

Young men and women qualified for leadership but lacking in finances are getting an assist from the alumni. When ambition and money meet

The Future Looks Brighter

With the opening of school this fall, a small group of students—much too small—will know something about the Alumni of their school even though most of them will be entering the University for the first time. The students in question will be holders of scholarships donated by the Alumni through the Alumni Development Fund.

In selecting the students to receive the scholarships, the faculty committee in charge of the final selections did not judge the applicants by the size of their hometowns, the number of very important people who would vouch for them or state and national boundary lines. Instead, the primary concern was whether or not the applicant was prepared to use a scholarship wisely for both his own personal benefit and for the people with whom he would be associated.

Persons hoping to attain a financial boost through the various University scholarship programs are required to submit a detailed report on their academic record, their extracurricular activities and their need. After this report was submitted their case rested on their record. And what impressive records many had compiled.

Thus far 21 Fund scholarships have been awarded. The most impressive characteristics of all the requests and particularly of those selected for scholarships were the tremendous grade averages and desire to attend the University under almost impossible financial conditions.

Weldon Wayne Saylor, Ardmore high-school valedictorian, who entered school this fall on a scholarship, probably summed up what all the scholarship applicants said in a different way. He said, "My funds do not meet my ambition."

But sometimes ambition can help supply the funds. John David Thomas, Oklahoma City, and Ivan Doyle Siddons, Fay, both freshmen, had almost perfect records and more ambition than most, and now they're going to get a pat-on-the-back.

Thomas asked for aid because his mother supported his three brothers besides himself. Since he was the eldest, John worked an *Oklahoman* and *Times* paper route and made money necessary to finance Classen

highschool activities such as speech meets and school social affairs. During highschool he was a member of the National Honor Society, National Forensic League of which he was treasurer and president, Hi-Y and Debate Team. He won the schools top debate award last year and was state president of UNESCO. That's a pretty fine record for a boy who has been the victim of polio. He wants to major in law.

Siddons wrote in a brief autobiography that he was born on a farm near Fay. Like every other farm boy, he said, he rode the bus back and forth to school and did the chores around the farm.

"When I was in the 7th grade I was stricken with rheumatic fever. I was lucky compared to the consequences of other people who have had it. The only after effects were that I could not exercise more than walking upstairs for over a year. I decided about this time on a medical career."

Because of his unusual ability and persistence, Siddons completed highschool in three years, with the aid of correspondence courses from the University. He kept an A record at Watonga highschool.

Not all scholarships were awarded to local students. Miss Wilma Reinthal, native of Estonia, is a case in point. The Reinthals immigrated from Estonia to Southern Europe in the face of the Russian occupation of that country during the German retreat. An American officer discovered them in a displaced persons hospital in Austria and was so impressed that he sponsored their admission to this country. Dr. Wal-freid Reinthal joined the University staff in 1949 as curator in the entomology museum. It was difficult for Dr. Reinthal to obtain employment because his degree was in medicine and he could not be licensed to practice in this country. Wilma has an outstanding scholastic record and is hurriedly trying to complete her education so that she may help carry the financial responsibilities of the family. She also has a brother enrolled at the University.

Then there's a young man who was awarded a scholarship but will be unable to accept. He's Delbert Metheny of Altus. Metheny was called to duty recently with the 45th National Guard Division.

At least two scholarship winners are

wholly dependent upon their own resources for their education. Bob L. Smith, Hobart, and Natha Jean Vinson, Cushing, find it necessary to depend upon their own devices.

Miss Vinson is the last child in a family of four to complete highschool. Her mother has managed to send her children through highschool on her pay as a bookkeeper, however, she also supports an invalid father. Natha Jean would find the going mighty rough, she said, unless some additional funds could help her shoulder the load. With her scholarship she will be able to start college and try for a degree in either journalism or some field of science.

Smith attended school at the University last year. To pay his way he worked in a grocery store but the hours necessary to provide enough money to do the job were almost prohibitive—certainly prohibitive for the kind of scholastic record he wanted. Bob wants to teach when he finishes college.

Grade average leaders among the scholarship holders would be hard to ascertain. Nearly every applicant could boast an A average, but two of the students went that better by maintaining A-plus averages. Lelia Ann Downing, Roswell, New Mexico, (See Cover) and Mrs. Patricia Worstell Miller, Okmulgee, set the records at Roswell highschool and Oklahoma College for Women respectively. Needless to say both women were valedictorians of their high-school classes. Mrs. Miller graduated from Okmulgee highschool. She will enrol as a junior transfer student and Miss Downing will enter the University College.

Several men and women would compete for the extracurricular activities diadem also, but as an example consider the Hugh Murray Claycomb record. Claycomb is a graduate of the 1949 class of Joplin, Missouri, highschool. His list of achievements reads something like this: valedictorian, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel in the ROTC, state finalist in debate and extemporaneous speaking, chosen most valuable student in Missouri in the 1949 contest of the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Awards, member of the National Honor Society, National Forensic League and National Thespians. He's been awarded the American Legion Sabre Award for best drilled

junior cadet in 1949, the Fifth Army Rifle Match Medal (tie for first place in 1949). In addition he has been president of the Joplin Kiwanis Key Club, delegate to the club's international convention in Washington, holder of the *Chicago Tribune* Medal Award for the Outstanding ROTC cadet. He has attended the Rice Institute for a year and will be on the campus to study petroleum engineering.

