

# *A University*

*the base was abandoned  
and a chapter was closed*

The University is already using the South Base water tank at left to store more than a million gallons a day from wells on North Campus.

**T**HE federal government has made the University of Oklahoma richer by 600 acres and 50 buildings, once part of the Naval Air Technical Training Center, better known to Normans as the South Base. After standing idle since deactivation of the base in June, 1959, the buildings will take some fixing up before they are ready for University use. But as soon as this work is complete the area will become part of an overall expansion plan calling for transfer of all housing and storage to the South Base from North Campus (the first home of the Norman Navy Base). The North Campus can then be used exclusively for O.U.'s research and development activities.

Included in the South Base housing facilities for married students are 180 apartments—single, double and three-bedroom units—and homes of the base commandant and executive officer.

The 18-hole golf course along the east edge of the base, which was built and maintained by the University, is now officially Sooner property. The adjacent officers' club will be used primarily as a course clubhouse, but contains other facilities.

Coach Matt Mann's outstanding swim squad will have an equally outstanding indoor pool in which to stage this season's varsity events.

Old Building 87, a hangar-like structure, will be given to the physical plant for storage and maintenance of heavy equipment. Several other buildings will also be converted to storage use. The School of Geology will use the huge U-shaped Building 139 to house its extensive library of well-core samples. The theater building will be added to the University's auditoriums.

Acquisition of the water storage tank near the golf course assures ownership of the system already operated by the University, which uses more than a million gallons of water a day.

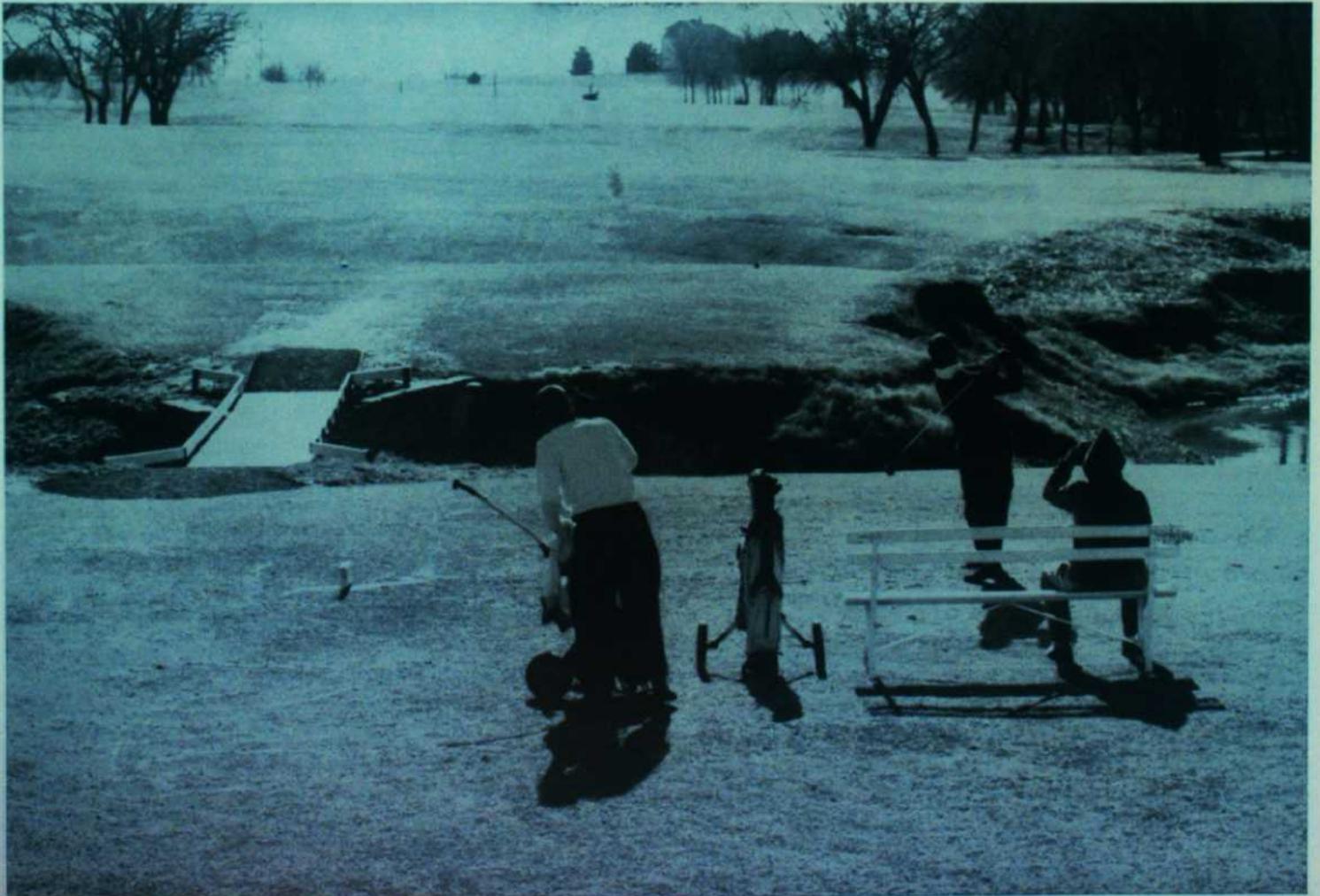
Dr. Lloyd E. Swearingen, vice president for research and development, estimates that with proper maintenance the frame structures at the base can be used satisfactorily by O.U. for another 10 to 15 years. And the land on which they stand means room for a growing institution.

