

Campus Notes

A Resignation

Faced with an opportunity so good he couldn't pass it up, Verne C. Kennedy Jr., vice president for operations, will leave OU this month to join Hayek Engineering Corp., Zurich, Switzerland. He will be executive vice president and chief executive officer of the firm's new American operation.

Kennedy has been at OU 12 years in varying capacities. Most recently he was in charge of the physical operation of the campus including its buildings, its grounds, its food service and its security.

Hayek Engineering is a Swiss based international management consulting and engineering company whose activities include management consulting, long-term planning, survey and feasibility studies, project planning, equipment operation, construction management supervision, management of operation, and diversification studies.

Femme Fellows

Women who intended to become teachers and didn't or did but have left the field and want to go back are eligible to apply for one of the 35 Danforth Foundation graduate fellowships for women.

Geared specifically for the woman who has a first degree but was unable to continue graduate work for reasons of job or family, the awards will vary between \$3,000 and \$4,000 but may be less if no real financial need exists. They are to be used to prepare the woman for full time teaching at the college or secondary level. Preference will be given to women who can complete the work before age 50.

Those interested in the program must take portions of the Graduate Record Exam before mid-December and must be able to participate in a June seminar for fellows. The program is for academic year 1971-72. Further information may be obtained from the Director, Graduate Fellowships for Women, Danforth Foundation, 222 S. Central Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63105.

Searching

The faculty-alumni-student-staff committee charged with searching for a new president for the University is expected to begin work in earnest this month. A few weeks were taken up setting up the mechanics of the committee and securing nominations for its membership.

While the committee will be doing the initial looking and interviewing, anyone who has a likely candidate for the presidency is welcome to submit the name to the committee through the regents' office at OU.

A number of deans on campus have been mentioned as potential candidates as have several people who were once on the faculty and are now elsewhere. No one is placing any heavy bets on any potential candidate right now, although nearly everyone believes that the next president will either be someone now on campus or someone who has been here in the past.

The procedure the committee probably will follow is to narrow the list of candidates to perhaps two or three and then submit those names to the regents, perhaps ranked according to preference. It will then be up to the regents to extend an offer. Should the choices reject the offer, then the process would have to be started anew.

Plastic Grass

It was sort of a summer pastime for those on the campus to drop by the stadium and view the process of laying the Tartan Turf. Nobody envied the guys doing the work, though. It was hot and smelly down on that field, and sometimes the workers had to wear breathing masks because of the fumes involved. The end result, however, is a handsome expanse of bright green plastic grass surrounded by red plastic grass. The stuff is supposed to be somewhat cooler than its nearest competitor, but nonetheless it will be watered down before each

game to cool off the playing field. Now that it's all installed, the favorite pastime is strolling over to look for plastic weeds.

Constructively

Work is coming along splendidly on the various campus construction projects. The new art school and museum building on Boyd is beginning to show signs of real shape and form with the glass installed in the front and most of the brick work done. It should be ready next year, although motorists passing by have a terrible fear that a skunk family has been sealed up in the construction.

The Student Health Service building on Elm is nearing completion, and the occupants of the old building can hardly wait. Drop by for an aspirin and you get a full dissertation on their new facilities across the street. Equally impatient are the people who will be moving into the old infirmary which is to house the switchboard, mailing facilities and a host of other internal functions such as the typing service.

Rumors that the new physical sciences center on the other side of Elm street has no door are false, although it looks that way from the street. The doors are on the sides away from the street, and the building is quite impressive with its sides of sheer concrete.

Money apparently is forthcoming for the outdoor pool in the housing area, although all that was there this swimming season was a plot of graded dirt. It prompted students putting together a short movie for pre-enrollees to stage a scene of several students swimming in the dirt.

Those who keep hoping that Lindsey street will be all fixed up by the next football season have still longer to wait. Be forewarned that it's no better, and of course the Highway 9 bypass isn't ready yet either, so it will be yet another season of bumper-to-bumper bumps.