

# campus notes

## Plan Ahead

Orientation '72, a combination of advance registration and an early introduction to the OU Norman campus was held June 12 through July 14.

"It spreads the work load out, for one thing. We enroll about 65 per cent of the incoming freshman class during the five-week advance registration period, which means we can spend time with each student individually," Earl C. Carpenter, assistant dean of University College said. In 1971 nearly 2,200 students received this special attention.

"Orientation tries to avoid the frustration students sometimes encounter during fall registration when many courses are full," explained Carpenter. "The more efficient use of counseling resources helps us to satisfy the student's needs."

A special corps of advisors are used during the summer. They are carefully selected and trained. Another advantage of Orientation is that it allows the parents to talk to the acting dean of University College during a two-hour session.

## Here Comes the Budget

Increased funds for instructional programs and the first general pay raise for hourly employees at the University in two years have been provided for in budgets submitted to the OU Board of Regents for approval.

"Although slightly less than \$260,000 in new monies have been allocated to OU through state appropriations, an additional \$229,891 in anticipated savings and \$776,776 in other new funds are available to meet our increased costs and to provide salary increases," Gene Nordby, vice president for administration and finance said.

The increased revenue is the result of anticipated increases in administrative payments from campus auxiliary enterprises, grants and contracts and an estimated increase in reserve funds.

Some additional revenue is expected to come from an increased student enrollment next year and the State Regents have given the University authorization to budget \$9,256,000 from this source. This represents an increase in enrollment of approximately 2.2 percent. Dr. Nordby indicated that the student fees may not meet that figure and that the University has developed "a more realistic working budget" for the coming school year in case the enrollment growth does not occur. If the additional funds do materialize, they will be used to purchase equipment for academic departments.

The new funds and anticipated savings in such areas as maintenance and the sale of radio station WNAD will allow the University to increase the total spent on instruction by \$908,968. During the fiscal year 1971-72, \$15,889,798 will be spent on instruction, with the total for the coming year estimated to be \$16,898,766.

The bulk of the new funds available to the University will pay for mandatory increases in such areas as social security, Federal Unemployment Compensation, health and accident insurance, retirement supplements and wide-area telephone charges. These increases total \$347,500.

Belt-tightening within the University will account for budget decreases in general administration, organized activities relating to instructional departments, organized research, libraries and the physical plant.

## PEOPLE

Dr. Paul G. Ruggiers, David Ross Boyd professor of English, has been named to receive the George Lynn Cross research professorship.

Dr. Arrell M. Gibson, Department of History, has been named to the George Lynn Cross research professorship.

Dr. Robert A. Ford, Department of Finance, is a new David Ross Boyd professor.

Dr. James W. Sweeney, professor of industrial engineering and of information and computing science, has resigned. He will direct a graduate degree program in biomedical information and computer science at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Tom Tucker, assistant legal counsel for the OU Health Sciences Center, has been named chief counsel for the University of Oklahoma. He replaces Gary Williams who resigned to enter private practice.

Dr. Robert A. Shapiro, director and professor of the School of Industrial Engineering, has been appointed associate vice president for administration and finance at OU.

Dr. Arthur C. Gentile, associate dean of the graduate school at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, has been named dean of the OU Graduate College and vice provost for research administration.

Dr. Jerome C. Weber, assistant dean of the University College, has been named acting dean of that college.

Receiving the 1972 Regents' Awards for Superior Teaching were Dr. Peter F. Brueckner, assistant professor of modern languages; Sarah R. Crim, professor of home economics; Dr. Philip J. Nolan, chairman and professor of classics; Dr. Robert W. Shahan, chairman and associate professor of philosophy; Dr. Jonathan W. Spurgeon, associate professor of history, and Dr. F. Mark Townsend, associate professor of chemical engineering and materials science.

## Law Scholarship Funded

The J. A. Schowalter Foundation of Newton, Kan., has established a peace-through-law scholarship at the University of Oklahoma College of Law which will provide \$500 each year to an outstanding student.

"Preference will be given to Oklahoma residents who have shown an interest in furthering world peace through the application of the law," Dr. Theodore P. Roberts, assistant dean of the OU College of Law, said.

## Neustadts Endow Prize

A \$200,000 endowment from the Neustadt family of Ardmore for the University of Oklahoma's international literary prize was announced by OU's Board of Regents.

The prize, which is given every two years, was renamed The Books Abroad/Neustadt International Prize for Literature. The award consists of \$10,000 in cash and a silver eagle feather appropriately inscribed.

"We at the University are very grateful to the Neustadt family," said Dr. Paul F. Sharp, OU president. "Although the prize is in its infancy, the first award brought great prestige to the University and its quarterly publication of international literature, Books Abroad. This endowment assures the continuation of this important award, and it is gratifying to have the name of the Neustadt family associated with the prize. The Neustadts have been an important part of this University for a great many years."

Walter Neustadt Jr. is a member of OU's Board of Regents and was present at the meeting where the announcement was made.

"At the time the award was established," he said, "we felt it would bring honor to the University in a way that few other accomplishments can. The very nature of the prize speaks of quality and commitment to the growth of knowledge."

## Students Join Alumni Board

Three University of Oklahoma students have been selected by a vote of the student body to serve as the first collegiate members of the OU Alumni Board of Directors, Ronald T. McDaniel, executive director of the OU Association, has announced.

The student members are Skip Stephens Duncan junior; Gaye Parry, Shawnee freshman, and John Perry, Madill sophomore. Stephens was also recently elected president of the OU Student Association.

Prior to the election, six candidates were placed in nomination by the Alumni Association. According to McDaniel, the six nominees were chosen "in the same way we chose all of our governing members—from those who have shown interest and participated in our activities."

He noted in making the announcement that the three elected students will have full voting privileges, and that to his knowledge no other institution in the nation has students selected in this manner.

## Special Olympics

Upwards of 200 mentally retarded youngsters from Norman and Oklahoma City took part in a six-event Special Olympics at the University of Oklahoma track field Sunday, April 16.

Special Olympics, sponsored nationally by the Kennedy Foundation, and locally by Panhellenic in conjunction with Greek Week, is a program designed to assist in the physical, social and psychological development of the mentally retarded.

Elementary through high school age children competed for first, second and third place ribbons plus the chance to compete in the state Special Olympics to be held in Tulsa.

"Everyone who takes part is a winner," Wendy Elmore, Lawton senior and co-chairman of the local meet said. All of the children who compete are given ribbons of participation, she added.

The OU group was the first student organization to gain sponsorship of a Special Olympics program.

Events scheduled at Jacobs Fields were the 440-yard relay, 300-yard run, 50-yard dash, broad jump, high jump and softball throw. Any one child could participate in only two events.