Two other scholarship winners help stack up evidence of the versatility of the young men and women who will be on the campus this fall through Alumni assistance. Robert B. Miller, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Charles C. Grimes, Clinton, managed to participate wholeheartedly in the affairs of their highschools.

Miller's athletic record shows wrestling, swimming and track. He participated in musical activities, was a representative on the student council, trod the boards in the junior play, was a member of the ROTC officers' club and when not engaged in sports, served as cheerleader. Miller is dependent upon his mother for support as his father died in 1945. He plans to major in geological engineering.

Grimes was active in sports. He played football, basketball and ran with the track thinclads. On the musical side, he gave forth with the highschool band, orchestra, glee club, quartets, both men's and mixed. He was president of the senior class, student council and men's chorus. Grimes did a little extemporaneous speaking and was named to the state and national honor societies. He received honorable mention in the Westinghouse Science Talent search in 1949. Charles flirted with an A average during highschool and plans to major in chemistry at the University. Both Grimes and Miller will be enrolled in the University College.

Other Development Fund Scholarship winners include:

Judith Ryder, Oklahoma City, sophomore; Mary Ann Humphreys, Altus freshman; James G. Williams, Jr., graduate student from Cushing; Danny M. White, Vernon, Texas, sophomore; Robert Edwin Todd, graduate student in geology, Shawnee; Billie Jean Gardenhire, Sulphur arts and sciences junior, and John Seymour, freshman from Henryetta. In addition, Edrita Pokorny, drama student from Ada, and Rosemary Thompson, fine arts senior from Oklahoma City, were granted special scholarships.

Some of the other outstanding scholarships which are administered by the University of Oklahoma Foundation include the Robert Bass Memorial scholarship offered to a junior man and the Delta Tau Delta scholarship for the top high

school senior boy who applies for the award.

Oliver William Jones, Jr., Tahlequah freshman, was granted the Delta Tau Delta award this year.

In his autobiography which is required of all Delta Tau Delta applicants, Jones stated that it had been the philosophy of his family to participate in many school and community activities rather than stress studies altogether. A summation of his highschool extracurricular activities read like this:

Freshman year: football, wrestling, mixed chorus, assistant pianist at First Presbyterian Church, played piano for North-



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eastern State College dance band, secretary of freshman class.

Sophomore year: president of class, football, basketball, pianist for church and college dance band, treasurer of Westminster Fellowship, sports editor of yearbook, member of Thespian society and actor in school play.

Junior year: football, basketball, pianist for church and dance band, bass player in college symphony orchestra, treasurer of Westminster Fellowship, sports editor of yearbook, role in junior play, wrestling, charter member of Key Club, delegate to Boys' State and elected governor at state meet.

Senior year: captain of football team, all-district fullback, basketball, wrestling, president of student body, president of Key Club, president of chemistry club, took part in speech and debate work, cast in senior play, member of the National Honor Society, assistant organist for church, selected outstanding senior boy.

It would seem that no time had been allocated for studies but this amazing boy managed an A-minus average. Such is the

competition for the Delta Tau Delta scholarship.

Fred Roy Harris, Walters, was awarded the Robert Bass Scholarship. Harris is a junior majoring in government. He graduated from Walters highschool in 1948 and in addition to being selected the best all-around boy in his class, was the winner of the Tri-State FFA oratorical contest. At the University he has worked as a printer for the *Oklahoma Daily*, participated in numerous activities and maintained an A average. Harris is married and has a six-month-old child.

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Bass of Dallas, for their nephew, Robert Dean Bass, '39-'43, the scholarship serves as a memorial to the young University student who was killed in action in 1945.

These then are some of the general scholarships offered to students at the University. Another group of scholarships known as Service scholarships are helping supply the students with needed funds. There are 50 of these scholarships and are available each year with preference being given highschool seniors. Recipients are selected in much the same manner as the Fund Scholarship winners. They are selected according to scholastic record, character and need. Unlike most of the other scholarships, recipients will be required to perform four hours service each week throughout the semester for the department which offers his major field of interest.

All became effective when the back-to-school movement took place.

During the summer biological training course at Lake Texoma, nine students were awarded Alumni Development Fund scholarships for the 8-week course in practical research.

They were Francis Edwin Alder, Hugo; Juet Carl Bass, Clemscott; Patricia Bynum, '47bs, Henryetta; Harriet Morrison Cavert, Oswego, New York, Robert E. Coalson, '49bs, Hobart; John C. Johnson, Jr., Gunnison, Colorado; Louis G. Nuernberger, Verden; Kenneth Starks, '50bs, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Clay Wilson, Jr., '49bs, '50ms, Chickasha.

The University of Oklahoma Foundation which administers many of the scholarships and the Alumni Development Fund are doing yeoman duty trying to provide opportunities for promising students who need help. The bright young men and women who can obviously contribute to the school, state and nation and cannot gain their college education otherwise are getting a break. What has been done thus far is merely a drop in the bucket considering the many worthy applications which were refused. But at least the drop is there.