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*Ten University Faculty members received tribute from a grateful University for their teaching and counseling Sept. 7. Honorees received \$500 award from O.U. Foundation*

## Tribute for Ten

By BOYD GUNNING, '37ba, '37Law

Ten O.U. professors were presented University of Oklahoma Foundation Teaching Awards by Ward S. Merrick, Ardmore, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, at the annual Freshman Convocation held at the Owen Stadium on the evening of September 7th. The awards are given in recognition of excellence in teaching and counseling. Winners are named by a secret committee of faculty members, appointed by President G. L. Cross. In addition to the honor represented by the award, each teacher also receives a check for \$500.00 from the Foundation.

Each faculty member receiving a teaching award this year will also be given a credit of \$250 in the University Foundation student aid fund. This money will be used at the discretion of the faculty member to provide financial assistance to worthy students who have demonstrated outstanding competency. The student aid fund was established this year by Walter Neustadt, '41ms, of Ardmore, with the idea that the best teachers and student counselors are in the best position to know which students are most deserving of this type of assistance.

The ten who were named this year were Carlton W. Berenda, professor of philosophy; C. C. Bush, Jr., associate professor of history; Eugene F. Dawson, professor of mechanical engineering; Victor A. Elconin, associate professor of English; Dora McFarland, professor of mathematics; Carl

A. Moore, associate professor of geology; William N. Peach; professor of economics; Winston O. Smith, associate professor of mechanical engineering; L. E. Winfrey, professor of modern languages; Jewel Wurtzbaugh, professor of English.

The awards are made possible by grants received from four good friends of the University who understand and appreciate the value of sound teaching and student counseling. T. H. McCasland, '16ba, Duncan; Charles P. McGaha, '18, Wichita Falls; the Lloyd Noble organizations through the children of the late Lloyd Noble; Sam, '47ba, Ed, '51geol, and Anne, and the President of the Noble Drilling Corporation, Cecil Forbes, '26-'29, of Tulsa. Ward S. Merrick of Ardmore joined with the other three in establishing the \$25,000.00 fund for the teaching awards.

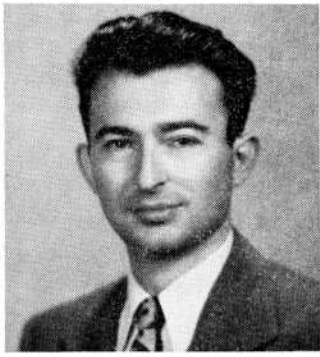
Any one of the honored ten for 1953 would be an adequate subject for a full length article in the *Sooner Magazine*. Because of the limitations on space here is only a brief paragraph about each one of these fine teachers; some of whom you already know and others you will want to meet on your next visit to the campus.

In 1946 Carlton Warren Berenda joined the philosophy faculty after having taught in such institutions as the College of the City of New York, Rochester University, Massachusetts State, Rutgers. Professor Berenda had the unusual background of having studied in the fields of biochem-

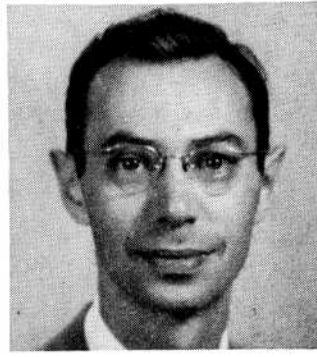
istry, physics, and philosophy. He had completed research in relativity and the quantum theory under such distinguished scientists as Professor E. Fermi, Albert Einstein and H. B. Robertson. In spite of this broad background of experience and highly specialized-training Berenda was often mistaken on the campus for an underclassmen because of his youthful appearance. He soon became known among students and faculty colleagues alike as a brilliant lecturer and an inspiring teacher and has continued to enhance that reputation with each year of service.

Charles C. Bush, Jr., associate professor of history and a specialist of the military history of the United States, first joined the Sooner faculty in 1934. He has served in many capacities, in the field of social science as director of the remedial program and as acting dean of men before going into military service in 1942. Upon his return from the service he organized several new courses in military history and has become one of the most popular lecturers on the campus. He also spends considerable time as a student counselor and discussion leader for various student organizations. As a reserve officer, with 30 years service, Professor Bush has a keen understanding of the problems which the returning veterans face as they assume their roll as college students.

