

Friendly Gathering Place



SHOW PLACE OF ALLEN HALL is the Eric Allen seminar room, a reproduction of Dean Allen's living room, where many of the early journalism courses at the University were taught. Located on the third floor of the new building, the Allen room was furnished with money donated by alumni and friends of the school of journalism. Included in the furnishings are floor lamps, end tables, television set, carpets and leather furniture. The windowless room has a corner fireplace, built-in book shelves beamed ceilings, stained wood paneling and oak parquet floors. An oil portrait of Dean Allen, painted by David McCosh, associate professor of art, from photographs of the late dean will be on display in the room, which is to be used for graduate and senior class and as a meeting place for campus journalism groups.

OSBA Office Located In Eric W. Allen Hall

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Situated in room 310 of Allen hall is the office of Robert E. Summers, assistant professor of journalism and secretary-manager of the Oregon State Broadcasters association. Summers, who teaches radio and television classes, also is paid by OSBA to conduct the joint business of its approximately 50 commercial radio and TV stations.

He aids in such projects as setting up statewide radio networks to broadcast the annual Shrine football games, the high school basketball tournaments and the state championship play-offs.

The recent live broadcast of President Eisenhower's McNary Dam dedication speech throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho was made possible by OSBA.

At this year's Oregon State Fair, OSBA sponsored the statewide talent contest which sent three teenagers from Albany, Ore., to appear on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour show in New

York. This event was partially responsible for drawing the largest crowd in the history of the fair. Approximately 3,000 more people attended than last year.

Summers believes that having the offices of OSBA on campus gives his radio and TV students a more direct contact with professional broadcasting. He himself has had 15 years of practical experience, having worked in numerous stations throughout the United States.

Summers stated that the biggest challenge OSBA and the other 43 state broadcasting associations in the nation now face is the need "to secure right of access to news sources and establish equality of treatment as members of the press." He feels that it is unfair to let newspapers report hearings, committee meetings or senate investigations, and not let radio and TV do likewise.

OSBA was organized in 1940 and is one of the few associations in the nation which has a paid secretary-manager.

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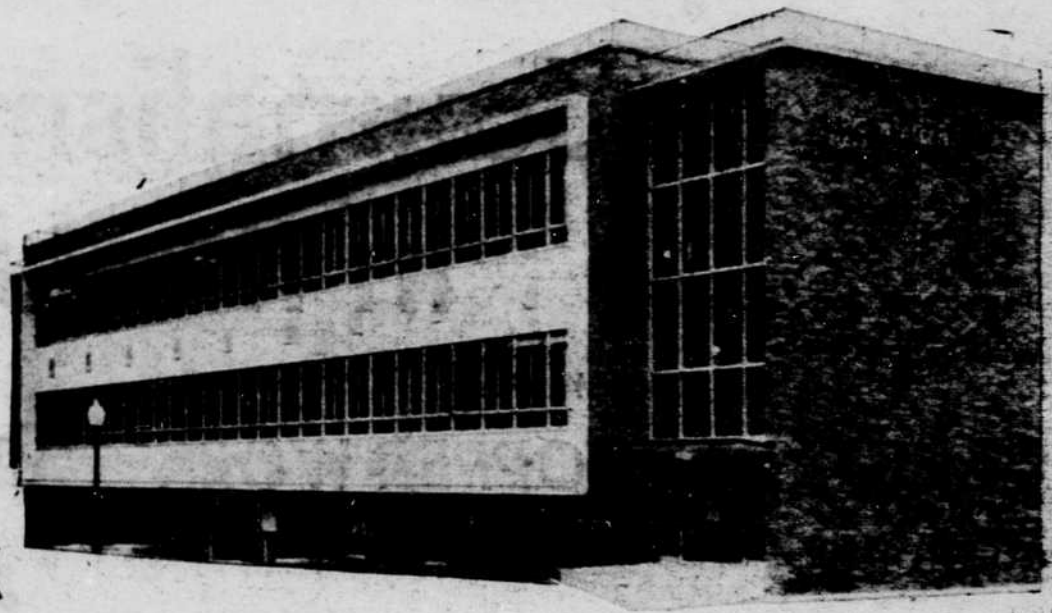
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