

Campus Notes

All True Altruism

An accountant at the Merrick Computing Center has come up with a project that is reaping benefits for persons unable to afford job training.

Mrs. Estelle Waintroob has recruited a group of volunteer teachers, rounded up some facilities and organized a program offering courses in typing, key-punch operating, bookkeeping and auto mechanics for the unemployed.

More than 63 people are currently enrolled in the courses offered at night Monday through Thursday free of charge.

"These classes are something I've thought of for a long time," Mrs. Waintroob says. "It's something I feel is important that wasn't being done."

She said the whole purpose of the classes was to give people unable to afford adequate job training some sort of skills so they can earn money.

"There is no funding involved in the project," Mrs. Waintroob says. "When I tell people about the idea of job training for the disadvantaged they always ask me, 'who's paying for it?' It's an all-volunteer thing even down to furnishing textbooks."

Facilities were provided by various organizations in Norman, and the Oklahoma City Public Schools furnished used textbooks.

A carpool was organized for students who come not only from Norman but also from Lexington, Tecumseh, Purcell, Shawnee and Little Axe. There also is a free babysitting service provided by Action, Inc.

"Teachers were warned from the beginning not to get upset over a high drop-out rate," said Mrs. Waintroob. "They were told to expect it. But the amazing thing is that we have had only three people drop out."

"The response has been terrific," she said. "The biggest problem most teachers report they've had in classes is getting the students to stop for a coffee break."

For Healthier Students

Back in 1968 the students passed a referendum assessing themselves a fee to help pay for four new buildings directly related to the students.

The first of those buildings, the Charles B. Goddard Health Center, is now complete and was dedicated April 17.

Located across the street from the old Ellison Infirmary, which served OU students for more than 40 years, the new \$1.6 million facility has about 267 per cent more space than the old building.

It is one of only 11 college health services in the nation with full accreditation by the Joint Commission of Hospital Accreditation.

A gift of \$300,000 from the Charles B. Goddard Foundation of Ardmore and Dallas provided for purchase of equipment and furniture, making the center one of the best equipped in the nation.

The Goddard Center includes a 54-bed hospital that can be expanded to nearly 100 beds if necessary and an out-patient clinic. Completely air conditioned the building has two 4-bed wards, one 2-bed ward and 44 private rooms plus 32 examining and treatment rooms and office space for 16 physicians.





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Top Level Changes

A pair of vice presidential changes are being made effective July 1. Dr. Thurman White, who has been vice president for University projects, will become vice president for continuing education and public service, and David A. Burr, who has been vice president for the University community, will become vice president for University development.

White takes the post vacated by the resignation several months ago of Dr. Edward L. Katzenbach. White is returning to an area where he has great expertise since he was dean of continuing education before taking the projects post.

The development vice presidency is White's old job with a new name and is concerned primarily with fund raising. Before becoming University community vee in 1968, Burr was assistant to the president for University relations and development.

Teaching the Teachers

Students in America's public schools have rights, just like their elders, but too often teachers give only lip service to those rights. A program at OU is designing a plan to educate teachers across the country to respect such rights.

The Human Rights Teacher Education program, headed by Dr. Ira M. Eyster, is funded by the federal government and designed in collaboration with the Phi Delta Kappa men's education fraternity, the National Education Association and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

"This is a unique project," Eyster says. It trains both education majors and working teachers in the field of human rights.

Assisting in development of the rights education plan are nine colleges and universities—including OU—that have teacher education programs.

Examples of rights violations by teachers?

—They give heavy weight to academic marks and good behavior in determining qualifications for student officers.

—Elected officers may be removed from student offices because of misbehavior or difficulties encountered in carrying out their duties.

—Hidden costs, particularly for high school seniors, cannot always be met by poorer students.

—Assignments of students to "tracks" according to their performance on intelligence and aptitude tests that favor those with middle-class backgrounds.

—Students who are non-white or from lower class backgrounds are not treated with courtesy and respect by teachers and administrators.

—Punishment for alleged misbehavior is meted out without giving students a chance to defend themselves and confront their accusers.

—There is insufficient or no emphasis on black, Indian or other minority group accomplishments in literature and history.

Constitution Vote

At the spring meeting of the Association Board of Directors, two constitutional changes were proposed that must be confirmed by the membership. They are as follows:

(1) Amending Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution so that the officers of the Association would include the office of president-elect making the officers a president, vice president, president-elect and secretary-treasurer.

(2) Amending Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution to include the current chairman of the Executive Board of the Alumnae Council as a voting member of the Association Board of Directors.

