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#### The Cover

Relaxed in her Santa Fe style home near Norman with her massive, black dog at her feet, Mrs. Inez Bever Price, '24ed, has reason for taking a breather. She's seen one son graduate in mid-January and her other two sons start their college work. Her breather was merely for the photographer, however. She's not only keeping the family home in tip-top running condition but she's also returned to the University for more studies in social work

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Alumni Development Fund

## On The Sooner Scene

#### By Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law

In 1948 the University of Oklahoma followed the precedent set by nine out of ten of the 1,700 colleges and universities in the country and asked its alumni to contribute to a development fund. This idea has been well-received. Several thousand alumni have sent their money and letters of encouragement as evidence of support. The University of Oklahoma Foundation and the Alumni Development Fund, together, have been responsible for more than \$105,-000 a year for the past two years. This does not include several excellent libraries, equipment and gifts of property received from alumni and friends.

The directors of the Alumni Development Fund invite you to examine the following projects which will be financed with funds you send in this year. Each of the thirteen programs described represent a carefully studied need of the University.

#### 1. Scholarships

Enable deserving and needy young men and women to attend the University and prepare for useful careers in business and professional life.

#### 2. Grassland Ecology

Research in problems of range management with regard to soil factors, native grasses, and effect of mulch on grasslands.

Despite the immense importance of such information concerning our native grasses, no survey has even been made of the photoperiodic responses of various geographic strains of big bluestems, Indian grass, and switch grass, all of these being important range grasses in Oklahoma. Such a survey is planned if greenhouse facilities and financial assistance are made available.

#### 3. Marriage Counselling

Looking Toward Marriage is an elective course open to all University students. Relating to premarital and marriage problems, the demand for the course has increased to such an extent that the course must be expanded.

Funds are needed to: (1) provide assistance to

Mrs. Ortenberger, the instructor, in order that she may devote more time to counselling; (2) provide in-service training to provide trained personnel in this new field; (3) provide books and visual materials for classes.

#### 4. Educational Aids for Blind

Provide blind students the opportunity to prepare lessons outside of class through use of wire recordings of commonly used books, addresses, special lectures, etc., to be purchased and included in the University Library.

#### 5. Murals for New Geology Building

The new Geology building is nearing completion and financial aid is needed to provide murals for the new lobby.

#### 6. Plant Biochemistry

A study of plants as a source of chemical products and compounds. A botanical garden for the cultivation of Oklahoma plants would assist in research of the chemical entities obtainable from common native plants.

#### 7. New Drugs

The School of Pharmacy proposes to co-operate with the School of Medicine in converting drugs into useful and usuable forms for medication needed in research program on the diseases of old age. Present University funds budgeted to the School of Pharmacy are not adequate to carry on this proposed program of clinical research.

#### 8. Publication of Research and Specialized Information

The results of important studies conducted at the University should be printed to make them permanent and accessible to others. This service would: (1) secure national recognition for O.U. in academic fields; (2) encourage faculty members to do research programs; (3) provide valuable information.

#### 9. Speech and Hearing Clinic

The University provides a clinic for the deaf and hard of hearing. Since the cost per pupil of instruction is abnormally high, the clinical demand is greater than the facilities and staff now provided by state funds.

#### 10. Community Development

Provide consultation and advice to communities in formulating comprehensive master plans for

their areas, and specialized information relating to community planning problems.

#### 11. Relation of Teacher Preparation to **Teaching Success**

A thorough study of professional experiences of O.U. graduates in relation to areas of specialization, formal preparation, factors contributing to success, and general programs of teacher education at the University.

#### 12. President's Emergency Fund

Special needs often arise for which allocated

funds are not provided. This fund would enable the University to meet those needs.

#### 13. Chapel and Religious Acitivities

There is an awakening interest among the students and faculty members of the University of Oklahoma in the power and significance of religion. Serious planning and study is devoted to increasing the opportunities for religious activities among the students.

A center is needed to stabilize the great amount of religious activity at the University and to encourage more students to become better acquainted with their religions. Nothing could be done on the campus that would be more gratifying to the students, their friends and their families, than the construction of a beautiful chapel. At the present rate of enrollment 600,000 students would rcceive benefit from such a building in the next 50 vears.

## One for the Books

### Fund contributors set a new record for total gifts during the first six months of the current fiscal year.

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utors and approximately \$4,000 in contribu-

son of figures is the indication of an in-

crease of interest on the part of the alumni.

Many contributors are making their gift

an annual one and many others are joining

the program. Contributors for the period

from July 1, 1950, to January 10, 1951, in-

But more important than any compari-

M ore than 400 contributors with more than \$7,000 in contributions was the record of the Alumni Development Fund as figures for the first half of the current fiiscal year were totaled.

Some of the money was received for the Ted Bearid Memorial; some for the purpose of sending O.U. law students to the national moot court competition in New York City, and the rest was contributed to go into the

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general fund to be used in financing the objectives of the Fund as outlined in On the Sooner Scene.

What can be accomplished in a year's time is clearly demonstrated by comparing the results above with a like period of the past year. From July 1, 1949, to January 10, 1950, 296 alumni and friends of the University contributed \$3,244.75. The figures show an increase of more than 100 contrib-

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