Professor Eugene F. Dawson of the School of Mechanical Engineering will



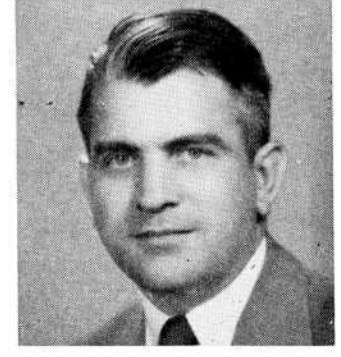
CARLTON W. BERENDA



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W. N. PEACH

long remember the opening months of the 1953-54 term because of the good news which it brought to the Dawson household. A week before the teaching awards were announced Professor and Mrs. Dawson received word that their son, Miles, had just been released as a prisoner of war in Korea.

Professor Dawson is a much sought after consultant in the fields of heating, ventilating, refrigeration and air conditioning. He is well-known to specialists in these fields throughout the entire southwest. He has been active and holds offices in professional organizations such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers, and the American Society of Engineering Education. He has studied and received degrees from Ohio State University and the University of Minnesota. The honor which has come to Professor Dawson through this award will be greatly appreciated also by the many engineering graduates who still look to him for a friendly word and advice on their engineering problems.

Professor Victor A. Elconin came to O.U. from Ohio where he graduated from Ohio State University with three degrees. In addition to the fine record which he has made here as an outstanding teacher and student counselor, Professor Elconin has received several honors in recognition of his achievements as a scholar. For instance, in 1951 he was winner of a faculty fellowship from the American Council for Learned Societies. These fellowships are highly competitive and are presented to outstanding young scholars for the purpose of broadening the range of knowledge for teachers and thus improving the teaching in the humanities. A recipient must elect to study in a field other than his own. Professor Elconin chose psychology and anthropology.

One of the best known and best loved teachers on the campus is Dora McFarland, professor of mathematics, who came to Oklahoma from Monmouth College in Illi-

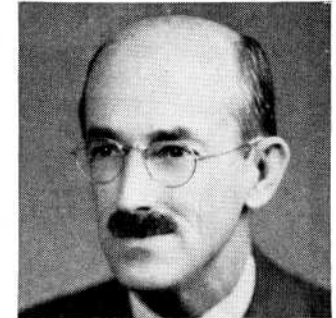
nois, received a master's degree at O.U. and later attended the University of Chicago where she earned a Ph.D. degree in mathematics. Professor McFarland has served the University well in many capacities. She has been a member of numerous important Universities committees, such as the committees on instruction and faculty retirement, budget council and various student activities committees. She has served as faculty advisor to several student organizations on the campus such as YWCA, Kappa Alpha Theta, and others. She has also been active and held offices in American Association of University Professors; Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma XI, and Delta Kappa Gamma. I know from first hand experience that she is a very patient and effective teacher. She always has time to help any student solve his problems regardless of how crowded her schedule might be.

Carl A. Moore, associate professor of geology, joined the O.U. Faculty in 1946. He came to the University after having excellent training at the University of Tulsa and the State University of Iowa where he received the Ph.D. degree in 1940. For several years he worked as a research geologist for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and then as a field subsurface geologist for the Carter Oil Company. Professor Moore has been a leader on the campus and a very sympathetic counselor for individual students as well as for various student organizations. He is active in his church and in Boy Scout work of Norman. Professor Moore, in addition to his regular teaching and counseling assignments, has conducted many field trips for geology students and has brought considerable recognition to the School of Geology by the manner in which he has directed the bi-annual short course on subsurface geological techniques. The proceedings of this short course is edited by Professor Moore and distributed throughout the oil producing world. He is in charge of the geology field courses conducted each summer by O.U. in Colorado. He is a member of numerous professional organizations such as the

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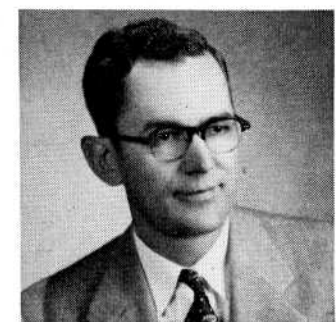
E. F. DAWSON



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house guest of E. E. Barberii, P.E. '44, and his wife, Nancy Kendall Barberii, Arch. '45. Adding to the pleasure of the Mexico City visit was an evening spent at the Capri Club with the Barberiis, Larry Guseman, Geol. '34, and Mrs. Guseman, and Bill P. Salas, Geol. E. '37. Like many other graduates in the States and other lands, these three men hold important positions in industry.

