

College's Yule Present May Be New Building

Work Pushed On Structure

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If everything goes according to schedule, the University and the College of Business Administration will have a \$1,223,595 Christmas present this year.

That's the date workmen at the Hall of Americas classroom building expect to finish the structure.

75 Per Cent Finished

At present, approximately 75 per cent of the brick work has been finished, and workers are erecting the inside walls. When brick laying is completed in approximately two weeks, construction will start on the stone front. In addition, plastering and the erection of the roof will start.

The building will temporarily house the College of Business Administration.

When completed, the structure, adjacent to the University Hospital, will resemble a large block C.

63 Classrooms Set

Plans call for a total of 63 classrooms, with 22 rooms dedicated to the countries in the Americas. These rooms will be painted with murals representing American cultures and the history of the various countries.

The back section will contain an auditorium on its two floors housing 126 students apiece.

Construction work elsewhere on campus has been going under full speed thanks to generally good weather.

Steel Columns Rising

Steel columns for the first of the eight residence halls which will house 1,064 women students are now rising on east campus, facing E. College avenue.

Workmen on the remaining dorms now under construction are finishing the concrete first floors and basement work. When this work is finished, the steel columns will be placed in these buildings.

Erection of the columns will precede laying of the remaining floors, which will be constructed by a relatively new method.

Different Process Used

Instead of erecting the conventional steel frame and building forms at each level for pouring concrete, only the steel columns, supported by temporary bracing, are erected. This work on the first units has now been started.

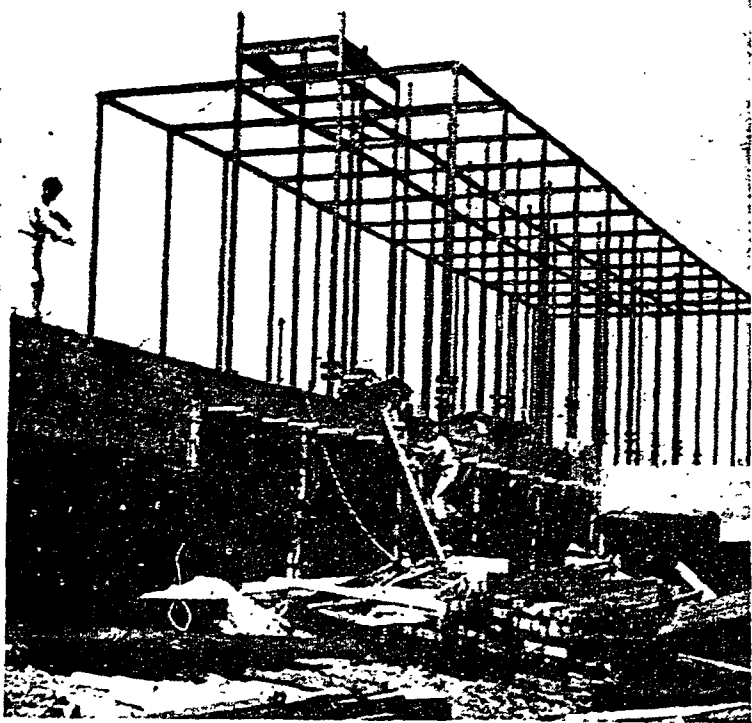
Concrete floors are then poured on the first floor level as reinforced concrete slabs, one on top of the other, like pancakes. The slabs are separated by a plastic compound sprayed on top of each new slab. The slab thus becomes the form for the one on top of it, only end forms being required for each different slab.

Hydraulic Jacks Used

When all the slabs are poured, hydraulic jacks mounted on top of each column will lift the slabs into place where they are secured at the proper floor level.

In comparison to the early work on the dorms, construction on three campus building projects is nearing completion.

Work on the locker room at the east end of the Nittany dormi-



—Joe Patton Photo

WORKMEN are completing erection of steel columns on the first of eight dormitories which will house 1,064 women students. Located on east campus, facing E. College avenue, the buildings' floors will be constructed by the relatively new Lift-Slab method. The slabs are poured on the first floor frame and then lifted into place to form the remaining floor levels.

tories should be wrapped up in two months. Slated for use by the lacrosse and soccer teams when they begin practice sessions on the adjacent field, the building will house lockers, two equipment rooms, and a training room.

Heating, Plumbing Needed

Remaining work on the structure includes heating and plumbing, special floors for the lockers, and the roof.

Also slated for early occupancy are two of the three home management houses on the east end of campus.

The first building has been completed, with only painting and finishing work needed to ready the remaining houses for full-time use.

Students have begun using one of the two new University Hospital wings.

