

Sooner Scene

SOONERS GRAB HEADLINES ACROSS WIDE SPECTRUM OF HUMAN INTEREST

THERE are many Sooners making headline news this spring, and they range across the spectrum of human interest from scientific research to football. Here are a few of the highlights:

Professor J. Teague Self will report on recent discoveries at the International Congress of Parasitology in Rome this summer. His specialty is in the study of Pentastomids a poorly known parasite of which Dr. Self possesses the largest collection in the world. His study is of particular interest to the National Institute of Health and other public health agencies. His work will be pursued this summer at the Museum of Natural History in Paris, the Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine in Anvers, the British Museum of Natural History and the Berlin Museum. The Alumni Development Fund directors have from time to time made modest grants to support research in parasitology by Dr. Self.

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Awards will be presented by the outstanding leaders of the 1963 Alumni Development Fund campaign on April 17 at the Alumni Leadership Conference to be held in the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education. Hugh Garnett, Altus, Chairman of the Board of Directors, has announced citations for the following leaders: John F. Y. Stambaugh, Tulsa; Mrs. Annette Eakin, Ardmore; Robert W. Richardson, III, Duncan; Karey Fuqua, Lawton; Bill Crawford, Lawton; Wayne V. Allshouse, Bartlesville; David K. Fagin, Dallas; Byron B. Searcy, Fort Worth; Henry J. Beck, Jr., Houston; Richard E. Harkins, Kansas City; William G. Paul, Oklahoma City; G. Don Curphey, Amarillo; Don Lambdin, Wichita; Mitchell Simon, Clinton; Coy Shadid, Altus; Dr. P. T. Powell, Ponca City; Sam Withiam, Cushing; Mrs. Jewell R. Ditmars, Muskogee; Jack Black, Norman, and Jack Patten, Norman.

Cities will be recognized for results in their Alumni Development Fund personal solicitation campaigns. The leading first-year cities were Altus where 50.9% of all alumni contributed in 1963 to the ADF; Clinton, where 35.5% of alumni gave. This

was a sensational 850% gain over the previous year. Norman had the greatest number of individuals participating among the first-year cities. Leaders in second-year cities were Bartlesville with 37.7% of alumni giving; Tulsa with a 96.8% increase, and Oklahoma City with 678 alumni participating.

Funds of the ADF will be used this year for faculty development, to aid outstanding students who show financial need and in support of better teachers and research in approximately twenty areas of study. The Development Fund directors are evaluating requests that have been received from department heads and will make final allocation on April 3. The initial screening disclosed that cost of deserving proposals totalled five times the amount of money available for allocation.

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Merit of significance is not always fully recognized or appreciated. For instance, the trade of Tommy McDonald from the Philadelphia Eagles to the Dallas Cowboys received more publicity than did Katherine Kaufman, 20-year-old University of Oklahoma student who won in the Metropolitan Opera competition in New York on March 22. The O.U. soprano is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Kaufman, of Hobbs, New Mexico. She competed against 1500 young singers and was one of five material winners, the only one incidentally, living west of the Hudson River.

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A conference for alumni leaders will be held in Norman on April 17 and 18. The purpose of the conference is to form a closer relationship between the Alumni Association and all groups working for the benefit of specific activities or areas at O.U. The meetings will be conducted as informal discussions to exchange information between the various organized groups and with members of the University staff and faculty. It is to recognize the work being done by alumni leaders, to encourage ac-

tive leadership in various geographical areas and finally to form a permanent organization of all groups represented to be known as the University of Oklahoma Alumni Council.

Invited to participate are all alumni and friends who are now performing or have in the past functioned in a leadership capacity for an organization contributing to the benefit of the University of Oklahoma. The conference will begin with a Recognition Dinner on Friday evening, April 17 at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education and the concluding event which will be Saturday afternoon is the annual Alumni-Varsity football game.

This summer will mark the fourth year of touring for the Alumni Association. Two tours have been planned for eight countries of central Europe and both are completely sold out. The tour directors for the 1964 tours will be Guy H. Brown and Ted B. Neptune. Approximately 80 alumni will participate in these tours. They will visit eight countries and will be gone 26 days in June and July. Added to each tour will be a quick look at the New York World's Fair.

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Football spring practice is usually a game of musical chairs wherein the coaches try to discover the 33 best athletes so they will know what to count on in the fall. This spring with a new coaching staff and more returning lettermen than usual, competition is particularly tough. In early practices, the side-line quarterbacks had the impression that fullback is our deepest position with All-American Jim Grisham and Larry Brown holding the first two spots, followed very closely by a big fast freshman from Ponca City, Jon Kennedy, and transfer student from Baylor, Wayne Bell, plus Jim Reynolds and Nehemiah Flowers. Quarterback is still wide open, but I predict that one or two of the 1963 prospects will come through at this position and perform in the manner of the great O.U. quarterbacks of the 1950's. Leading candidates at this time seem to be Tommy Pannell, Mike Ringer, Norman Smith, Bobby Page, and John Hammond. A feeling of optimism is running high at the O.U. football camp this spring. The old saying "that there will be some changes made" was never more appropriate. If you would like to see what some of these changes are apt to be, come to the Alumni-Varsity game on April 18.

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