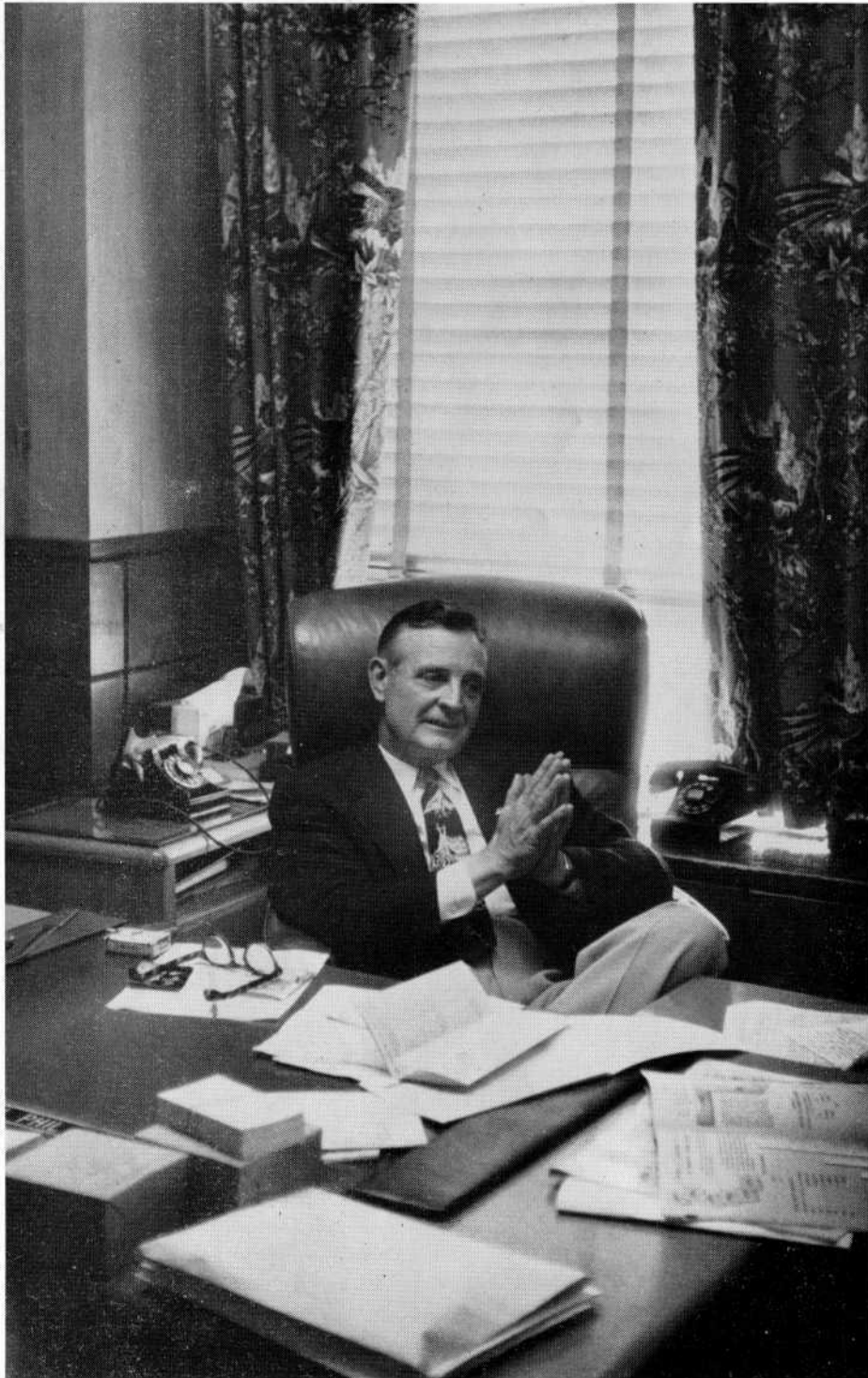


HE CAN'T SAY NO

Chairman of the Alumni Development Fund Board of Directors, J. Phil Burns comes close to being the busiest man that you've ever met. He tries, he says, to put "Service Above Self."



