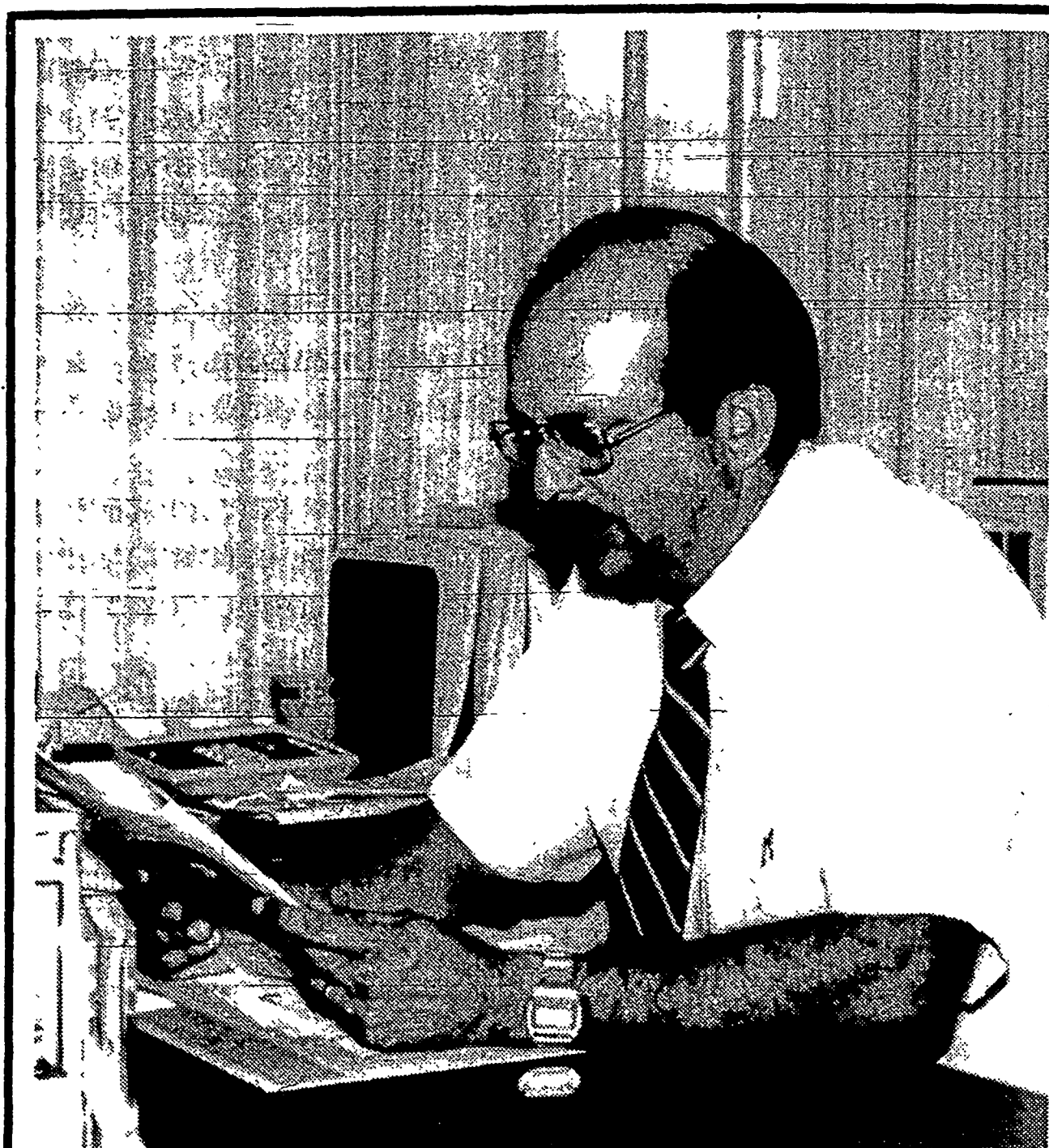


Ottawa University Phoenix Center

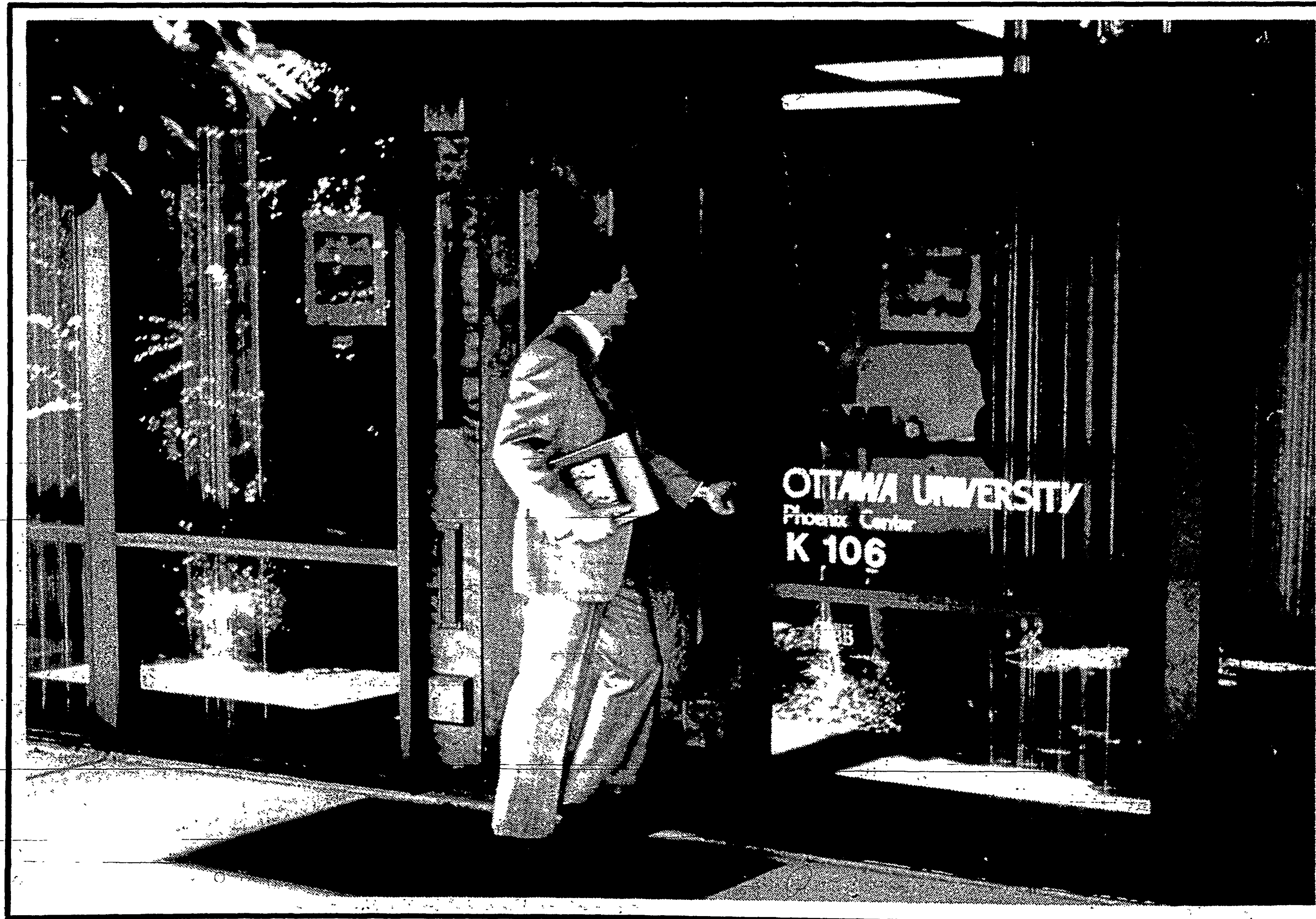
Ottawa University established the Phoenix Center in 1977 to respond to the educational needs of the adult population of the Phoenix area. The keystone of the Center's educational process is "self-directed" learning. Students may work independently and progress at their own speed. Since each student's program of study is individually designed and is a combination of prior learning accomplished inside and outside the classroom with courses taken at the Center, the advising relationship between students and faculty advisors is an integral part of the program.

