Ten Picked for Teaching Awards

Winners of 1956 University of Oklahoma Foundation Teaching Awards were named in late October. Picked for outstanding counseling and teaching, winners appear on these pages.

At the general faculty meeting on October 25, ten professors received the finest surprise of the year. After hearing their names called out by President George Cross, each was handed a check for $500.

The occasion was an annual one which sees awards go to outstanding O.U. teachers. The awards come from a $25,000 grant made to the University of Oklahoma Foundation in 1952.

The ten who were recognized are J. F. Brookes and Gerald Tuma, engineering; John C. Brixey and C. E. Springer, mathematics; Philip A. Chenoweth, geology; Eric Eichholz, modern languages; William H. Keown, business management; Jim E. Reese, economics; H. H. Rowley, chemistry, and Othel D. Westfall, accounting.

The Teaching Awards were established by a grant from Ward S. Merrick, Ardmore; T. H. McCalson, Duncan; Charles P. McGaha, Wichita Falls, Texas, and the Lloyd Noble organizations of Ardmore, through Cecil Forbes, president of the company, and Sam Noble.

As one teacher pointed out, the value of the awards is more than individual recognition—"They have served to emphasize the importance the University places on the classroom teacher."
Gerald Tuma, engineering, will buy machine tool equipment for use by his students in laboratory work.

"Family pow-wow" will decide what to do with William Keown's Award. Possibly a game room, or a new car.

C. E. Springer intends his cash Award "to be set aside for something special, something I wouldn't be able to do otherwise, rather than just let it pay my taxes."

"This may sound prosaic," said Eric Eichholz, "but I paid off the closing fees on the house I bought four years ago with my Award." He'll also be able to afford the color slide projector he's wanted.
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J. F. Brookes would set up scholarship with his $500. "These boys," he said of his students, "are my friends."

H. H. Rowley remembers being told to enjoy his cash Award. He intends to. A longtime barrelhouse piano player, he'll use the money to help purchase a Hammond electric organ.

Jim Reese considers his Award "a wonderful reward" for the classroom teacher and counselor of students.

"Oh, there's plenty I can spend the Award money for," said Dr. John C. Brixey, math, "but I imagine it will help pay for a trip which otherwise we wouldn't be able to take."

Philip Chenoweth looks on the Award as help for his daughter's future education, will put $500 in savings.