Development Fund Grows and Grows

The University of Oklahoma Development Fund is setting a record in its first year of operation and proving that Sooners are still interested in the growth and development of their alma mater regardless of where they may reside or how long it may have been since they attended the University.

It is revealing to read the many enthusiastic and encouraging comments that pour into the office of Boyd Gunning, director of the fund. The interest that has been aroused from all parts of the world is currently swamping the office with daily letters.

This is an indication that Sooners everywhere follow the progress that is being made at O.U. and are ready to support further advancement and improvement to make *their* school an even greater institution of higher learning than it is.

Here's what they're saying-

Foundation Has Meeting

On Friday, April 8, the University of Oklahoma Foundation certificate holders and Board of Trustees held their annual meeting for the purpose of electing new trustees and accepting a number of gifts that had been received since the last regular meeting. Trustees present for the meeting were O. C. Shorp, Tulsa, Ward S. Merrick, Ardmore, George D. Hann, '36m.ed, Ardmore, Tom F. Carey, '08ba, Oklahoma City, Grady D. Harris, '18, Alex, Fred Tarman, '10ba, Norman, and George L. Cross, Norman. Certificate holders present were J. Phil Burns, '27ba, Fairview, Leonard Logan, '14ba, Norman, Walter Kraft, Norman, J. Rud Nielsen, Norman and Charles Watson, Tulsa.

Newly elected members of the trustees are J. Dawson Houk, '14ba, '14bs, '21Law, Fairview, who was re-elected as a member of the trustees, Henry B. Bass, Enid, Tom R. Phillips, Holdenville, T. Howard McCasland, '16ba, Duncan, and George A. Davis, Oklahoma City. The Foundation has made considerable progress during its first year of full-time operation, as indicated by the treasurer's report. It shows an increase in contributions of more than \$100,000.

Outstanding Oklahomans Honored

Five outstanding Oklahomans were honored at the University's distinguished service citation banquet April 12.

They were Dr. F. P. Baker, superintendent of the state tuberculosis sanatorium, Talihina; Lew Wentz, Ponca City; Bennie Owen, pioneer football coach at the University and now director of intra-mural athletics, Norman; Miss Muriel Wright, '20, author and historian, Oklahoma City; and Frank Phillips, Bartlesville.

Selection was made by a secret alumni committee on the basis of the persons' merit "in advancing a better contemporary society and their efforts to make Oklahoma a better-known state."

The citations plan, a joint project of the Alumni Association and the University regents, honors not only graduates and former students, but also citizens of the state and nation whose good citizenship and distinguished service merits recognition.

Indian Enrolment Listed

Oklahoma's young Indian citizens aren't having any trouble finding the white man's road to education. More are traveling it than ever before.

University figures reveal that a record total of 1,024 students of Indian descent were enrolled during the first semester. Fifteen tribes were represented. This compared with approximately 500 attending O.U. in 1939 and 1940.

Eighty-four fullbloods were counted in the survey, which showed eight students of three-quarters blood and 48 who are half Indian. The enrolment breakdown also revealed 112 Sooners of one-quarter blood, 156 of one-eighth and 616, less than one-eighth.

"Oklahoma expects and deserves a state University that is second to none in good teaching, research and service to the people of the state. The problem of providing adequate financing must be solved, if we are to reach this goal. In no state have appropriated funds been sufficient to take care of the highly specialized phases of the State University program. This has made it necessary to search for additional sources of income. Alumni and other friends of the University can do much to help us meet these responsibilities."

George L. Cross, President, University of Oklahoma

"I don't believe that there is a single graduate of O.U. living who cannot afford to contribute to this fund. The alumni will all think more of their school if they contribute a little to it every year, and that added interest will be worth more to the school than the money they contribute."

Dr., '26ba, '29bs, '31med, and Mrs., '27ba, Ned Burleson, Prague

"It is an excellent idea that should enlist the wholehearted support of many Oklahomans and of all graduates and former students of the University."