Dispensary Ready

Completed during the summer, the wing houses the dispensary, formerly located in the basement of Old Main. The remaining wing, expected to be finished during this semester, will double bed space in the hospital from 30 to 60. The wing will be ready for occupancy when workmen complete painting and install some electrical and plumbing fixtures.

The enlarged health center has been constructed by the General State Authority at a cost of almost \$827,000.

Naval ROTC Raises Quota For Freshmen

The number of freshmen to be enrolled as contract students in the Naval ROTC program for the fall semester has been increased to 125, according to Capt. Victor B. McCrea, professor of naval science.

Prior to this time not more than 98 contract students had been enrolled from one class.

Contract students are selected by the professor of naval science from among students admitted to the University who apply for Naval ROTC training.

Upon completion of the program, they receive a reserve commission in the Navy or Marine Corps.

Regular students are chosen by the Navy Department on the basis of competitive examinations given to high school students and upon completion of the program are commissioned in the regular Navy or Marine Corps and are assigned to active duty for a minimum of three years.

Speaking, Reading Corrected by Clinic

Approximately 10 per cent of all incoming students to the University have been found to have defects in speech and hearing. This information is based on statistics compiled by the Speech and Hearing Clinic of the University, whose job it is to screen all incoming students for such defects.

Hal Dorsey, one of the clinic's directors, said that an extensive program is being carried on at the clinic in the basement of Sparks Building, to help these people overcome their handicaps and to make the necessary social, educational and vocational adjustments.

Dorsey said that most speech handicapped persons "have nothing physically wrong with them." It has been discovered that they simply learned incorrect methods of speaking early in life.

Caused by Abnormality

He explained that defects in hearing, on the other hand, are usually caused by some physical abnormality. About six out of every hundred persons have defective hearing, and 25 per cent of this same group have serious speech and language difficulties.

Dorsey said that the most common speech disorders found existing among students of the University are those of an articulatory nature. These, he said, are characterized by mutilation of some of the consonant sounds and can be alleviated if the afflicted person takes advantage of adequate facilities now available at the clinic.

Take 'Do Nothing' Attitude

Many students prefer to do nothing about their speech disorders, Mr. Dorsey explained, because of heavy academic schedules "in some cases," but mostly because of a "nothing can be done about it" attitude. He urged students not to adopt this attitude in the face of existing facilities that have helped others and can, in many cases, help them.

According to Mr. Dorsey, the disorder of the stutterer lies merely in his inability to speak fluently. He pointed out that a stutterer has no difficulty in producing any of the speech sounds. "Stuttering," he said, "is due to a definite defect in the rhythm of his speech and can be overcome under the guidance of trained clinicians and with the use of proper therapy."

May Hinder Adjustment

Some persons have no difficulty articulating or regulating the rhythm of the sounds that make up speech, but have nasal, breathy, harsh or hoarse voices. Voices of this type, along with those that are too low, too high, too loud or too soft, can often detain a person from becoming socially accepted and adjusted.

Mr. Dorsey said that any of these handicaps can be helped by the clinic "if the student wants help" and can arrange his schedule to afford time for the training the clinic provides.

The use of tape recorders helps a client study his errors and check his progress. Careful artic-

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Ed Council To Elect Two Frosh

Education Student Council is a body of students elected to act as median group between students and faculty in the College of Education.

Upperclass seats were filled in spring elections by students having a 2.2 All-University average. Nominations for the two freshman seats on council will be made soon.

Yearly Projects Named

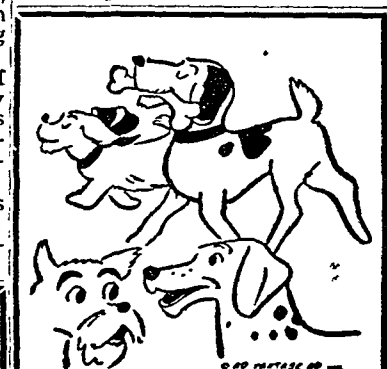
The education student council participates in a variety of activities each year. Among these activities are coffee hours to introduce freshmen to upperclassmen and faculty members, the sponsorship of lectures by faculty members of the college, aiding faculty advisors in helping freshmen schedule courses and in explaining the education organizations on campus, sitting in on faculty discussions of course revisions, assisting personnel in the education offices, and aiding the staff of Monitor, the education publication.

Banquet Slated for Spring

The council also holds a banquet every spring to honor new members of the council and to present the outstanding senior award. This award is made to the most outstanding senior of the college, and is not restricted to council members.

Council president, Judith Hance, said that nominations procedure for freshmen representatives, projects for the year, and articles for the Monitor will be the subjects on the agenda for the first meeting. The time and date for the meeting has not been announced.

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness predicts that at least 750,000 Americans now alive will become blind before they die.



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