

## Campus dedicates "Faculty Appreciation Day" to those who persevere when times are tough.

Faced with a continuing round of state budget cuts, shrinking educational resources and increasing enrollments, faculty members sometimes tend to get testy. Certainly they could be excused for regarding this spring—always a melancholy time in the school business—as a season for their discontent, a time to wonder if anybody out there cares. A group of regents, students and administrators put such doubts to rest on April 9, at least for the day.

Faculty Appreciation Day for the Norman Campus, the first event of its kind, was the inspiration of OU Regent Sarah Hogan, who thought a morale booster was in order. It was to be an old-fashioned day of good feelings and fellowship, of awards and congratulations, of thanks for jobs well done. At the end of the festivities, the organizers were amazed at how well the day had gone.

The day actually began the night before when volunteer student leaders from the Campus Activities Council and the President's Leadership Class ventured onto the campus under

### Brandt Story Concluded

The final chapter of the Joe Brandt story has been written with the death January 15, 1987, of his widow, Sallye Little Brandt, the spirited former journalist who served as first lady of the University of Oklahoma from 1941 to 1943. Mrs. Brandt was a prominent figure in the state during her husband's tenure as OU's sixth president.

The brief Brandt administration was as controversial as it was brilliant and innovative. Many years would pass, however, before public recognition would be given to the significance of Brandt's contribution in propelling the institution toward true university status.

Mrs. Brandt, 83, was gravely ill with cancer last fall and unable to attend the OU campus dedication of Brandt Park, formerly the Duck Pond. As she viewed a videotape of the ceremony at her home in Vero Beach, Florida, she expressed satisfaction at having lived long enough to witness this footnote to Brandt's life at OU.

cover of darkness, scaling trees on the South Oval to hang bright red apples from the branches. The remaining traditional symbols of teacher appreciation were piled into baskets for delivery the next morning to each of the University's academic departments.

Retiring OU Student Association President Amy Hickey later commented, "I hope the faculty got out early to see the apples in the trees—before the rest of the students ate them." No matter, the faculty delighted in the thought.

Throughout the day, members of Panhellenic Council, armed with spray bottles of glass cleaner, roamed the faculty parking lots to administer complimentary windshield washings. Fortunately the weather cooperated, dawning calm, bright and beautiful.

Focal point for the day was a luncheon in the Oklahoma Memorial Union ballroom to which each member of the faculty had been invited. A near-capacity crowd responded; most appeared pleased but quizzical, not knowing exactly what to expect. They departed two hours later smiling broadly, uncharacteristically flattered to have been the object of such attention. They came and went during the program, arriving from class, leaving to teach one.

President Frank Horton praised the faculty for their commitment, for keeping their faith in the University's future. Norman Campus Provost Joan Wadlow announced the summer research fellowships for both junior and senior faculty.

Recipients of the annual teaching and research awards, formerly a feature of the spring faculty meeting, were presented to the assemblage by their deans or department chairmen by means of video vignettes flashed on large screens at the front of the room—the Regents Awards for Superior Teaching, Research and Creative Activity, Professional and University Service; awards from Merrick, Amoco and Burlington Northern foundations.

Similar treatment was accorded announcement of coveted appointments to the distinguished David Ross Boyd teaching and George Lynn Cross



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*Jean Ramey and Patricia Jones say "thanks" with a clean windshield.*

research professorships.

While each of the aforementioned honors also carries a monetary reward, the most charming recognition of the day merely added the recipient's name to a plaque. A surprised and gratified Dennis E. Garrett, a young assistant professor of marketing, was named the University's Outstanding Faculty Member by UOSA on the basis of student nominations and selection. A faculty member in each college also was cited.

The events of the day were funded entirely by individual private donors with help from the University of Oklahoma Foundation. Regent Hogan declared the returns well worth the investment. Chairing a planning committee with the blessing of her board, she enlisted the assistance of fellow regent Sylvia Lewis, Oklahoma City friends Jane Harlow, Sue Ann Hyde, Patti Leeman, Patty Ramsey, Carol Wilkinson and Carolyn Zachritz; OU first lady Nancy Horton; Faculty Senate President Penny Hopkins; Provost Wadlow; Vice President for Student Affairs Anona Adair; Special Events Director Doris Cagle; and student leader Hickey.

The doors had barely closed on the last luncheon guest before the jubilant planners began talking of an encore. They had better hire a larger hall. As one faculty member remarked upon departure, "When the word gets around about today, everyone will be here next year." —CJB