

◆ On October 23, the University lost one of its most prominent faculty members. Prof. Stewart Harral lived and died doing what he loved best. He passed away following an apparent heart attack while speaking at a convention in Denver, Colo. A distinguished author, lecturer and researcher, as well as a popular classroom teacher, Prof. Harral was regarded by those who knew him as a warm personality who gave inspiration, wit and substance to nearly everything he said or did. As one of his colleagues puts it: "Prof. Harral was known from one end of the nation to the other for his brilliant speeches which invariably carried a memorable message attuned to the interest of the audience but interlaced with a special gift of humor that became his trademark, in a sense." Besides the many friends and associates throughout the nation who knew him well, thousands of others were indirectly influenced by his words and deeds. For 14 years, he was the man that OU football fans heard but never saw as he gave the traditional prayer before the kickoff of each home game. His church, his Boy Scouts, his state and community all seemed to be the richer because of his close and vital interest in their affairs.

Prof. Harral, a faculty member at OU since his graduate assistantship in 1935, had been director of public relations studies at the University since 1951. He was director of the School of Journalism from 1946 to 1948, resigning that position to devote full time to directing public relations in 1951. He was the author of 14 books and hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles. One of his last works, *When It's Laughter You're After*, has been in constant demand since its first printing two years ago. As a widely known speaker throughout the United States and Canada, Prof. Harral filled some 100 speaking engagements annually. Two memorial funds are to be established in honor of the professor—the Stewart Harral Memorial Scholarship Fund at the University and a memorial fund at his place of worship,

McFarlin Memorial Methodist Church in Norman.

◆ A full-scale research program designed especially for the undergraduate student is now being offered by OU's zoology department. Because the gap between the study of science and scientific research is often quite large, it is the purpose of such a program to introduce outstanding and advanced undergraduates to active research under a minimal amount of supervision. Students doing research will function as semiprofessional junior colleagues. The program consists essentially of two parts, an academic year program and a summer program, according to Dr. Cluff E. Hopla, chairman of the zoology department. The major portion of undergraduate research participation, says Hopla, would be during the summer months, and work at this time would be on a full-time basis. The academic year provides time, while the student is enrolled in regular course work, to complete any loose ends after the summer work.

◆ *Windmill*, a literary magazine conceived four years ago as OU's "student magazine of the arts," currently is fighting for its very existence. Publication expense of the magazine, sponsored by the English department, has been met in past years by patrons who contributed money for its continuation. But because of the editorial staff's desire this year to enlarge the magazine, improve its body style and add new features, thus increasing publication costs, the magazine now finds itself with too few patrons and subscribers. The staff could put out only 300 copies and use only the cheapest printing process this year as it has been forced to before, but it won't do it. If the endeavor fails this fall, it will do so with quality type and 800 copies; and if it fails, OU will probably lose the literary magazine.

*Windmill* features works of literary and fine arts by students of the Uni-

versity, and publication and distribution is handled by student workers. In each issue of the biannual publication a \$50 poetry prize is given by an anonymous friend. Selection is made by the editorial staff and faculty advisors. The staff is now seeking similar donors for prose and art prizes. Subscription for the magazine is \$1.25 for two issues, and patronage starts at a minimum of \$5.00.

Interested alumni should send contributions or take out a subscription to *Windmill* by writing in care of the Department of English, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

◆ A memorial fund to aid accounting students at the University has been established in honor of the late Dr. Othel D. Westfall, David Ross Boyd professor of accounting at OU who died last July. "Faculty members in the department of accounting wanted to establish a lasting memorial to Dr. Westfall," explains Dr. Vernon H. Upchurch, department chairman. "Many of his friends and former students informed us that they also were interested in a memorial." Upchurch said that the fund will be used for scholarships and to aid students in various areas of accounting research. It will be administered by the University of Oklahoma Foundation, which is directed by R. Boyd Gunning. Checks may be made payable to the Foundation and should be marked for the Othel Westfall Memorial Fund. Contributions are tax deductible and receipts will be furnished.

Westfall joined the OU faculty in 1947. During the fall semester of the 1955-56 academic year he served as acting dean of the College of Business Administration. He was a member of the faculty of the Executive Development Program at the University during the summers of 1957, 1958 and 1959. In 1956 he was one of 10 OU faculty members named recipients of awards for extraordinary excellence in student counseling and teaching of freshman and sophomore students.