



Dr. Stephen Scatori, professor of modern languages and advisor to O.U.'s foreign students, visits with four students from different nations. They are Hashim Mahmoud Kudsi, Lebanon; Eileen Rae Glass, Australia; Pedro Augusto Camacho, Colombia, and Paul Frederik DeGroot, the Netherlands.

## Away from Home Father

By BILL MASSAD, '55

"There is so much traffic at all hours of the day and night at Dr. Scatori's house that I sometimes wonder whether he is a medical doctor instead of a doctor of languages," a next-door neighbor once remarked.

This statement was made about Dr. Stephen Scatori, professor of Romance languages at the University and advisor to the approximately 250 foreign students now enrolled at O.U., representing 27 different countries.

Dr. Scatori manages to squeeze in advising in addition to his other duties as a full-time professor of languages. Mrs. Scatori says that this work is a sort of hobby with the professor. "He is interested in the students and their problems and substitutes them into his schedule as his forms of relaxation and recreation." Mrs. Scatori adds that, "I can recall when we have had as many as 17 foreign students seated in

one room or around the table, with possibly six or seven different languages being spoken."

His knowledge of foreign countries, and in particular the Latin-American countries, has made him a natural for the job. He speaks four languages fluently: Italian, Spanish, French, and English. In addition, Dr. Scatori reads Latin and Portuguese.

Languages have seemed to follow Dr. Scatori throughout his life. The small, dark-complexioned professor was born in New Orleans, the son of an Italian farmer. At the age of 14 he began thinking of some day becoming a language professor.

It was almost unavoidable that Dr. Scatori should be interested in languages. His father was Italian and insisted that the children speak Italian at home; his Spanish mother thought the children should speak Spanish. With this "forced" training be-

hind him, Dr. Scatori felt that he could not allow it to go to waste. With this in mind he decided to continue his study of languages.

After completing high school in New Orleans, he was awarded a four-year scholarship to Tulane University. In 1914, Scatori was graduated with a B.A. and an interest in tennis. He also attended the University of Michigan, where he taught and received an M.A. degree; the University of Chicago, and two foreign universities. In France he studied at the University of Toulouse, receiving his Doctor of Letters with honors, and at the Centro de Estudios Historicos, Madrid, Spain.

The polylinguist came to Norman in 1920, and has been associated with the Modern Language Department ever since. In 1945 he was appointed official advisor to foreign students and began his present



Dr. Stephen Scatori is pictured with Romulo Gallegos, Latin American novelist and former president of Venezuela, who was visiting the University, and President George L. Cross.

# Top Ten Get \$500 Awards

By DAVID BURR, '52ba

work which involves getting the foreign students settled and adjusted to American ways.

"I try my best," Scatori says, "to orient the student so he will feel at home. I help him find a place to live and make sure he is enrolled properly." The quick-talking professor smiled as he told of meeting a brother and sister from Central America at the bus station, and the mixture of delight and bewilderment on their faces as he greeted them in their native tongue.

A "father away from home" to these foreign students, Dr. Scatori sometimes has contact with them even before they reach the University. Some of the prospective students write directly to him from their home country, having received his name from friends or relatives. Dr. Scatori is listed with the Institute of International Education which enables students interested in the University to obtain his name.

Dr. and Mrs. Scatori frequently entertain the students in their home. Often they bring their musical instruments and recordings to the Scatori home and play and sing songs from their native countries.

These get-togethers also give the doctor a chance to show off his ability as a cook. His spaghetti and meatballs is well-known to faculty and students. Dr. Scatori has three "don'ts" that he abides by in preparing the dish: don't use American cheese for the topping; don't use other oils if you can possibly get olive oil, and don't overcook the spaghetti. "And," he added with a twinkle in his eye, "a bottle of Chianti will really add to the gastronomic delight of your friends and yourself."

In addition to his teaching and advising, Dr. Scatori has been active in other respects. In 1926, he served on the first editorial staff of *Books Abroad*, a quarterly magazine devoted to reviews of books writ-

ten in foreign languages. It was the first such publication ever undertaken. Scatori served as associate editor until 1944.

Another project was teaching Spanish over the radio. In 1938, Dr. Scatori began his Spanish lessons over radio station WNAD, aiming them at high school students. He received letters from towns all over Oklahoma telling him how much his lessons were enjoyed and how much they helped.

Some of his other activities include helping organize the annual Pan-American Week activities at O.U.; serving as president of the University Club; lecturing throughout the country on Latin-American and Italian subjects, and sponsoring the Spanish Club for many years. Also, he has written several textbooks and articles on Spanish grammar and the Latin-American republics, and numerous reviews in *Books Abroad*.

Dr. Scatori's former students and advisees have done well. One is a Venezuelan cabinet minister, one a former university president, and others are teaching in foreign universities. Two faculty members at O.U. today are former Scatori students. Joseph Benton, '20ba, '21fa, '41ma, professor of music and one of the doctor's former students, was the only student in the history of the University to write his master's thesis in Italian, which, incidentally, was supervised by Scatori.

Dr. Scatori is proud of his work with the foreign students, and feels that such a program is important to international understanding. "It is only the prejudiced person who will single out a foreign student and claim that he doesn't pay his bills or that he is lazy," stated Scatori. "They are in a minority and are easily spotted," he added.

In early November ten faculty members received positive proof that their outstanding teaching and student counseling had been appreciated by their University. Under terms of a gift to the University of Oklahoma Foundation given for the purpose, the ten received \$500 checks for their personal use and an additional \$250 each to be used as scholarship money for students of their own choosing.

