Backlog

The University of Oklahoma lost a giant this month. Her name was Harriet Harvey, and she was not the sort of giant you would necessarily notice in a crowd. She was tall and slender, rather plain at first glance with her dark hair brushed back severely from her face. But there was something about the face that caught your attention as you talked to her—a kind of intent alertness that made you certain that everything she said was important.

Her death at 43 was unexpected although she had been in ill health for several years. She never slowed down; there was too much to be done and too little time to do it. This unrelenting pace had brought her a long way in the 10 short years since she had joined the University faculty as an assistant professor of zoology. She became an associate professor in 1955 and was named chairman of the department last year—the first woman to head a major science department at O.U.

But her climb into the administrative ranks, while flattering, did not overly impress Dr. Harvey. She preferred the classroom and the laboratory, and she had few equals in either place. Her classes were jammed each semester. She was fond of warning her new students to “Be careful what you look for—you might find it.” In 1954 she won a $500 University award for excellence in student counseling and the teaching of freshmen and sophomores.

Her own work in the laboratory brought her recognition as an outstanding research scientist; her specialty was physiology. The National Institutes of Health awarded her several grants for her various research projects. But equally important to Dr. Harvey was the part she could play in the laboratory achievements of her students. One pre-med major of a few years back will never forget being roused out of bed at 3 a.m. by a phone call from Dr. Harvey who had just hit upon a solution to a problem which had been plaguing his research project. She was so excited and she knew he would want to know immediately. He did.

President G. L. Cross called Harriet Harvey a “magnificent research scientist administrator and teacher.” Magnificent is not too strong a word.

A committee of faculty members, students and friends has already been formed to establish a Harriet Harvey Memorial Fund to be administered by the University Foundation. The sort of memorial these people have in mind is a project to benefit the students she left behind in her classroom and laboratory. She wouldn’t approve of any other kind of monument. —CJR

HARRIET HARVEY’S LEGACY IS A SET OF STANDARDS FOR HER STUDENTS

Fall Semester Campus Calendar

September
22—Football: O.U. vs. Syracuse 1:30 p.m., Owen Field
  Alumni buffet luncheon, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Union Ballroom
  (before every home game)
26-27—Popular Artists Series:
  Peter Nero, 8:15 p.m., Holmberg
  (write UAB office for tickets)
27—W. H. Carson appreciation dinner 6:30 p.m., Union Ballroom
29—Engineering ground breaking 8-11 a.m.
  Homecoming game: O.U. vs. Notre Dame 2:30 p.m., Owen Field (televised CBS)
  Homecoming dance: Ronnie Hawkins band, 8:30 p.m. Union Ballroom

October
16-17—Popular Artists Series:
  The Smothers Brothers
20—Football: O.U. vs. Kansas State 1:30 p.m., Owen Field
31—Nov. 2—Playhouse Production: “Ondine”

November
4—University Orchestra Concert, 3 p.m.
  Choral Concert, 8:15 p.m., Holmberg
  Celebrated Artists Series: Little Orchestra Society of New York
  Popular Artists Series:
  Peter Paul and Mary
  Dad’s Day Quartet Contest
  Football: O.U. vs. Missouri 1:30 p.m., Owen Field
  Engineers Show
  Football: O.U. vs. Nebraska 1:30 p.m., Owen Field
  Opera Production: “The Most Happy Fella,” Holmberg

December
3—Celebrated Artists Series:
  Basketball: O.U. vs. St. John’s 8 p.m., Field House
  Eugene List and Carroll Glenn
  Basketball: O.U. vs. Southern Illinois
  Playhouse Production: “Write Me a Murder”
10—Basketball: O.U. vs. Texas Tech 8 p.m., Field House
  “The Juggler of Notre Dame”
18—Basketball: O.U. vs. Texas Tech 8 p.m., Field House

Owen Stadium
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- EMERALD
- ROCK MOSS
- BRONZE

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