

O.U.'s Progressive Health Center

Many a story has been written about the horse and buggy doctor who made the rounds of the frontier and rural posts to bring his medicine to the sick, the dying, and to comfort the relatives of the dead. While the University's medical men are not required to undergo the rigors of frontier hardships, they are again pioneering to bring the students the best medicine can offer.

O.U.'s health department is in any sense of the word adequate. Even Dr. James Hood, '29ba, '31med, director of student health service, thinks he has a going concern, but hastens to add that much more can be done with expanded staff and housing facilities. It is true that the health unit does not care for the student from the cradle to the grave, but it makes the best use of the four years that are spent here.

Glancing into the various receiving and treatment rooms, a patient can see white frocked nurses scurrying about giving an

regardless of how trivial his ills may be. Dr. Hood furnishes the reason for this service. "We feel that we are substitutes for the student's hometown family physician for the duration of his stay in Norman," he says. "Last year, 35,853 visits were made to the offices of the health center," Dr. Hood continues, "which explains, in part, the importance of our work.

This attitude of home away from home is all very well for those who are sick, but does a student who is not really ill receive any benefit? A check of the 1947-48 records reveal that 5,064 physical examinations were given to students who were entering the University. Any defects found in the check were carefully noted and those which could be handled by the local doctors were treated. More serious ailments were referred to specialists. Also offered free of charge were smallpox and typhoid fever immunizations. Office type surgery is performed by the resident physicians, but major surgery is

bed capacity takes up the third floor of Ellison Hall where all of the medical offices are housed. It is fully approved by the American College of Surgeons. Students may receive hospitalization for five days each semester and three days during the summer session without charge. A nominal charge of one dollar per day is assessed for each day succeeding. Drugs, operating room and special services are furnished at cost. Last year, 1,500 admissions were made with 273 minor surgical procedures and 45 major operations being performed.

If no other services were available, the above list should serve to highly recommend the health department, but specialized departments cover many specific types of illnesses. A consulting psychiatrist visits the hospital twice weekly to work with the more serious mental disorders. Tuberculosis control is featured with all freshmen being given chest X-rays as well as tuberculin skin tests. Seniors are urged to have similar X-rays taken before leaving school to determine whether they have contracted tuberculosis during their stay here.

Health education is disseminated through radio programs, lectures, posters, pamphlets, and newspaper articles as well as especially prepared bulletins for student consumption.

One of the most popular departments is the new physiotherapy unit. Diathermy, infra-red, ultra-violet, hydrotherapy, massage, and exercise are furnished to the students without charge. Laboratory and X-ray technicians did a box-office business with 20,708 examinations last year. A fully stocked pharmacy was opened during the year with prescriptions filled at cost to the students. A department of sanitation was established two years ago. In addition to sanitary inspections, the sanitarian conducts food handlers' schools for all University operated kitchens and organized houses which operate kitchens. A public health nurse was appointed last year to give preventive and educational services to the families of students. Classes are held for prospective parents and other classes and conferences are arranged when needed. Recently a therapeutic dietitian was employed.

How much personnel is necessary to keep the myriad facilities of the health service in operation? Eight physicians, 21 registered nurses, three nurses' aides, four lab and X-ray technicians, two physio-therapists, one health educator, one dietitian, five clerical employees, four janitors and housekeepers, five kitchen employees, one pharmacist and



Giving an intravenous injection of penicillin to a patient in Ellison infirmary are Mrs. Anna Cross Hubbard and Mrs. Ann Powell. The infirmary now has a 50 hospital bed capacity.

expert suggestion here or making routine checks there with all the competence of her profession. Nor are the doctors inaccessible. Any student who wishes to see an M. D. has a wait of only a few minutes before he is ushered into one of their gleaming offices. No one is denied the right to see a doctor

referred to physicians of the student's choice. Nearly all of the students receiving the physical exams were not adjudged seriously ill, but the examination served as a preventive measure in warding off serious trouble.

A modern, well-equipped hospital of 50

12 part-time student employees make up the staff.

Dr. Hood hopes to further expand his facilities in the near future by starting a dental health program, adding a full time psychiatrist, developing conservation of vision programs, and further developing clinical research.

In summarizing the needs of the health service, Dr. Hood states, "Our greatest handicap is lack of space. Our present building was constructed in 1928 when the enrollment was 4,000 and the number of employees was two doctors and about five aides. No services were offered at that time except hospitalization when sick.

"We need to expand very soon our office and hospital space. I believe that it is necessary for the future to have not less than 100 hospital beds available. Plans are being drafted at present for a proposed expansion."

After all of the progress that has been made and the modern facilities that are now available, Dr. Hood's remarks serve to illustrate why O.U. has one of the best health departments available. This forward looking man has no patience or time to reflect on the changes that have been made. What can be done in the future to bring the students better health facilities is a question Dr. Hood is answering.

Date Bureau Is Part Of I.M.A. Program

The Independent Men's Association is starting the year off right. Under the leadership of president J. S. "Pete" Woodruff, Birmingham, Alabama, junior lawyer, an interesting and varied program is under way and many big plans in the offing.

A file system is serving a variety of purposes for the I.M.A. How many of you alumni remember the days when you met your own girls and made arrangements for your dates?

Seems as if students of this modern era are a bit more bashful than in days of old. The I.M.A. at a September 23 meeting proposed the organization of a date bureau on the campus.

Ken Lackey, Stuart junior lawyer, social chairman, said tentative plans call for the organization of such a bureau which will make it possible for all men and women interested in securing dates to fill out a questionnaire giving a general description of themselves.

