

Friendly, Generous Legislature Gives K.U. A Lift

Science Hall, Start on Field House, Completion of Journalism Home and Library As Well As Operating Funds Put University Ahead In Service to State

THERE is joy in the hearts of University of Kansas folk as they hear of the fine support given the University by the 1949 Kansas Legislature. With an operating budget of \$8,771,000 for the next two years and building additions of \$2,962,000 provided in addition, the institution takes its place on a new high level of service in the life of the state.

Comparison of these appropriations with records of past years is revealing. The operating fund for salaries, maintenance and repair, and the like, ten years ago, for the 1939-41 biennium, was \$2,188,000. No new buildings were added at that time. Thus the funds for operations have grown four fold and more.

GRANT SCIENCE HALL, FIELD HOUSE UNIT

Building grants this session include \$1,972,000 for a science hall to house chemistry, physics, and pharmacy studies, \$750,000 to start a field house, \$150,000 to complete the remodeling of old Fowler shops as the home of the William Allen White School of Journalism, and \$90,000 for stacks and equipment in the Watson library addition. Previous appropriations in former sessions had provided a new Fowler shops building, which is just being finished; had built the library wings which are nearing completion; and had provided \$150,000 toward remodeling old Fowler shops. These grants of the 1947 and 1949 sessions go far toward providing working space for the greatly increased post war enrollment.

The 1949 Legislature also took other steps of far reaching significance, for education.

Its first major act was to provide \$3,862,560 for the University of Kansas Medical Center at Kansas City to enlarge facilities there. This was done to increase the output of trained doctors by 25% as one phase of the three point Kansas Rural Health program enunciated by Dean Franklin P. Murphy and which is being carried out by the Medical School, the State Health Department, the Kansas Medical Society and other organizations. Other phases of the program include promotion and direction of local community financial sponsorship of young physicians, and greatly expanded system of continued education for doctors over

the state. The whole plan is aimed at getting more doctors into the rural areas.

INCREASE MILL TAX

Another 1949 legislative accomplishment of importance to all the institutions under the State Board of Regents was the increase of the Educational Building Fund levy from ¼ mill to ¾ mill. A constitutional amendment was passed in 1918 giving the Legislature authority to levy a tax up to 1 mill for the state institutions of higher learning. The 1941 Legislature established a ¼ mill tax for buildings, which has provided from \$800,000 to more than \$900,000 yearly. It has proved inadequate to supply the building needs of the nine institutions concerned. "Building holidays" and resultant piled-up needs have proved unsatisfactory. The Educational Building Fund

Legislative Appropriations for K.U.

OPERATING BUDGET

Appropriations	Granted for 1949-50	Granted for 1950-51	Totals
Salaries and wages	\$2,898,000	\$3,884,000	\$6,782,000
Maintenance and repairs	718,000	700,000	1,418,000
Geological Survey	192,000	198,000	390,000
Firemen's short course	500	500	1,000
Laboratory apparatus	50,000	50,000	100,000
Fellowship for industrial research	25,000	25,000	50,000
Library books	15,000	15,000	30,000
TOTALS	\$3,898,500	\$4,872,500	\$8,771,000