### Alumni Club Reports . . .

*Magazine.* The meeting was held at the home of John Gittinger, '38ba, '39ms, and Mrs. Gittinger, (Mary Ryle, '36h.ec), in Falls Church, Virginia. (Editor's Note: It was a fine informal get-together; one appreciated by the secretary and myself.)

**Bartlesville Alumni Club.** The Washington County Alumni Club met August 13 in the Burlingame Hotel in Bartlesville.

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At the business meeting, Ben Harned, '36ba, was elected president of the club, Laurence Varvel, '41bus, '49Law, vice president, and Pat Phillips, '51journ, secretary.

T. E. Weirich, '22geol, alumni executive board member from Bartlesville, discussed O.U.'s future as a religious and art center, and spoke on the importance of the University Library as a depository of first editions, initiated by E. GeGolyer, and suggested that other alumni should follow this example should their libraries contain valuable original writings.

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ogists, the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Meteorologists and a fellow of the Geological Society of America. He has published numerous articles and other writings on geological subjects and is a popular lecturer in his field.

Before joining the O.U. faculty in 1949, William N. Peach, professor of economics, served on the University of Texas teaching staff and was assistant manager in the research and statistical department of the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas. He also taught economics at Syracuse University and during World War II served as an officer in the United States Navy. He is a graduate of both Loyola College in Baltimore and Johns Hopkins University. He is a member of the American Economic Association, the American Finance Association and the National Bureau of Research. His books include *The Security of Affiliates of National Banks*, *Basic Data of the American Economy*; in addition, he has written numerous articles for professional publications.

Winston O. Smith, associate professor of mechanical engineering, joined the O.U. faculty in 1941. He has a broad background of training in Engineering and has served the University effectively in various capacities, including an assignment as chairman of the School of General Engineering. Professor Smith studied at the

Georgia School of Technology, at MIT and Purdue. He has had practical engineering experience with the General Electric Company, The United Fruit Company and the Globe Indemnity Company of New York City. During the war he served as an officer in the U. S. Navy. He designed the power drive for the aeronautical wind tunnel at O.U. He is a member of various professional organizations and has been national secretary and treasurer of Tau Omega, national honorary aeronautical engineering fraternity. Professor Smith's hobby is firearms and in 1943 his book was published on the famous Sharps Rifle. This book is recognized as a standard reference on this historical weapon of frontier days.

Professor Lewis E. Winfrey of the department of modern languages came to O.U. in 1927. Because of his retiring nature few realize what a tremendous impact Professor Winfrey has, year in and year out, upon the students of French who have the privilege of studying with him.

After receiving a degree from the University of Arkansas, he went to Europe where he studied in Germany at the Universities of Marburg and Leipzig; then to France to the University of Nanay, and returning to this country he completed his formal studies at Columbia University and Chicago University.

He has done considerable research in the field of French Literature and is a regular contributor to the university publication, *Books Abroad*.

There are few alumni who will fail to recognize the name of Jewel Wurtzbaugh, professor of English and an outstanding member of the faculty for many years and the benefactor of many, many graduates. Although Professor Wurtzbaugh was originally Texan, she received most of her formal collegiate education at Columbia University and at Johns Hopkins University. She has also done research in Europe and particularly at the British Museum. She is active and has been a leader in many professional literary organizations and has written extensively in the field of English Literature. Her studies of Spencerian scholarship was published by Johns Hopkins University Press under the title of *Two Centuries of Spencerian Scholarship*.

Professor Wurtzbaugh takes a personal interest in her students and they agree that studying English Literature with her is always an exciting and thrilling experience.

Although there are many other universities and colleges where salary scales are higher than at O.U., the Teaching Awards Program of the University of Oklahoma Foundation has helped to demonstrate that nowhere is the work of sincere and dedicated teachers more sincerely appreciated than in Oklahoma.