Business Administration Building

The construction of a new Business Administration building, costing at least a quarter of a million dollars, on the University campus has been approved by the state legislature.

Tentative plans have been drawn for the building which will occupy the space south of Buchanan hall (the Liberal Arts building) and east of the Library building. Federal funds will be sought to supplement the $250,000 appropriation with a hope that the government will add from thirty to fifty percent to the state appropriation.

The legislative bill making the appropriation started as a $7,300,000 bill that would have given new buildings to many state schools and provided for the issue and sale of long term bonds to finance the building program. In this form, it was passed by the senate but defeated in the house. During the closing days of the legislative session, the need for a Business Administration building was discussed and the house of representatives appropriation committee substituted the Business Administration building bill for the senate Building Bond Issue bill.

The house of representatives passed the house appropriating committee substitute for the senate bill and returned it to the senate where it was passed in the closing hours of the session.

The new building will fill a need that has been felt for many years on the campus. The college of business administration now is housed on the third floor of the Administration building along with part of the mathematics department.

Classrooms are filled with students from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Faculty members occupy small offices that are scarcely large enough to accommodate their desks.

When the college of business administration moves to its new structure, the mathematics department will be given relief as well as several other departments that are crowded into the Administration hall. Several business classes have been held in Buchanan hall during the past year. These too will give relief to the philosophy department and the languages department.

Doctor Arthur Barto Adams, dean of the college of business administration, worked diligently to secure the passage of the legislative appropriation. He has been a member of the business faculty for twenty-two years and as its dean was able to secure for it the rank of a college. Internationally known in economic circles, he has brought the college along steadily each year. During the years since the depression started, enrollment has increased tremendously in the college.

According to Walter Kraft, superintendent of University utilities, the new structure, as it is now planned, will have the following floor arrangement: basement—large typing room, library stacks, large study hall and one seminar room; first floor—five classrooms, five offices including that of the dean, bureau of business research, the library and other stacks located in the north wing; second floor—two large accounting laboratories, one statistics laboratory, six classrooms and two offices; third floor—small auditorium in north wing with motion picture projection booth, four moderate sized classrooms, four offices and two large classrooms. Entrances to the building will be built on all four sides.

The new Business Administration building will occupy the corner south of Buchanan hall and east of the Library building. Tentative plans for the new hall have been drawn.