

Sooner Scene

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM IS OFF TO AN IMPRESSIVE BEGINNING

FORTY-SIX freshmen, comprising the first University Scholar's class, have finished their first semester with amazing records. Dr. Glenn C. Couch, dean of the University College and faculty sponsor for the group, is justly proud of the record they have made. The over-all grade-point average for the group is 3.42. (A perfect score is 4.0.)

The Scholars group accumulated in one semester a total of 351 hours of "A", 279 hours of "B", 48 hours of "C", and 7 hours of "D". A majority of the courses were on the honors level, where grading is particularly strict, and several students had some slight difficulty because of overloading themselves with work.

Most of the Scholars took advanced standing examinations which made it possible for them to earn additional hours credit without attending classes in subjects in which they had special knowledge. Subjects included in the advanced standing credits attained were: mathematics, English, history, chemistry, astronomy, geology, French, Spanish, German and Russian. The average number of credits completed by the Scholars during the first semester in regular class work and by advanced standing examinations was 20 hours, with one girl recording an amazing record of 50 hours. Six students earned enough hours of credit in one semester to be considered sophomores with the beginning of the second semester.

Dean Couch had this to say at the end of the first semester: "These students have been a real delight to work with. They have a marvelous sense of humor and they don't seem to feel that they are too overloaded with school work to enjoy University life. A number of them have jobs, including one girl who works 14 to 15 hours a week in a cafeteria in Midwest City. Many are on campus activity committees and take part in other extra-curricular programs. They hold offices in their housing units and one of the Scholars is a cheerleader."

Forty-four of the 1963 University Scholars are Oklahomans, from both large and small high school systems throughout the state. One is from Colorado and another

from New Mexico. They are from varying economic backgrounds, and less than half of them are receiving aid in the forms of scholarships and loans. Competition for the next University Scholars class was held on the O.U. campus February 8. An additional test will be given on April 11 for students who were unable to come for the first testing session. High school seniors who are interested in competing for this special class should write Dean Couch.

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Four years ago the Alumni Association sponsored its first International Tour. The great success of this tour has led to a regular program of annual touring under the auspices of the Alumni Association. On June 15, 1964, the fourth annual European Tour will fly from New York to spend 26 days touring 10 countries of Western Europe.

Forty-three travelers have already applied for this tour. The group will be under the direction of Guy and Betty Brown, who are experienced travelers. Several student trips are being planned at the University for next summer and one of particular interest is an eight-week summer session scheduled by the School of Art under the direction of Professor John O'Neil at the Accademia di Belle Arti in Rome. A maximum of nine hours credit can be earned by a student in this program. Courses will be offered in three basic areas: painting, drawing and the history of art.

The deadline for enrollment in this program is March 15. Students may enroll in either undergraduate or graduate courses.

Two other interesting summer programs offered by the University for next summer are a Soviet Studies program offered in Munich, Germany, in cooperation with the Institute for the Study of the U. S. S. R. The other program is in French studies at Grenoble, France, and it is offered in cooperation with the University of Grenoble.

The Sooner art studies program in Rome, including transportation from New York, plus excursions, room and board, University fees, and including three days in Madrid and five days in Paris, is an amazingly low \$1,053.65. I wonder if many alumni won't consider the possibility of becoming students again under this plan.

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The annual Alumni-Varsity football game will be on Saturday, April 18, in Owen Stadium. This year should see a record crowd as all Sooner fans are anxious to see what the Sooners will look like in 1964. Coach Gomer Jones will inherit a squad of outstanding boys who are predominantly seniors. Gomer has added two popular O.U. alumni to his coaching staff. Dick Heatley, who was a star halfback and punter in the early 1950's and since has been backfield coach at the University of Washington under Coach Jimmy Owens, and Carl Allison, a great end under Bud Wilkinson, and who has a good background of coaching both in high school and college levels.

Many old-timers will be interested to know that Norman will kick-off its 75th anniversary celebration on the day of the spring game. —RBG

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