The new building provides adequate physical facilities for all phases of the college's work. The structure, built as a result of a legislative appropriation, cost \$250,000. The federal government provided a \$204,000 grant for the Biological Science building.

The business building has three stories and a usable basement.

In the basement are located the offices of the Department of Geography, four offices for use by general University departments, the office of the department of secretarial work, a large typing laboratory, a large reading room, a usable seminar room, a part of the stack room of the col-

lege library, and a commodious study hall.

The first or main floor has four entrances, a beautiful lobby and corridor which lead into the library reading room, and various classrooms and offices. The library reading room will seat more than 250 students. On this floor there are five large classrooms, one small classroom, offices of the departments of business management and marketing and sociology and the school of social service.

On the second floor which has two stairways leading to it there are two large accounting laboratories, a statistics laboratory, four large classrooms, a bureau of business research laboratory, offices of the dean, and offices of the departments of accounting and finance.

On the third floor, which has two stairways leading to it, there is a large auditorium with a seating capacity of 410, two very large classrooms, three medium large classrooms, three small classrooms, and offices of the departments of economics, statistics, business law, and business communication. It is said by many that the building is the most beautiful one on the campus. Of course, I subscribe to that view.

Joe E. Smay, director of the school of architectural engineering, was architect for the building. There are several decorative notes of special interest. Those include a replica of the state seal—the only one that adorns a University building; a frieze of famous coins of history; the



Dean A. B. Adams was the whole business faculty when a curriculum in business subjects was offered for the first time in 1913. Last year his college had nearly a thousand students and there was an increase of about twenty per cent this fall.

name of the building; and conventionalized agricultural forms denoting principal crops of the state.

At the west and east entrances are two bas-relief figures showing the four major industries of the state—petroleum, mining, commerce and agriculture.

Colorful mural paintings done by Craig Sheppard, University art student, adorn the lobby at the main entrance of the building. These, which were selected from a group submitted by various art students, depict a mining scene, farm-yard scene, oil field drillers at work, cattle pens, a machine room, scene inside a bank, various forms of transportation, and a scene inside a department store.

The building has several ultra-modern touches, such as soundproof ceilings in the typewriting department, auditorium with motion picture projection room and a ventilating system, tiletex floors in the

offices, and a study lounge to be comfortably furnished for use of students.

Finishing touches were being made on the new \$204,000 Biological Science building as the first semester opened.

This structure, first to be erected on the South Oval, has useful space on five floor levels—sub-basement, basement, first and second floors and an attic.

The sub-basement was designed for storing exhibits preserved in alcohol, and the main basement will be used for classrooms and laboratories, and a museum and cubicles for research are provided in the attic.

This building is the first unit of what eventually will be a two-unit building joined across the front. The other unit will house the botany department, and the connecting wing will be designed for a botany and biology library.

Long dry spell

Though grass, shrubbery and trees through Norman suffered severely during the summer from the worst drouth in the history of Norman weather records, the University campus stood the dry weather and severe heat remarkably well.

Grass naturally withered, but judicious watering of susceptible plants under direction of Howard Jensen, landscape gardener, kept trees and shrubs in fairly good condition.

Norman's rainfall all year up to September 7 was only 9.25 inches as compared to 28.41 by September 1 the previous year. A rain of slightly over an inch on Labor Day was the best rain in Norman since spring.

Dr. Cunningham dies

Dr. Samuel R. Cunningham, professor of orthopedic surgery in the University medical school for the last 10 years and previously associated with the school as lecturer and professor of gynecology, died September 7 at Oklahoma City after a brief illness. He was 64 years old.

He was a leader in work for crippled children in Oklahoma and his death brought many expressions of appreciation for his achievements in this field. He had practiced medicine in Oklahoma City since 1909.

Fun on the oval

Norman had the hottest weather on record in August. But it didn't put University Secretary E. R. Kraettli's sense of humor out of commission.

Seeing Dr. M. L. Wardell's car parked on the oval with a blanket on the front seat, Kraettli carefully draped the blanket around the radiator and hood of the car, as though it were in imminent danger of freezing. The radiator didn't freeze, but Dr. Wardell may have come close to having a heat stroke when he saw it.

The new Biology building, obtained through a PWA grant as a result of the legislature's appropriation for a new Business Administration building. First structure erected on the South Oval, it contains modern laboratories and research facilities.

