Association Progress

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A Larger Student Union

The Oklahoma Memorial Union Board of Governors has been given the green light by the commissioner of internal revenue of Washington to take immediate steps toward the beginning of a $1,200,000 Union Building expansion project.

The final ruling declares that the Union can issue tax-exempt bonds to finance construction, which will consist primarily of a north wing to be added to the present building. The University Board of Regents requested the supplemental ruling because of technical difficulties which arose over a similar ruling issued some time ago.

First plans for the expansion were made in 1945. They include an enlarged ballroom with a terrace and outside dance floor off the ballroom, as well as an enlarged cafeteria and fountain and private dining rooms in the north wing.

The south wing will be enlarged to accommodate a theater with a seating capacity of over 400, dressing and costume rooms and recreational space.

Because of increased building costs, changes have been made in the 1945 plans. The north wing addition will require more attention, according to Hillyer Freeland, '39ba, operational manager of the Union.

The north wing will be extended 100 feet north of the present building and will be 96 feet wide. Large brick glass windows will enclose each side. The service drive will be laid in front of the wing, and the outside dance floor and terrace will compose the west side of the addition. A portable bandstand will be included in the enlarged ballroom. The proposed cafeteria and fountain will double the size of the present ones.

Chairman of the building committee is Dr. E. D. Meacham, '18ba, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Members include Frank Ockellek, '21ba, Oklahoma City; Jack Luttrel, '38ba, '41law, Norman, and Fisher Muldrow, 22, Seminole.

Degrees, Hard Work Pay Off

Forty per cent of the graduates of a university commerce college will be making annual salaries of more than $10,000 by the time the class has been out of college thirty years. These figures were compiled by Ohio State University.

"The average commerce graduate must expect to work five or six years before his earnings pass $4,000," so the study goes. The survey showed that in some of the college trained businessmen would rise steadily throughout his career.

A study by the Engineers Joint Council found that experienced engineers in 1939 received four and one-half times the salary of the beginner, but by 1946 he was paid only two and three-quarter times the wage of the inexperienced engineer.

Also pertaining to the engineer is a report by the Occupational Outlook Division of the Bureau of Labor. "The 1950 graduating class will total well over 45,000 engineers," reads the report. "In view of the impending over-supply in the profession, it is important for students to get the best training they can so that they will be better able to compete for jobs."

The report advises engineering students to take a rounded curriculum including such courses as economics, business administration, English, statistics and accounting.

Summer School Plans

Hundreds of courses from A to Z (accounting to zoology) will be offered during the University of Oklahoma summer session, June 4 to August 4, it has been announced by A. E. Joyal, director and dean of the College of Education.

Courses will be offered in 46 schools, departments and colleges this summer. In education, for example, teachers and administrators will have their choice of 84 courses.

Classes in law will be offered during a 12-weeks quarter, some of the classes to run for six weeks, while others will run for the entire quarter. A limited number of graduate courses in education, English and history are scheduled for the intersession, which will be held August 4 to September 1.