Institution: The Ohio State University

Name of Bldg.: Machinery Laboratory (Communications Lab)

Year erected: 1918

Contractor: E. B. Lilham

Architect: M. H. Bradlre & C. L.

Cost: $41,375.61

Construction:

Fireproof?: No

Walls: Brick

Floors: Wood and cement

Roof: Wood, terraces and sheeting, composition roofing

Basement: None

Use:

Comments:

Remodeling, Repairs and Fixed Equipment
COMMUNICATION LABORATORY
Erected in 1918
Printing workshop serves as textbook

Story and Photos by Maureen E. Miller

Hidden on the first floor of the Communications Laboratory is the Logan Elm Press and Paper Mill, a student workshop for paper making, typography and printing.

In the workshop, Robert Tauber, director of the Logan Elm Press, teaches a class called Workshop in the Arts-of-the-book 776, which is offered by the Department of Art Education.

Student-apprentices assist in the paper making and printing processes.

The paper they make is of both oriental and western origin. The oriental paper is made from an imported fiber from Japan and becomes a thin type of paper. The western paper is made from a cotton and linen rag and becomes a thicker and heavier sheet. Both western and oriental paper can be used for posters or bookcovers.

The Logan Elm Press prints books, broadsheets, posters and paper. "All of the books printed here have been a direct result of student interest," said Tauber.

Tracy Davis, from Oakland Ca. has been working at the Logan Elm Press as an apprentice for nine months. Davis, who has been printing for three years has dreams of setting up her own press and designing her own posters. Davis said she is learning a great deal from the Logan Elm Press and when she leaves she will be ready to enter the profession of printing.

Pieces of cotton cloth are donated to the Logan Elm Press for making certain types of western paper.
Tauber displays a finished broadsheet and the printing plate it originated from.
Tauber selects a piece of type which is placed into a composing stick and then locked into the press for printing.