Initiated in 1952, the Teaching Awards program was made possible by gifts from Ward S. Merrick, Ardmore oilman; T. Howard McCasland, '16ba, Duncan oilman; Charles P. McGaha, '18, Wichita Falls, Texas, banker, and the Lloyd Noble organizations of Ardmore through Cecil Forbes, '26-'29, Tulsa, president of the Noble Drilling Company. A total gift of \$25,000 was given to provide ten Teaching Awards a year over a five-year period. The scholarship money was given by Walter Neustadt, Ardmore oilman.

The Teaching Awards, called "probably the highest we can grant," by President George L. Cross, were announced at a general faculty meeting November 2. Ed Noble, '51geol, Tulsa, presented the checks as representative of the University Foundation.

Selected by a secret committee on the basis of their achievements in teaching and counseling, the winners are, in alphabetical order:

Robert E. Bell, associate professor of anthropology, came to O.U. in 1947. He holds degrees from University of New Mexico (B.A.) and the University of Chicago (M. A. and Ph.D.). His field of special interest is archaeology, a subject that has particular interest for him in Oklahoma. Among the many publications he is responsible for are "The Harlan Site, Cherokee County, Oklahoma," "Spiro Mound Burials," and the "Scott Site, LeFlore County, Oklahoma." He has spent a great deal of his non-teaching time since coming to Oklahoma

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'54 John S. Schoelen, '54bs, is now living at 1510 Broadway Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana, where he is associated with the Arkansas Fuel Corporation as a geologist.

George S. Carnahan, '54eng, Wichita, Kansas, has been awarded the \$1,500 Shell Fellowship in petroleum engineering at O.U. Carnahan is working on a master's degree in petroleum engineering.

Robert L. Bainbridge, '54bus, Oklahoma City, received his Marine commission October 23 upon completion of a 10-week indoctrination course as an officer candidate. Bainbridge is now undergoing a five-month Officers Basic Course at Quantico, Virginia.

REYNOLDS-EWING: Doris Reynolds, Oklahoma City, and Wyman Ewing, '54bs, Purcell, were married June 4. The couple is now in St. Louis, where he is attending the St. Louis University

School of Medicine. Their address is 1533 Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

Miss Jane Atkinson, '54bs, has established a home at 2252 Maroneal, Houston, Texas.

CARNES-ROWSEY: Miss Janyne Carnes, '54bus, Holdenville, and James Patton Rowsey, University law student from Muskogee, were married August 28 at Holdenville. The couple is living at 706 Jenkins, Norman.

POSTELLE-MILLER: Miss Mary Sue Postelle, '54ed, Odessa, Texas, and Ralf Merle Miller, O.U. student from Oklahoma City, were married April 17, at Hereford, Texas. The Millers are living in Norman, where he is finishing an engineering degree after 31 months of active duty with the U. S. Army.

DARR-NICHOLLS: Miss Carolyn Sue Darr, '54ba, Oklahoma City, and Harry Ellsworth Nich-

olls, '54bs, San Antonio, were married August 7 in Oklahoma City. The couple is living in Austin, Texas, where Nicholls is completing his master's degree in geology at the University of Texas.

ROBERTS-HARTING: Miss Virginia Ann Roberts, Bristow, and Alfred Harting, '54eng, Tulsa, were married August 6, in Bristow. The Hartings are living in Duncan, where he is employed as a petroleum engineer.

POFF-SMITH: Miss Nathalee Annice Poff, '54ed, Fort Worth, and Dennis O. Smith, '54ba, Hutchinson, Kansas, were married August 15 in Fort Worth.

CARNEY-PRUETT: Miss Carolyn Carney, '54, Atoka, and Harry L. Pruett, Jr., Pauls Valley, were married in August in Atoka. The Pruetts are living in Houston, Texas.

Donald E. Lambdin, '54Law, and Mrs. Lambdin, Wichita, Kansas, have selected the name Sterling Steven Lambdin for their son born June 23.

THURMAN-HUNTER: Joyce Nayle Thurman, '54ba, and Kenneth Ray Hunter, '54eng, were married in late July in Norman. The Hunters, both of Norman, will make their home in Oklahoma City.

Paul M. Brewer, '54Law, Wewoka attorney, was appointed in September as Assistant United States Attorney.

Lee Royce Gallagher, '54bs, Ponca City, has been awarded the W. Alton Jones graduate fellowship given by the Cities Service Company. Gallagher will work for a master's degree in physics at the California Institute of Technology.

KIRK-LITTLE: Miss Joy Francine Kirk, '54ed, and John Duane Little, both of Altus, were married early in October. The couple is living in Altus.

David E. Honnold, '54eng, University graduate student from Columbus, North Dakota, has won the third place award of \$500 offered by the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio. The foundation sponsors a nation-wide competition for the best designs of machinery or machine parts and welded structures.

HARDWICK-PORTWOOD: Gayle Hardwick, '54ba, Norman, and J. Edward Portwood, Long Beach, California, were married September 17 in Norman. Mrs. Portwood is employed with the Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. in Oklahoma City as home service director.

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Harry V. Spooner, '54bs, O.U. graduate student, has been awarded the \$1,250 California Company fellowship in geology for the 1954-55 academic year. Spooner, who majored in chemistry and physics as an undergraduate, last year received the \$400 Harry J. Brown memorial scholarship. He also received an award from Sigma Gamma Epsilon, honorary geology fraternity.

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Dr. Scatori firmly believes that the foreign students who are here now will be the ambassadors of good-will and the future boosters of O.U. If he would look the other way, he would see that he is the University's best representative of the "Good Neighbor" policy.

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