These cards will be filed without the person's name and an aspirant to the charms of feminine pulchritude can come in and select a card that appeals to him. After a prospective date has been selected, her name may be obtained from the office attendant. Then after a phone call, the prospective date may check with the I.M.A. office and get the card of the date-wanter. The probable result—a date!

Other social events that the I.M.A. is sponsor-

ing are "Juke Box Saturday Night" and a tentative big name dance in the spring. As yet, no band has been announced for this dance which will be one of the big campus events. The Saturday night juke box-dances are held at the old Chief Petty Officers' Club on the South Campus. Thirty cents per person is required for admission and the entire school is invited. An innovation that the I.M.A. has incorporated into these dances is a no tag rule. If you want to dance with a girl, you must ask her before the dance begins. During the dance no one is allowed to tag.

Probably one of the biggest things the I.M.A. has done in years will be found in the publication of *Smoke Signal*, a monthly humor magazine with a men's slant. The magazine will appeal to all men and will not be limited to just the I.M.A. members. E. E. "Jake" Hill, editor of the magazine and formerly summer editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, says he intends to include a lot of pictures, good humor, satire, and a few fiction and non-fiction articles with each publication.

Also tentatively scheduled is redistricting the I.M.A. sections of Norman. Unchanged since 1938, some districts now have extra heavy memberships while others need more members. Districts will be sectioned as to the number of members, not the size of the area.

Officers of the I.M.A. besides Woodruff and Lackey include Louis Awalt, El Paso, Texas, business administration sophomore, vice-president; Wayne Barrett, Oklahoma City fine arts junior, secretary; and Ross Cummings, Ponca City business sophomore, treasurer.

College of Unionology

Although Unionology is not suggested as a major for enterprising students at the University, this year September 17 was designated as enrollment date and nearly half the student body of 12,000 were present.

When the doors of the Union opened for a night of fun, some 50 counselors and advisers, more literally referred to as hosts and hostesses, greeted the freshman class of 1948-49. Guides were provided by the sponsoring body—the Union Activities Board—to acquaint the newcomers with the hub of student activity—the Union Building.

As the new enrollees entered, they were given name cards and programs of the night's activities. Then they attended one or more of the entertaining features presented for their pleasure.

Beginning at 7 p.m. a movie was held in the Woodruff Room, indoor sports were played in the Game Room, and refreshments were available in both the Jug and the cafeteria. At the same time radio station WNAD was holding openhouse and conducting tours of the station. Interviews were broadcast from the lounge.

The newly redecorated ballroom took up its share of the night's frolic when assorted couples tried their terpsichorean abilities.

Mary Lou Stubbeman, '45bus, director of union activities, and Charles Hale, student, chairman of this year's College of Unionology, declared following the four hour plus course that no student had flunked.

Carl Mason Franklin, newly-appointed executive vice-president of the University, began his educational career as a high school teacher in Chehalis, Washington. He later joined the University of Alaska faculty and served there two years as registrar and comptroller.

Homecoming Dance Slated

Hal McIntyre and his orchestra will play for an American Legion sponsored Homecoming dance following the O.U.-Missouri football game November 6. A block of 500 tickets have been reserved for alumni and friends.

Lasting from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., the dance will be an informal affair at O.U.'s South Campus Fieldhouse. Present plans call for the McIntyre Orchestra to be broadcast for 30 minutes of the time over CBS on a coast-to-coast hook-up.

Tickets are now available at \$3.00 a couple. Checks should be made payable to Thomas C. Reynolds Post 303, Faculty Exchange, Norman. The right to limit ticket quantities is reserved by the Campus American Legion.

Negro Admitted

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tion requirements made by the Board of Regents. Looking through opened double doors, he had full view of the professor, Frank A. Balyeat, '11ba, 18ma. But for the glare of an occasional flashbulb fired by a photographer who sat in on the meeting, the class was not out of the ordinary. From observing the members of the class, one would never guess that a change had been made. After class, Dr. Balyeat stopped by McLaurin's desk to inquire if he were able to hear and see well. McLaurin assured him he could. Class over, the Negro student returned by bus to his home in Oklahoma City.

About enrollment day, the scholarly McLaurin, who is working on his Doctorate in education, had this to say.

"University officials have been very co-operative. The enrollment has been about the same routine that I expected. This is a happy day in my life. If things continue the way they have gone today, I think everything is going to be all right."

When queried about McLaurin's being segregated at O.U., Attorney Hall answered, "Frankly, we are not concerned about segregation. Working that out is up to the University officials. We are interested in his getting an equal education. McLaurin is here in school. That is our concern."

McLaurin is the father of three children, all of whom have Master's Degrees. One son, Dunbar, has a Ph. D. from the University of Illinois. He is employed in New York City. A daughter, Phyllis, has a Master's from Howard University, Negro university in Washington, D. C. She is a secretary to Dunbar. Another son, Geoffre, has a Master's from the University of Kansas, and has done graduate work at both Colorado and Illinois. Geoffre graduated from the Army military government school at Harvard University, and is now stationed in Manila.

O.U.'s newest student says that "for the time being" he will live in Oklahoma City and commute to school. He is enthused and appears very grateful to the Regents and President Cross for permitting his enrollment. For him it has been a long fight, but he has won his objective—an opportunity for an education in Oklahoma.

Francis R. Cella, director of the University business research bureau, is a member of the Southwest Shippers Association. The group, made up of railroad, truck and water transportation interests, studies southwestern transportation.