BUILDING PROGRAMS

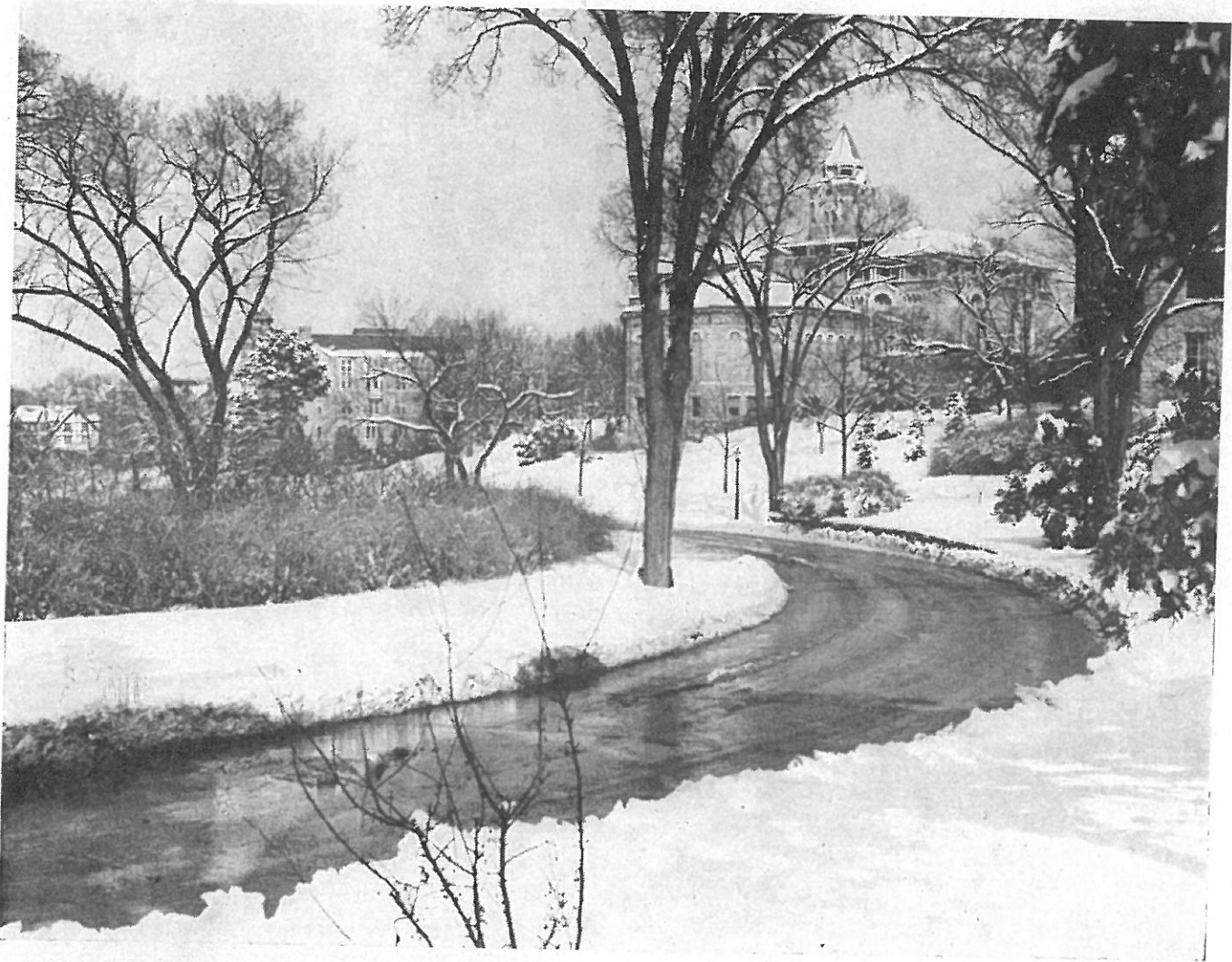
Buildings and improvement			
Library stacks, elevator and electrical equipment	\$ 90,000	\$	\$ 90,000
Science building	1,000,000	972,000	1,972,000
Field House unit	750,000		750,000
Remodel Fowler shops	150,000		150,000
TOTALS	\$1,990,000	\$ 972,000	\$2,962,000

MEDICAL CENTER OPERATING BUDGET

Salaries and wages	\$ 505,000	\$ 610,000	\$1,115,000
Maintenance and repairs	325,000	335,000	660,000
To care for tubercular clinic patients	35,000	35,000	70,000
Postgraduate medical program	15,000	15,000	30,000
Psychiatric clinic	55,000	55,000	110,000
Clinical patients for medical teaching	100,000	100,000	200,000
Elevator—"A" Building	8,500		8,500
Elevator—"B" Building	15,000		15,000
Repairing driveways	7,000		7,000
Binding medical journals	20,000		20,000
Library books	7,500	7,500	15,000
Diagnosis, treatment, instruction for pre-school age deaf children, equip- and parent instruction	10,000	10,000	20,000
TOTALS	\$1,103,000	\$1,167,500	\$2,270,500

MEDICAL CENTER BUILDING

(in addition to \$3,862,560 granted earlier in session)		
To complete connecting corridor building \$ 225,000		\$ 225,000



WINTER ALONG MISSISSIPPI STREET. Looking northeast, in the background are Dyché Museum, and farther down, the Union Building.

Would Build

Dormitories
Music Center

Science Hall
Field House

CHANCELLOR MALOTT and the State Board of Regents will present to the State Legislature this year building requests for two items of "unfinished business," three complete new units, and the start of a fourth. The total costs are estimated at \$4,734,000.

Of this amount \$2,840,000 would be expended during the first year of the biennium and the remainder during the second year.

The "unfinished business" includes \$150,000 to complete remodeling of old Fowler Shops for use of the William Allen White School of Journalism. An appropriation of the \$150,000, made four years ago, is still available for this job, but is considered by the state architect to be only half enough. The other item is \$90,000 to install stacks, elevator and electrical equipment in the new addition to Watson library.

The University is asking for \$1,000,000 for dormitory buildings, \$822,000 for a Fine Arts music building, and \$1,972,000 for a science building to house chemistry and physics class rooms and laboratories.

An appropriation of \$700,000 with which to start a fund for a field house will also be recommended. Bond issues to be retired by gate receipts will complete the building, it is estimated.

PRESSURE SINCE 1923

The need for buildings has accumulated through many years. No major increase has been made in class room

space since 1923 when the present Strong hall was completed. New Snow hall, completed afterward, only replaced old Snow hall. Hoch auditorium, which was built later, of course, is not a class room building. Lindley hall helped some, although it is essentially headquarters for the State Geological Survey and allied departments. And the remodeling of old Haworth hall helped some, although it was filled up immediately by the medical students who formerly had occupied the basement of Dyché museum and later the old Commons building which burned.