J. Phil Burns, '27ba, with characteristic gesture, explains why he accepts fund raising jobs.

One bright Wednesday morning in early October, a well-dressed man stepped into the elevator of an Oklahoma City office building. He said, "Good morning," to the elevator operator, because he thought it was a good morning, got off at his floor and went to work.

People who saw him probably didn't pay him any more attention than they did hundreds of other business executives hurrying to their work in hundreds of other office buildings. They should have. He is one of the most unusual graduates the University of Oklahoma has produced.

The man, J. Phil Burns, '27ba, is unusual because he can't say no. At least he can't say no to a worthwhile project, and since a city the size of Oklahoma City has countless worthwhile programs it amounts to the same thing.

He explains that his willingness to work stems from his association with Rotary. The organization's motto, "Service Above Self," has stuck to such an amazing degree that Burns holds memberships or directorships in more than 25 organizations and the list is still growing.

A story of his successful climb from a small town banker and businessman in Fairview, Oklahoma, to president of United Securities Agency of Oklahoma City would make a fine success story by itself. But the real story of J. Phil Burns is service—to his church, his University, to his city and to his state. His influence is felt on an international level, also, through his work with the international administration of Rotary.

One phase of his service deals with fund raising. He could probably claim the title as the greatest fund raiser in Oklahoma City, if he were interested in titles. His activities have included the following:

- 1) He served as finance chairman for the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City. In the position he was in charge of raising \$1,250,000 to build the "Church of Tomorrow" which will soon be complete. He is proud of the fact that \$800,000 was raised in 30 days.

- 2) He served as captain of a team in the



Burns' reason for taking time from busy business to head fund drives is philosophy: "Is it worthy of being done? If it is, I can find the time."



The Oklahoma City businessman is engaged in several fund raising campaigns. Included is direction of O. U. Alumni Development Fund drive.

Oklahoma City drive to raise \$750,000 for the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Four teams were given quotas of \$25,000 each in the initial drive. Burns' team raised \$57,000 to lead all other groups. His team also sold tickets for the premier of "Oklahoma!" and he served as streetside master-of-ceremonies for the premier crowd.

3) He is serving Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity as state president and state chairman of O. U. chapter building fund. He is currently conducting the building fund campaign.

4) He is vice chairman of the special gifts committee of the 1956 United Fund drive for Oklahoma City. In mid-October he delivered one of the kick-off speeches for the drive, and began active solicitation.

5) He headed a special gifts committee for building funds for Mercy Hospital. He became interested in the project through his activity in the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

6) He is the 1957 Chairman for Oklahoma City for the March of Dimes.

7) He is Chairman of the Alumni Development Fund Board of Directors for the University of Oklahoma. The Development Fund is presently inviting alumni to partici-

pate in contributing funds for scholarships, research and equipment for the University. Directly or indirectly he will have a hand in writing 45,000 graduates from October through December.

Nor is the list complete. But the high points should be enough to prove that Burns is putting "Service Above Self."

Why does he tackle such time-consuming tasks? As he explains it, all of the groups for whom he is contributing his time and efforts are worthwhile undertakings.

"Let me explain it this way," he said. "Here's the University of Oklahoma which has given me a great opportunity. Now I have a chance through the Alumni Development Fund to contribute to O. U.'s growth and welfare. I can't say no to an opportunity like that.

"And besides," he added, "I don't like to have people tell me no when I ask them to contribute their time or money to a good cause. I have to set the example to be able to ask others to give. When I'm asked to do something, I apply my own rule of thumb. Is it worthy of being done? If it is, I can find the time."

Before anyone gets the idea that Burns devotes so much of his time to organiza-

tions that he doesn't have any left over, it should be added that he somehow budgets his life to include his business, his family, his church and his recreation.

"I believe there is no happy man," he said, "who doesn't have a well rounded life. If he devotes all his time to physical, spiritual, social or mental life his life is not balanced. If each person could devote 25 percent to each of the four, I think he would be a completely happy man. Of course, no man does it."

