



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.

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.

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Top Ten Get \$500 Awards

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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



Eddie Noble, '51geol (left, front row) presented Teaching Awards to 10 faculty members. Winners are (front) : Dr. William N. Huff, Dr. John S. Ezell, Dr. Stanley K. Coffman, Dr. George G. Huffman; (back) : Ralph W. Disney, '48geol, '50m.geol; Lowell Dunham, '32ba, '35ma, Dr. Harriet Harvey, Dr. J. Clayton Feaver, Dr. Robert E. Bell, Dr. John M. Raines. Awards, made on basis of excellence in teaching, counseling, carried \$500 for each winner.

supervising excavation work in search of archaeological objects. His professional groups include the American Anthropological Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigma Xi, Society for American Archaeology, and the AAUP.

Dr. Stanley K. Coffman, assistant dean of the University College and associate professor of English, came to the University of Oklahoma in 1948. He holds a B.A. degree from Haverford College, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Ohio State. A Phi Beta Kappa, he is a member of the Modern Languages Association and the American Association of University Professors. In 1951 the University of Oklahoma Press published his book, "The Imagist." During World War II he served in the army as an officer. Dr. Coffman was appointed to his present title of assistant dean of the University College September 1, 1954.

Ralph W. Disney, assistant professor of geology, is a product of the University of Oklahoma. He holds B.S. ('48) and M.S. ('50) degrees from O.U. and worked as a graduate assistant and instructor before being granted his present rank. He is the author of several articles appearing in professional geological publications. During the summers he serves as a geological consultant. His professional and honorary memberships include Sigma Xi, Sigma Gamma Epsilon, Eta Sigma Phi, the Oklahoma Geological Society and the Oklahoma Academy of Science. He served with the Air Corps during World War II.

Lowell Dunham, assistant professor of modern languages, is a product of the University of Oklahoma. He took both B.A. ('32) and M.A. ('35) degrees from the University. A Phi Beta Kappa, Dunham taught in the Idabel public schools and at Central State College in the thirties. He was an FBI agent from 1940 to 1946, serving as critic supervisor in Spanish for the FBI and

as special agent. From 1942-46 he was assistant special agent in charge of the FBI in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He joined the O.U. faculty in 1946 as an instructor. He was granted leave from O.U. from 1948-50 to work for a Ph.D. at U.C.L.A. He will receive the degree in June, 1955. He has written many articles in Spanish and received the Andres Bello Prize for a study entitled "Manuel Diaz Rodriguez, maestro del estilo."

John S. Ezell, associate professor of history, received a B.A. degree from Wake Forest and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard. During World War II he served as a lieutenant on a mine sweeper. He wrote a "History of the South Pacific Command" for the navy in 1945. After receiving his discharge and his Ph.D., he was an instructor at Carnegie Tech before joining the O.U. faculty in 1948. He is a member of the American Historical Association and Southern Historical Association. He is the co-author of "Readings in American History" and many historical articles.

John Clayton Feaver, Kingfisher College professor of philosophy of religion and ethics, associate professor of philosophy, joined the O.U. faculty in 1951. His academic background includes degrees from Fresno State College (B.A.), from Pacific School of Religion (B.D.) and from Yale (Ph.D.). For several years before coming to Norman he had been teaching at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky. He is a member of the American Association of University Professors, the National Association of Biblical Instructors and the Southern Society of Philosophy and Religion.

Harriet Harvey, assistant professor of zoology, took a combined degree in zoology and physical education at Northwest Missouri State College in 1943. She taught physics in elementary schools and college before becoming an assistant instructor in zoology at the University of Chicago, where she

earned a Ph.D. degree in 1951. She joined the O.U. faculty in 1951.

William N. Huff, associate professor of mathematics, joined the O.U. faculty in 1946. His preparation includes a B.A. from Haverford College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. A Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Huff is a member of Sigma Xi, Pi Mu Epsilon, the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America.

George G. Huffman, associate professor of geology, holds B.A. and M.S. degrees from the University of Iowa and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. After graduation from Columbia he was employed by the Texas Company. He joined the O.U. faculty in 1946. In addition to teaching geology he has been actively engaged in work with the Oklahoma Geological Survey. A Phi Beta Kappa, he is a member of Sigma Xi, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, and the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists. He has done a great deal of writing for professional and scholastic publications.

John M. Raines, professor of English, came to O.U. in 1946 as assistant professor of English. He holds degrees from Tarkio College (B.A. and Mus.B.), Cornell University, (M.A. and Ph.D.). His list of activities and honors is long, but to mention a few he is a member of AAUP, of South-Central Modern Languages Association, and Phi Kappa Phi. He is a lay leader of the Episcopal Church. During World War II he served as a naval lieutenant from 1943 to 1945.

The ten award winners, as well as the twenty professors who have received the Teaching Award in the previous two years, have their own efforts to thank for their selection. But it took the vision and generosity of the donors to give the Teaching Awards a practical meaning—a good example of how individuals can help build a better University of Oklahoma.