Although great advancement has been made in addition of resident halls through the Endowment Association, so that there are now 17 dormitories

and residence halls in use, yet all of these except Corbin Hall are small. Almost every modern midwestern university has gone far ahead of Kansas in its housing program, Colorado, Oklahoma, Oklahoma A & M, Iowa, Iowa State, Missouri, and others, each have dormitory facilities for thousands of students. Present day students and their parents ask first for living facilities in college-regulated quarters. The 1947 legislature granted the University \$500,000 and the right to build more dormitories on bond issue. The contract for building an addition to Corbin Hall is almost ready for letting, and plans will go forward for a men's dormitory to be built in the northwest corner of the campus. However further additions will require appropriations.

The addition of a special building to house the music department has long been needed both for its own good and to relieve badly needed classroom and office space in Strong Hall, the administration building.

NOTABLES ENDORSE SCIENCE HALL

The problem of the chemistry and physics departments is severe. Long before the war, Dr. Howard R. Weidlein, '09, g'10, director of Mellon Institute at Pittsburgh, visiting the old familiar scenes of his K.U. days, said the chemistry laboratories had then become the most crowded laboratories he had ever seen. The congestion caused by the present expanded enrollment is much worse than it was when Dr. Weidlein visited. Now J. Earl Schaefer, vice-president of the Boeing Airplane Co. in charge of the Wichita plant, has become chairman of the K.U. Research Foundation. He is leading a vigorous campaign to provide adequate science laboratory and classroom headquarters.

All sports fans are behind the movements for a field house. Added seating facilities will bring added revenue without question, and provide for indoor

Students Share Work, Expenses To Beat High Cost of Living

THE high cost of living is eased slightly for 77 students who live in five co-op houses at the University. For the month of October, four of the five co-ops reported an average housebill of \$37.15, a saving of about \$23 from what other independent students pay for comparable accommodations and meals.

The co-ops, Rock Chalk, Jayhawk, and Don Henry for men, and Henley and Harmon for women, are operated by students who share cooking and household responsibilities as well as living costs. Three of the five co-ops are rented from the Student Housing Association. Henley is the Y.W.C.A. clubhouse, and Rock Chalk Co-op occupies the second floor of a business property in the 700 block on Massachusetts street.

The co-op expenses run slightly higher than those of the University-operated scholarship residence halls, where members also take part in household duties, and have the advantage of receiving University aid.

facilities for baseball, track, and football practice as well as basketball practice and games. The present Robinson gymnasium was built when the entire student body was no larger than the present student population of women. The entire Robinson gym is needed badly for the use of women alone.

REGULAR NEEDS AT MEDICAL CENTER

The building program for the Medical Center at Kansas City includes \$100,000 to finish the connecting corridor started two years ago, and \$225,000 for equipment of it. The regents also are asking for \$250,000 for a dormitory at the Kansas City campus.

Dean Franklin Murphy, '36, of the School of Medicine, has a large building program to offer in connection with his major plan for providing rural medical service. The regents have approved his plans also.



NEWLY-ELECTED SENATOR Andrew F. Schoepfel, fs'18, and Mrs. Schoepfel arrived in Washington in late December to get established in time for the opening of Congress Jan. 3. Kansans feel confident that Andy carries their interests with him to his new job in the nation's capital, as he considers it his primary duty to represent the people of his state. Aside from Kansas problems, Andy emphasizes necessity for world harmony and believes that isolationism is dead. His berth in the Senate comes as a climax to an active career of service to Kansas. Senator Schoepfel, a lawyer by profession, was chairman of the Kansas Corporation Commission from 1939 to '42, governor from '42 to '46, and vice-chairman and chairman of the interstate oil compact commission.

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS FOR BUILDING IN 1947-48 AND 1949-51 BIENNIUMS

	LAWRENCE CAMPUS			
	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51
Power plant boiler and turbine	\$ 100,000	\$ 202,200	\$ -----	\$ -----
Engineering shop building	190,000	-----	-----	-----
Additions to Watson library	50,000	50,000	-----	-----
Remodel Fowler for journalism	-----	-----	150,000	-----
Dormitory building	250,000	250,000	500,000	500,000
Library stacks, elevator, and equipment	-----	-----	90,000	-----
Fine Arts—Music building	-----	-----	400,000	422,000
Science building	-----	-----	1,000,000	972,000
Field house unit	-----	-----	700,000	-----
TOTALS	\$ 590,000	\$ 502,200	\$ 2,840,000	\$ 1,894,000
	KANSAS CITY CAMPUS			
Connecting corridor	\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	-----
Equipment for connecting corridor	-----	-----	225,000	-----
Dormitory	-----	-----	125,000	125,000
TOTALS	\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 125,000