

# Campus



Sha-na-na performed their tongue-in-cheek rendition of the 50's rock music in three Thursday night concerts. All profit went to Campus Chest.



A small Bavarian band performed for the Campus Chest Carnival.



In addition to OU students, Norman adults and children attended the Campus Chest Carnival. Tracy Williams, Norman, found this Campus Chest clown especially to her liking.



Slave Sales were conducted by various housing centers for Campus Chest. Duties such as car and clothes washing, ironing and cooking were up for bid.

Rain laid a wet blanket on Campus Chest this year. The annual Campus Chest Carnival which was planned for Saturday, September 18, and the Kids' Day Carnival planned for Sunday, September 19, were rained out. Rain also prevented the Peoples' Fair from being held the following Friday.

Despite the rain ruined events, Skip Stevens, chairman of Campus Chest, said the annual charity fund-raising event was a success due to the hard work of the Campus Chest Executive Committee and to the tremendous participation of students.

Although the Kids' Day Carnival was cancelled, the regular Campus Chest Carnival was held the following Tuesday in Couch Center Cafeteria.

Decorated carnival booths sponsored by housing units provided such amusements as bean bag and water balloon throws, nickel toss, ring-a-bottle, grab bags, fortune telling, body painting and hourly vaudeville acts.

Wednesday night was designated as housing unit night. Dorms featured coffee houses, slave sales, pool tournaments, a spook house, food concessions and a variety of

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Helium balloons proved to be a popular purchase by students and children alike.



The ball-toss booth was among the various carnival booths at Campus Chest.



Some OU coeds found Campus Chest a sudsy ordeal at the shaving cream pie-throw booth.

other fund-raising projects.

In connection with Quality Earth, Thursday, Ecology Day, was dedicated to the collection of paper, glass, aluminum and used clothing in a central "junk dump" on campus. Clothing was given to Goodwill, while the glass, paper and aluminum were sent to recycling plants.

A special Thursday night pop concert by Sha-na-na, a band featured in "Woodstock," was one of several added attractions to this year's activities.

Saturday, October 16, was the final Campus Chest project. After the OU-Colorado game, an auction was held. Speaker Carl Albert's gavel, President Emeritus George L. Cross' pipe, a football autographed by the entire football team and a basketball autographed by the basketball team were among the many interesting items on the auction block.

This year, for the first time, money raised during the week was donated to charities specified by students.

Charities benefiting from Campus Chest in the past have included the Heart Fund, the American Cancer Society, CARE, Cerebral Palsy and the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.



A Norman girl expresses delight at winning a goldfish. She managed to toss her two ping-pong balls in the goldfish bowl.

If asked to describe a "Sooner Booster," most people would list such characteristics as a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, a financial supporter of the University and a backer of OU activities and sports.

Although Charles C. Chesnut, chairman of the Pardon and Parole Board of Oklahoma, is a graduate of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, he is certainly a "friend" of the University and "Sooner Booster." Chesnut, who's three out of four children have attended OU, is an avid backer of the University and a member of the Touchdown Club and OU Dads' Day Association.

He and his wife, Mary, who is a member of the Alumnae Council, have three girls and a boy. Susan graduated from OU in 1970. Linda is a senior and Charles Wylie "Chuck" a sophomore at OU. Their eldest daughter, Elizabeth Chesnut Bell, is a graduate of the University of Tulsa and has two children.

A Miami attorney, Chesnut received his JD degree from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He has served as county attorney of Ottawa County, a member of the Executive Council of the Oklahoma Bar Association, president of the County Attorneys' Association of Oklahoma, president of the County Officials' Association of Oklahoma and president of Miami Rotary Club.

He is president of the Board of Education, Miami, and the delegate of the Ottawa County Bar Association to the Oklahoma House of Delegates. In addition to serving as chairman of the Pardon and Parole Board, he is president of the Southern States Probation and Parole Conference (comprised of 15 southern states).

Recently he discussed with the staff of the Sooner Magazine some opinions on the recent prison riots at Attica and the general problems of penal institutions.

Chesnut called the situation at the New York prison a tragedy which could reflect on prisoners all across the country. He said the Attica rebellion would have the effect of "spreading tension" in other areas of the country.

He expressed confidence in the Oklahoma penal system and its ability to deter violence such as the Attica affair. Although he feels that an incident such as Attica could possibly occur in Oklahoma, he said that it is not likely. "We don't have the same sociological factors present here as in New York, New Jersey or California. In these areas there exists an attitude of permissiveness with inmates that is non-existent here."

According to Chesnut, there is less racial unrest in Oklahoma prisons because of the inherent difference in inmates and the lack of influence from left wing organizations.

He explained that failure to give prisoners enough work to occupy their time creates a serious danger. "Idleness breeds discontent which can be extremely detrimental to a prison population.

"Officials at our state penal institutions are trying to remedy the problem with rehabilitation and training schools. Prison activities now include vocational trades — such as television repair and barber schooling — and the General Education Development (GED) test for those who desire to complete their high school education," said Chesnut.

He feels prisons should be reformatory in nature, but that such a

program is not always possible with every inmate. "Some simply will not respond," Chesnut explained. "It is generally recognized that a certain percentage of offenders are incorrigibles and likely beyond hope — including the criminally insane, dangerous sex deviates and those who are incapable of making a satisfactory adjustment on the outside."

He said while idleness among inmates constitutes the biggest problem to prison discipline, parole rejection also is a factor. "When you take away a man's hope, he may strike out by resorting to violence — and that can cause trouble inside prison walls."

Inmates can get out and make it, he feels, if there are good work programs available to them and if they can abide by their parole regulations. However, "Oklahoma's parole board, conservative in nature, needs more money for the parole and prison programs to be more effective. The funds are needed for an effective distribution of personnel," said Chesnut.

"Each parole officer in Oklahoma has approximately 117 parolees to supervise which is the fourth highest in the nation. The ideal case-load is one officer to 35 parolees, and not to exceed 50.

"In addition, the services of at least one and preferably three full-time psychiatrists are desperately needed for the inmates housed in our penal institutions. In this way pre-release programs and work-release facilities could certainly be utilized to good advantage," Chesnut explained.

With his genial sense of humor and warm interest in individuals, it was only fitting that Chesnut receive his recent honor. He was voted "Mr. Ham of 1971 in Our Block."

The June 26, 1971, issue of the Journal of The Oklahoma Bar contains an article written by Chesnut — "Primer on Obtaining Pardons and Paroles."



## **A Big Red Booster of a Different Color**