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# Moves South

*now its land will provide  
the growing room for o.u.*

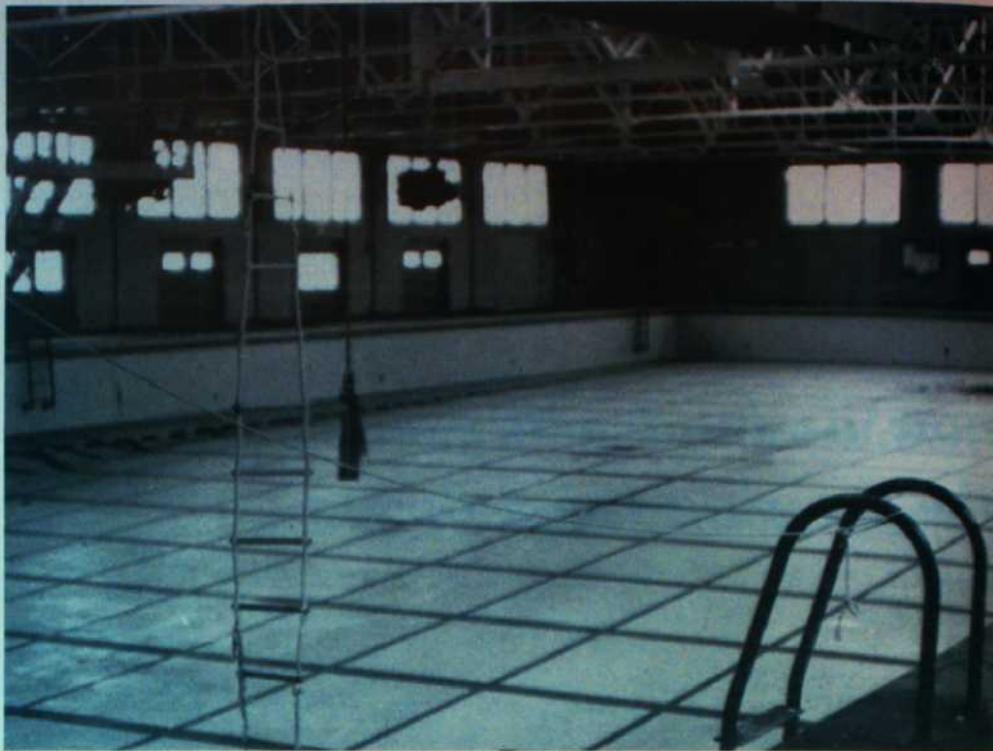
Plans are incomplete for the Station Theater (Building 28), at right, which is adjacent to the indoor pool and contains a small auditorium.



This favorite haunt of sports-loving University students and faculty, Normanites and Navy personnel was built and maintained by the University along the east edge of the base. O.U. will now hold title to the fine 18-hole golf course and to the adjoining officers club.

# *A University Moves South*

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One of the prizes in the South Base package is this standard Olympic-type indoor swimming pool, which the University hopes to have in operation in time for some of this season's dual meets.



In Building 139, the School of Geology has finally found a home for its collection of well core samples, to be moved in from North Campus.



The former home of the base commandant, above, is one of two houses included in 50 buildings deeded to the University by the government.



The houses, like the executive officer's, may look pretty neglected at present, but a little well-placed repair work and they'll be shipshape.



North Campus housing will be a thing of the past once these 180 apartments are remodeled and ready for O.U.'s married student population.