Professor John F. Bender, Norman

"I think it is a fine idea and a definite step in the progress of a better and greater University. I say you are looking to the future."

H. Dale Edmundson, '42-'47, Stillwater "I would like very much to be a part of the project, the Alumni Development Fund. I am making a yearly pledge. I consider it a privilege to have some small part in the great institution that is O.U."

Carrie Will Praeger, '18bm, Washing-ington, D. C.

"The Alumni Fund is a good idea. I am sure it will enable O.U. to do a lot of things for Oklahoma that need to be done."

Charles R. Fellows, '36ba, '37Law, Tulsa

"The Development Fund is an idea that will pay dividends to the University more ways than one. I am glad to have a part in its growth."

Grover Strother, '20ba, Oklahoma City

Most important thing that's happened to the University since founding. Need other projects of social usefulness, such as research in methods of improving conditions and capacities of people for living and working in groups, group dynamics, conference techniques; community planning, means of participation in democratic process."

Jack Douglas, '36ba, O.U. Faculty, Norman

"To me this is the most worthwhile project sponsored by the Alumni Organization."

Ruth Wooten, '34ba, '48m.ed, O.U. Faculty, Norman

"Fine—let's make O.U. Best in the West!!" Churchill E. Blakey, Oklahoma City

"In my estimation it is an idea which is not only profitable to the present class, but also to all succeeding ones. I am happy to be able to play even a

Keith W. Wright, '43ba, Ardmore "Think it is a splendid idea."

G. W. Belt, Bartlesville

small part in the program."

"Swell-wish I could contribute more."

R. D. Slonneger, '47bs, Austin, Texas

"A fine idea. Our stadium especially needs enlarging."

C. E. Cook, Jr., '40bs, '42med, Cherokee "I think the idea is splendid and sincerely hope it will be well supported."

Retta Beekman Taylor, '46journ Oklahoma City

"Two dollars may not be much but if everyone

else contributes as much, you'll have \$200,000.00." Aurel E. Smith, '41eng, Tulsa

"The idea is unquestionably great. I wish I were in a position to make a larger donation."

Charles E. Wright, Cambridge, Nebraska

"The idea sounds good to me. I think that it will also keep us up front with other schools that have already put this plan in action."

Loren I. Buck, '27geol, Tuscon, Arizona "The idea is O.K. I feel sure it will succeed and many of us can probably give more later."

Toby Cleaner, '23-'24, Kingfisher "Good idea—especially scholarships!"

Col. H. S. Judy, Jr., '40bus,

Washington, D. C.

"It's splendid! Nobody should be more willing to contribute to the development of the University than those who have received of its bounty. My only regret is that I cannot contribute more at this

Charles D. Axelrod, '47eng, Cleveland, Ohio

"Here is a small check, and my good wishes for a very successful fund."

Robert R. Lockwood, Jr., '35bus, Tulsa "Enclosed is a check toward the Development Fund. Wishing you success."

Franklin Jelsma, '23bs, '25med, Louisville, Kentucky

"Enclosed is a check for the Alumni Development Fund. I wish to contribute annually to this fund until further notice."

Jack Conn, '40Law, Ada

"I am very pleased with the action taken by the Board of Directors of this Development Fund. While my contribution is small, I hope that it will be of some benefit."

Hugh D. Southwick, '21pharm, Garber "Wonderful! For O.U. possesses wonderful memories of our college days. She was helpful in many ways to me."

Mrs. Norma Lee Walker, '32fa,

Taylor, Louisiana

"Heartily in favor of any efforts directed toward making O.U. a greater university, both privately, from its alumni, and publicly, through the state government."

Eugene D. Uman, '33bs,

Irvington, New York

"The program, in my opinion, is certainly very timely; let's all bat 100%."

G. G. Murphy, '32-'36,

Gulfport, Mississippi

"Though an out-of-state alumnus, I am a strong backer (in a financially modest way) of the state and University which ranks with the best."

George D. Bischoff, '48ba,

St. Louis, Missouri

"I think it is an excellent idea, and I will be glad to help in any way I can."