But J. Phil Burns tries. Physically he enjoys hunting and golf. He makes a pilgrimage to South Dakota to hunt pheasant. Ducks and quail he hunts in Oklahoma. And deer and turkey in New Mexico. He tries to play golf once a week and during the football season rarely misses an O. U. game.

His spiritual life revolves around his work for the First Christian Church. "If I had to give things up because of health, I would give up everything before my church work," he states. He serves his church as an elder as well as finance chairman.

His social and mental life are not as easily described. Talking with him, he gives

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Marriage News Pours in From Class of 1956

MARRIAGES: Miss Ramona Annette Conley, Oklahoma City, and Richard Edward Waddell, '56eng, Kansas City, Missouri, were married September 1 in Lexington. Mrs. Waddell attended Lexington High School, Oklahoma College for Women, Oklahoma A&M, and O. U. Waddell graduated from Westport High School in Kansas City before receiving his degree in electrical engineering at O. U.

Miss Carole Jean Gungoll, '56geol, Enid, and Dr. John W. Drake, Oklahoma City, were married recently in Enid. Mrs. Drake was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority at O. U. and attended Monticello College in Godfrey, Illinois, for two years. Dr. Drake attended O. U. and George Washington University in St. Louis. The couple is living in New Haven, Connecticut, where Drake is interning at Yale Grace Community Hospital and she is employed in the laboratory of pharmacology and toxicology.

Miss Inabeth Lane, '56, Shawnee, and Ensign Victor R. Schuelein, '56eng, Oklahoma City, were married June 10 in Shawnee. Though recently living in Oakland, California, their permanent home is Oklahoma City.

Miss Beverly Imogene Ezzell, '56, Oklahoma City, and Joe Perry Sanders, '56ba, Stilwell, were married June 4 in Norman. He is a Marine lieutenant. They live in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Miss Patricia Ann Pastusek, '56bus, and Ensign Grey Wilson Satterfield, Jr., '55ba, both of Oklahoma City, were married August 3 in Oklahoma City. They live in San Diego, California, where he is stationed with the Navy.

Miss Mary Jane Whistler, '56ba, Norman, and Charles B. Williams, '56, Wetumka, were married August 11 in Norman, where they will live while he works toward a degree at O. U.

Miss Sheila Louise Harmon, Tulsa, and James Polk Luton, Jr., '56bus, Oklahoma City, were married August 26 in Oklahoma City. They live in Norman, where both attend O. U.

Miss Mona Lou Griffin, '56pharm, Maysville, and Philip Earl Albertson, Norman, were married August 18 in Maysville. They live in Stillwater, where he attends Oklahoma A&M College.

Miss Mary Ellen Hipp, '56journal, Bartlesville, and Charles Thomas Doyle, '56bus, Mangum, were married August 25 in Bartlesville. They are living in Texas City, Texas, until November when he will enter the Army.

Miss Sarah Lou Matlock and Dr. Clarence R. Roberts, '56med, both of Oklahoma City, were married August 23 in Oklahoma City. They live in Chicago, Illinois, where he is interning at St. Luke's Hospital.

Miss Arda Louise Penny, '56, Oklahoma City, and Walter Benson Reif, '53bus, Norman, were married August 24 in Oklahoma City. They live in Norman, where both attend O. U.

Miss Suzanne H. Riley, '56ba, and Lieut. (jg) Charles Edward Rambo, '54eng, both of Oklahoma City, were married August 8. He is serving with the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Helena in the Pacific.

Miss Mary Lou Narmore, '56ed, Lawton, and Richard E. O'Toole, '56ba, Oklahoma City, were married August 4 in Fort Sill's Old Post Chapel, Lawton. They live in Norman, where he is work-

ing toward a master's degree at O. U. She is a teacher in the Noble public schools.

Miss Winifred Theresa McCaffrey and Robert J. McCall, '56geol, both of Oklahoma City, were married September 1 in Oklahoma City, where they now live.