Enrollment in the Center's degree completion program has steadily increased with 136 students attending classes during the past academic year. A total of 87 students have graduated from the program. Business administration, psychology, health care and administration, and selected disciplines within the liberal arts have been the most popular areas of specialization for the Center's students. Graduates of the Center have been accepted for advanced studies in a number of universities including the University of Oklahoma, Western Illinois, Oklahoma State University, Claremont Graduate School of Management, Arizona State University, University of Phoenix, and Northern Arizona University.

The average age of the Center student is 40; many students have jobs and family responsibilities that make the



Dean Zook administers the Ottawa University Phoenix program after 11 years of service to the OU residential campus.





Ottawa University Phoenix Center Faculty: (L to R) Dan Foxx, Dr. Maxine Rossman, Cal Milan, and Dr. Fred Zook. Not pictured, Diana Elliott.

traditional degree program impractical if not impossible.

One of the most important ingredients of a successful educational program is the faculty and staff. The Phoenix Center has an excellent and dedicated group of people.

Cal Milan, Associate Dean (1980), Dr. Maxine Rossman (1979), Dan Foxx (1982), and Diana Elliott (1979), bring years of experience in teaching adults. Diana is currently on a one year education leave to complete her Ed. D. Faculty load at the Center includes teaching, advising, public relations activities, recruiting, interviewing adjunct faculty, etc. The Dean, Fred Zook (1967), moved to Phoenix in 1978 after 11 years of service to the residential campus.

Support staff members, Carole Vendrick (1978), Rita Smith (1980), and Miriam Brodian (1978), have provided the Center with several years of excellence. Carole is the Administrative Assistant, Rita is responsible for the financial records and Miriam is secretary for the Professional Education Enrichment Program.

Instruction in degree completion courses outside the core courses (taught by regular faculty) is largely carried on by adjunct faculty. Adjunct faculty are sought who show: (1) superior educational background; doctorate preferred, (2) demonstrated professional competence in subject area to be taught, (3) desire and ability to teach well and to relate creatively to adult learners and (4) willingness to be flexible in meeting adult student academic and schedule needs.

Consistent with its long history of excellent teacher preparation programs, Ottawa University offers a series of courses through the Profession Education Enrichment



Noreen Wingham-Rolland, coordinator of the PEEP Program.



Ottawa University Phoenix Staff Members: (L to R) Carole Vendrick, Rita Smith and Miriam Brodian.

Program (PEEP) designed with the educator in mind. The University places great importance on the ability of educators to cope with the rapidly changing worlds of students, schools and society. The primary purpose of the program is to offer educators pertinent and usable material that will make them more effective facilitators of learning.

The Phoenix Center has three individuals who provide faculty leadership and supervision to PEEP. In Phoenix this person is Noreen Wingham-Rolland. In California Dr. Ken Arnold has responsibility for the northern half of the state and Ken Fields has charge of southern California.

The Phoenix Center is located at 1777 West Camelback

Road, Suite K-106. This location is near the geographic center of the city. This particular site is advantageous because it is only one mile east of Interstate 17 and there is ample parking around the building. The University rents space in this one story structure that is owned by the State of Arizona.

In 1977 Ottawa signed a five-year lease for 2033 square feet. In 1982 the University signed a five-year renewal of the lease and added 630 square feet. The Center has 3 classrooms, 1 seminar/resource room, 1 storage/work room, faculty/staff offices, and a reception area. ■