Eran A. Weaver, Jr., '48bus,

Oklahoma City

"It appears to be a step forward. Here is to a bigger and better O.U."

Harley E. Venters, '41-'42, U. S. Army "I think it is something that should have been done several years ago, and I wish I could help more."

Iris Patterson Smith, '28, Hitchcock

"Excellent-O.U. is doing a fine job and we are proud of her. We want to keep up with all that goes on as we are much interested that she grow to better serve humanity."

John Raymond Cooper, '31eng,

El Dorado, Kansas

"Working for a greater University of Oklahoma will result in the development of greater alumni

J. H. Sidwell, '35eng, Tulsa

"O.K. If contributions are asked by out-of-state universities, we should think of our own school first."

C. Adachi, '38pharm, Topeka, Kansas "Why haven't we had this sooner? Quite an effective means to let alumni know they are still part of the University."

Jack H. F. Hewett, New Haven, Connecticut

"I am happy to have a small part in a great idea." Monta McFadin, '26ba, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

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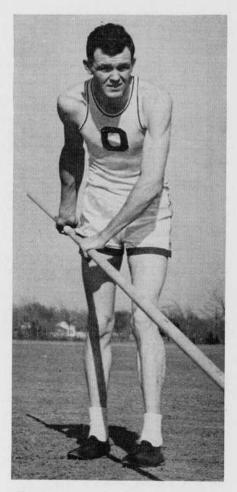
By Harold Keith, '29BA, 39MA

From a seven-foot vault with a green willow pole to a 14-foot 1-inch soar with a Swedish-built stick of tempered steel has been the pleasing improvement of Bill Carroll, towering Oklahoma pole-vaulter from Okemah, who is Coach John Jacobs' newest track phenomenon.

Carroll says that willow pole, cut from the banks of an Okfuskee county creek when he was a youngster in knee pants at Okemah, was the best he ever had. It was stout and whippy.

"If you can't talk the home town furniture store man out of the bamboo pole his rugs come shipped with, go down on the creek and cut yourself one of green willow. It will flip you across the bar," is Carroll's advice to all youngsters who aspire to be pole-vaulters.

Worrying and fretting as he practiced for the Texas Relays, Carroll looked like the symbol of gloom. Tossed about by the gusty Oklahoma



Bill Carroll, rangy pole-vaulter from Okemah, is all set for another crack at the all-time University pole-vault record. The tall education junior hoisted himself over the bar at record-breaking levels twice during the indoor season.

breezes, the 6-foot 4½-inch 178-pound Sooner star whom Coach Jacobs calls "Lucky Strike" is now in the slump he always encounters when he makes the difficult change from indoor to outdoor vaulting.

"When you start vaulting outdoors, you never know whether the wind is with you, against you or coming in from the side," moans Carroll.

A pole-vaulter falling 14 feet with only thin-soled spiked shoes on his feet is naturally anxious about the landing pit beneath him. What's the best one Carroll ever dropped into?

"The one in that Michigan State Fieldhouse," he replies, promptly, "It was filled with sawdust topped with several inches of wood shavings. Almost as good is Jake's home-made layout here of prairie hay. You hit in it and bounce, like a kid jumping off a hay stack. Sand landing pits are the worst."

What does a pole-vaulter do to get in trim?

"He vaults. Also, we work in the gym on the bars and climb rope to build up our shoulders for the all-important push-up that jack knifes you over the bar. Also, Jake makes us sprint lots to develop takeoff speed and stamina."

Carroll can run the 100 in 10.4 seconds and the 220 in 22.7. Occasionally he gets "drafted" and runs a 220-yard leg on the Sooner half-mile relay team.

Carroll says the hardest thing about pole-vaulting is sweating out an opponent's jump. The pole vault is the longest event at any track meet. It starts at 7:30 p.m. and ends around 11 p.m. There's a lot of wear and tear just watching your opponent

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J. M. Durrett, Amarillo