



# A FEW PERTINENT FACTS AND FIGURES

Perusal of the following paragraphs will probably make you a better informed alumnus/alumna. Some of the facts may even surprise you

The University of Oklahoma was chartered by the Territorial Legislature in 1890 and opened its doors to the first students in 1892. From an original enrollment of 119 students, OU's student body has grown to 15,471 on the Norman campus in the fall of 1966. Total enrollment, including the School of Medicine and School of Nursing, was 17,172 in Sept. 1966. (1943 enrollment: 3,578)

From an initial investment of \$10,000 (raised by the citizens of Norman), the OU physical plant now has a book value of \$70,836,686 on a campus of more than 3,000 acres. In 1943, the first year of Dr. George L. Cross' presidency, the total book value was \$10,384,799. That same year there were rooms for only 250 students in Hester-Robertson Hall. Today there are spaces for 4,122 single students, 778 permanent family units, and 180 temporary family units. Space for 2,096 additional single students is under construction with 1,048 ready for occupancy on Sept. 1.

The University's educational and general operating budget for 1966-67 for the Norman campus is \$16,258,090. Of this amount, \$8,545,518 (52.6 percent) came from state appropriations and \$7,712,572 (47.4 percent) from student fees and institutional income. Total expenditures for all of the University in 1943 was \$2,861,300.

The University received a *total* state appropriation of \$13,679,000 for 1966-67 (including all divisions and medical center), which ranked OU fifty-ninth in the nation among *tax-supported* institutions. Every Big Ten university and all Big Eight universities except OSU received more support from appropriated funds than did OU.

To be admitted to OU, an Oklahoma resident must be a graduate of an accredited high school and meet one of the following requirements: (1) have a grade average of C; (2) rank in the upper three-fourths of his high school graduating class; or (3) attain a composite American College Test score which places him in the upper three-fourths of all high school seniors, based on 12th grade national norms. (This score was 12 in 1966.) A non-resident must rank in the upper half of his graduating class or attain a composite ACT score which places him in the upper half of all high school seniors. (This score was 16 in 1966.) In Sept. 1965, the median ACT score for the University freshmen was 22.

Total expenses for a student at OU, after miscellaneous expenses are added to basic costs, may be estimated between \$1,450 and \$1,650 for Oklahoma residents and between \$1,900 and \$2,100 for non-residents. Residents pay \$9 per credit hour; non-residents pay \$23 per credit hour.

Housing (including meals) averages about \$760 for single students in University housing.

In 1957 OU awarded its 50,000th degree. By August 1967, OU will have granted more than 75,000 degrees. Included are some notable records: The School of Petroleum Engineering has awarded more degrees than any other petroleum engineering school in the world; the School of Geology has granted one-tenth of all undergraduate geology degrees in the United States.

Twenty-three graduates have been named Rhodes Scholars, ranking OU in the top ten institutions in the nation. In 1965-66, OU had 635 full-time members of the teaching faculty, 150 professional and administrative personnel, and 1,680 supervisory, clerical, and service employees. In addition OU employed 432 graduate teaching assistants, 270 part-time classified employees, and 1,500 part-time student employees. Median faculty salaries are \$10,092. In 1943 they were \$2,450.

Bizzell Memorial Library received its one-millionth volume in 1965, making it second in university libraries in the Southwest. It includes such distinguished collections as the DeGolyer Collection in the History of Science and Technology, the Bass Collection in Business History, and the Frank Phillips Collection in Oklahoma and Indian History.

For 1966-67 OU awarded 1,180 undergraduate scholarships, with a total monetary value of \$524,700. In addition, the University will loan \$1,800,000 to 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students during 1966-67.

The University of Oklahoma Press is one of the nation's outstanding college presses, publishing a book a week; many are prize-winners. The international literary quarterly, *Books Abroad*, has subscribers in more than 60 nations. In recent years OU has initiated such programs as the University Scholars, the Glenn C. Couch Scholars, the President's Leadership Classes, and the Honors Program in the College of Arts & Sciences. The Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education, valued at more than \$4 million and its Bachelor of Liberal Studies program attracts more than 60,000 adults annually.

Over the years private support from business and industry, governmental agencies, foundations, alumni and other individuals has steadily increased. During 1965-66 OU received \$9.6 million in gifts and grants; \$3.2 million came from private sources, \$6.4 from Federal Government grants. Last year OU ranked 13th among *state* universities in gift receipts.

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