Article V, Section 1 Amendment Yes No

Article VI, Section 1 Amendment Yes No

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Can't Hear the Siren Song

The shrill sirens of emergency vehicles may sound loud enough to bystanders, but they aren't very good at warning other drivers, an OU student reports.

Air Force Capt. Hank Aulwurm, who is conducting research at OU's School of Industrial Engineering, says neither the old wailing type of siren nor the newer electronic "yelping" type is effective in warning drivers of approaching police cars, fire trucks or ambulances.

The fact, he says, may lead to eventual abandonment of the siren as a warning device for such vehicles. This would at least cut down on noise pollution.

The Department of Transportation estimated that in 1968 there were 12,000 accidents involving emergency vehicles with 184 involving fatalities.

Aulwurm says the department attributed most of the accidents to the high noise level in most cars, resulting from the cars themselves and—most of all—car radios that many drivers play loud enough to be heard clearly over other car noises. Soundproofing of the car also contributes.

Aulwurm conducted tests on siren effectiveness during research for his master's thesis. He used six subjects seated in a 1971 car which advertises its soundproof construction. Windows were covered. Both types of sirens were used from the front, sides and rear of the car, and varying levels of radio music were played during the tests.

Subjects were asked to tell which direction the siren was coming from at various distances.

They could tell the right direction less than half the time, with the best direction being from the side—"but this (siren from the side) does not occur very often in actual driving situations," he says.

The maximum practical distance at which sirens can be heard from inside a car, then, is only about 300 feet. At 60 miles per hour, a car travels that far in about three and one-half seconds; two cars traveling that fast come together in half that time.

Aulwurm predicts that sirens eventually will be eliminated. A siren could be built that would be loud enough, he says, but it would injure drivers' hearing and contribute to noise pollution. The ideal solution would be a signalling device that would broadcast a special signal through car radios—an expensive proposition.

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Varsity 49, Alumni 14

Some 25,000 fans sweltered through the annual Varsity-Alumni game May 1 to see the Sooner team of next fall run up a new record by defeating the alumni 49-14.

Admittedly it's hard to work up real excitement when both sides are the good guys, but about the only standing up done during the game was to take advantage of an occasional south breeze.

Optimism for the coming regular season, however, was running high since those 49 points looked mighty big and the first offensive unit only played half a game.

Quarterback Jack Mildren was getting the pass protection he needed, the passes were connecting, the defense easily broke up the alumni offense. As a result Mildren received the 1971 Bud Wilkinson Trophy for outstanding back, and defensive end Raymond Hamilton won the 1971 Gomer Jones Trophy for outstanding lineman.

Centuries of Service

Almost six centuries of service to the University are represented in the careers of the 20 faculty members who retired at the end of school this spring.

Honored by the University and its regents at a luncheon June 10, each of them received a plaque and the official title of emeritus.

The list of retirements, as in years past, is filled with names familiar to thousands of OU alumni.

For example, there's Dr. R. W. Harris, professor of geology, who plans to do some shallow well drilling in a private venture and will continue his research in the Arbuckles.

James Earl LaFon, associate professor of mathematics, hopes to get a color television kit and put it together.

Maurine Bowling, professor of physical education, will pursue her interests in writing and as area consultant for the Educational Services Division of the National Golf Foundation.

Dr. Leslie F. Smith, professor of history, plans to stay home a little after having traveled extensively in recent years.

Dr. Percy Buchanan, professor of history, plans to continue working with some of his graduate students, write.

Mrs. Louise B. Moore, associate professor of journalism and supervisor of student publications, will tour Europe and on her return will work on a project for the Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation.

Officially retiring from OU but not from academic work is Dr. Gilbert C. Fite, George Lynn Cross research professor of history, who becomes president of Eastern Illinois University.

Others who are retiring are: Dr. Willis H. Bowen, professor of modern languages; Cecil H. Brite, director of student publications and adjunct professor of journalism; Miss Opal Carr, librarian in history-government-geography and associate professor; Dr. Ralph Clark, professor of pharmacy and dean emeritus; Lavoys E. Dietrich, special instructor in industrial engineering and art; Victor Eppstein, professor of classics; Dr. Mark R. Everett, Regents professor of medical sciences, consulting professor of biochemistry and dean emeritus of the School of Medicine; Mrs. Lucy Finnerty, geology librarian and assistant professor; Mrs. Matilda Holter, special instructor in education; Dr. Ernest Lachman, Regents professor of anatomy and radiology; Dr. Laurence T. Rogers, professor of education; Dolly Smith Ward, associate professor of music education, and Dr. John R. Whitaker, professor of journalism.