Miss Mary Roberta Cole, '56ba, Muskogee, and Fred Foster Smith, '56bus, Wewoka, were married September 1 in Muskogee. They have made their home in Wewoka.

Miss Gayle Rogers and Lawrence E. Hoecker, '56Law, both of Oklahoma City, were married July 7 in Oklahoma City. They live in Hampton, Virginia. He is a lieutenant serving with the Air Force at nearby Langley Field.

Miss Beth Louise Rapp and Arlen Southern, '56journal, both of Hooker, were married September 22 in Hooker. They live in Gates Mills, Ohio, and he works for Thompson Products, Inc., Cleveland.

Miss Phyllis Ann Braswell, '54, and Carl Raymond Bartholomew, Jr., '56ba, both of Tulsa, were married June 16 in Tulsa. She is a member of Delta Delta social sorority, and he belongs to Delta Upsilon social fraternity.

Miss Linda Harback and Theodore R. Thompson, Jr., '56bus, both of Oklahoma City, were married June 14 in Oklahoma City. They have established a residence in Bartlesville.

Miss Nancy Kay Webb, '56, Williamstown, and Cyrus Earl Webb, '56bus, San Antonio, Texas, were married June 15 in Williamstown. They are making their home in Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Jeanne Teresa Renaudo, '56ba, Okmulgee, and Benjamin Franklin Grame, Jr., Lemon Grove, California, were married June 23 in Norman. He has been studying in the School of Architecture at the University of California. They make their home in Norman.

Miss Ernestine Charlotte Jones, '56ba, Oklahoma City, and Erwin Alfred Cook, '56ba, Guthrie, were married June 30 in Oklahoma City. She is a former Big Woman on Campus. He is now a second year law student at O.U.

Miss Karen Sylvia Stewart, '56, Oklahoma City, and Roy Carter Williamson, Jr., '56eng, Fort Worth, Texas, were married July 12 in Oklahoma City. They live in Dayton, Ohio, where he is to be stationed with the Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Base.

Miss Patricia Nell Mateer, '56ba, and Charles Clark Green, '56ba, both of Oklahoma City, were married June 15 in Oklahoma City and have established their home there. He is a freshman in the School of Law at O.U.

Miss Mary Jean Shamblin, '56fa, Chickasha, and Frederick L. Rice, Jr., '55eng, Bartlesville, were married June 16 in Bristow. They live in Borger, Texas.

Miss Gayle Joan Gault, '56, Hereford, Texas, and Philip Eugene Kendall, '56ba, Norman, were married June 23 in Hereford. They live at Port Lyautey, French Morocco, North Africa, where Kendall is to be stationed with the Navy.

Miss Lenore Imogene Hinson, '56ba, Prague, and Penn Vernon Rabb, Jr., '56bus, Marlow, were married June 24 in Prague. They live in Marlow.

Miss Sandra Kay Wilson, '56, Enid, and Lieut. Stewart E. Meyers, Jr., '56bus, Oklahoma City, were married June 23 in Enid. They live at Fort Sill, Lawton, where he is to be stationed with the Army.

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the impression of not having time to do as much reading as he would like. "You

know when you belong to as many organizations as I do and you try to keep up with each group's publications, it doesn't leave much time for leisurely reading." But his business and civic work give him a good social and mental workout.

To tackle the backbreaking load that Burns handles requires a motive. Burns says he has found his in the writing of Thomas Wolfe. Specifically he pinpoints this passage:

"If a man has talent and cannot use it he has failed. If he has a talent and uses only half of it he has partially failed. If he has a talent and, somehow, learns to use the whole of it he has gloriously succeeded and won a satisfaction and triumph few men ever know."

J. Phil Burns is attempting to use the whole of his considerable talents. Perhaps he has found the way through "Service Above Self."

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"Probably none of us do it just for the livelihood," ventured a short, dainty woman who wore high heels and a frown of conviction. "Take me. If I can better humanity by way of this job, mold into the individual character the means for making a better world, then I'm happy." A little breathless, she kept shifting her bird-like weight from one high heel to the other.

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