Save October 2

October 2 will be Carl Albert Day at the University, and plans are being made in the Alumni Association to pay honor to one of the University's most distinguished alumni.

Albert, who is a speaker of the House of Representatives, was on campus in mid-May to honor an OU student with the 1971 Carl Albert Award for the outstanding senior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

At a reception attended by a number of people from OU and Norman, Albert made the presentation to John David Williamson of Norman, the sixth winner of the award.

The Albert Award, which consists of a plaque and a \$100 cash award, was established in 1966 by Mr. and Mrs. Julian J. Rothbaum of Tulsa.

The award winner's field is plant ecology, and at commencement ceremonies May 16 he received a bachelor's degree in botany.

"Most people have the wrong impression of what ecology really is," Williamson says. "People have over-reacted to ecology. Most think it is pollution. That is an important problem but only a small part of the ecological field."

Commissioned as a Navy ensign commencement weekend, Williamson has received orders to study at the Oceanographic Institute of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.



Local Prof Makes Good

After 26 years on the OU faculty, Gilbert C. Fite, George Lynn Cross research professor of history, will leave Oklahoma to become president of Eastern Illinois University at Charleston.

The announcement came in April, and the appointment is effective September 1.

Fite holds bachelor's and master's degrees in history from the University of South Dakota and a doctoral degree in history from the University of Missouri.

At Eastern Illinois he replaces Quincy V. Doudna who has been president for 15 years.

Chaucer and Pika

When the Honors Program was started at OU some years ago, the idea was to provide a challenging academic environment for superior students. It has.

Gradually the program has been expanded beyond its original scope and now includes a cash award to two students each year to be used to underwrite a special and personal academic project.

The program director, Dr. Geoffrey Marshall, says a student must "have an unusual project, and the proposal must show the student understands and knows something about what he is attempting to do."

To insure the money is used as it was intended, winners may not use the \$500 awards for regular tuition, books or room and board in connection with their regular study.

This year's recipients are James Curtis Clark, a junior from Norman, and Moira Kathleen Dolan, a freshman from Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Clark is a zoology major, and he plans to use the money to help finance a study of the vocalizations of the pika, a small mammal that inhabits rocky areas in the mountains of western North America and a variety of habitats in Asia.

"Very little is known about the pikas," Clark says, "perhaps because of the relative inaccessibility of much of their habitat." He first became interested in the animals when he saw them while on vacation with his family.

Miss Dolan, an English major, will take a special course in the use of computers as applied to the humanities in an effort to determine if computers can be used to collate manuscripts. She became interested in the project in her work on a manuscript collation for a text of the "Chaucer Variorum."

While the students do not need to account for their money, and their projects do not have to succeed, they are expected to report on the results before graduation.

Extending Honors

J. Clayton Feaver is about as well known on the campus as any faculty member. But his service reaches beyond the boundaries of the Norman area as evidenced by the fact he recently was presented with the Faculty Service Award of the National University Extension Association.

The award is given annually to a professor who has contributed to extension programs.

Feaver, who holds the complicated title of David Ross Boyd professor of philosophy and Kingfisher College professor of philosophy of religion and ethics, has been actively associated with extension programs since joining the OU faculty in 1951. Among his most significant contributions are his leadership in developing special degree programs for adults and in establishing the College of Continuing Education and the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies.

From 1958 to 1960 Feaver chaired a faculty committee which developed the bachelor of liberal studies degree program and recommended establishment of the College of Continuing Education to administer the program.

The college included 75 students in the BLS program when it began in 1961 and has since grown to include some 1,500 students in all 50 states and several foreign countries. Last year as an outgrowth of the non-residence program, an on-campus BLS degree program was initiated.

Remember the 'Daily'?

For those who follow the fortunes of the campus newspaper, The Oklahoma Daily, a note on editors, present and future.

This summer it is Bill Hancock, a junior from Hobart. He was sports editor of the Daily for two semesters and a columnist two semesters. He is president of the Student Press Club, last year won the Theta Sigma Phi award as outstanding male Daily reporter and this year received the Chester H. Westfall Memorial Scholarship. This year he held the William T. Eaton Memorial Scholarship.

He has worked as a composing room make up man on the Daily and this year has been a student assistant in the OU Sports Information Office. He is married and has a 2-year-old son.

The fall editor is Teresa Pitts, a junior from Ardmore. She has held a variety of positions on the Daily, was a member of the selection committee that picked Dr. Paul Sharp to be president of OU, worked in Tulsa last summer as an intern and is working this summer for the Associated Press in Oklahoma City.