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## OU Women's Club SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Having an ending balance of \$33.68 in May, 1953, the decision to give \$25.00 toward the refurnishing planned for the Ladies (Rest Room) Lounge in the Administration Building showed the concerns of the members for the University and its women students. Another \$5.80 was given by those present. At this same meeting, it was further decided to undertake a "worthwhile project" for student aid in the next year. The Club earlier had given \$5.00 for a suit to Esther Greenmun who spoke at this meeting. She had served as college nurse while a student and now was leaving for the Belgian Congo as a missionary.

Esther Bemmels was appointed to chair the new Finance Committee. As a first project, by sponsoring the fall dramatic production, "Peg O' My Heart," \$35 was cleared from ticket sales and concessions. The winter production netted about \$5.00 -- but this was a start! This added amount purchased draperies for the Ladies Lounge.

Then, in the spring of 1954, the Kansas Baptist Youth Convention was held in Ottawa and \$104.94 was earned by serving the Banquet. This offset the deficit which occurred when the first \$50 Scholarship was awarded, in faith, to Mildred Patterson for the Spring '54 semester and assured a \$50 award for the next fall. Since this beginning, the amount and number of awards has been consistently increased, without interruption. Including 1988-89 academic year, 117 women had received \$16,350 as scholarship aid at OU. The first guidelines for making awards were adopted at a special meeting on February 8, 1954.

The annual Club dues were raised from \$2 to \$4 for 1954-55 to provide \$100 each year for scholarships without projects. This attitude prevailed until the late 1960s.

At the business meeting on October 2, 1968, Dorothy Snyder reported \$178 in the new scholarship fund treasury, and announced that a chili supper would be held in Elliott Hall, November 2, to raise additional scholarship funds. With Calista Roth as chairman, \$249.54 was earned.

At the end of the 1968-69 year, the Club voted to transfer \$100 from the treasury to the scholarship fund for use the following year. Also, then and at intervals through the years, donations (\$5, \$10, etc.) were suggested and received for the fund.

Chili Suppers continued, using Elliott Hall after an appropriate football game: 1969, \$374; 1970, \$472; 1971, \$554, and the Budget included \$200 for the scholarship fund; 1972, successful; 1973, \$232.

About this date, the Club arranged for note paper showing campus buildings to be printed in the Print Shop. Packaged with matching envelopes for personal use or for gifts, they continue as money makers.

At the business meeting on May 6, 1972, a suggestion for a fund-raiser was discussed: club members would bake and deliver birthday treats ordered by parents of students. A show of hands of those willing to participate next fall was called. No count or action was reported. But, the next

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fall, Alice Jo DeFries gave suggested prices for the "Service to Students" program for scholarships: cookies, 3 doz for \$1.00, minimum order, 3 doz.; brownies, 1 doz., \$ .60; cakes, \$3.00. (Still no positive response.)

On December 4, 1974, a Christmas Bazaar cleared \$617. Following this fine beginning, 1975 and 1976 bazaars raised amounts to match. In 1977 and 1978, receipts were less, with \$323 earned in 1978.

The "Cabinet", summer 1976, discussed other possible projects such as a Plant and Bake Sale when the students arrive in the fall, a Fashion Show in the Spring, and/or Christmas gift items in the Union. A Plant and Bake Sale developed but no other projects followed.

In fall, 1978, regarding Care Packages, Doris Grogan, chairman, announced that baked items could be ordered by parents as project in for the scholarship fund in addition to the planned bazaar. By the next February, the Club had earned \$721 from the baked goodies.

Success! This project has continued to be popular with the members, especially appreciated by parents of many OU students who gladly accept the treats.

In 1975, up-dating the Article in the By-Laws regarding scholarships, the almost exclusive purpose for fund-raising, the awards were named "THE MARJORIE MARTIN SCHOLARSHIPS" recognizing her enthusiasm which inspired adoption of the plan, her ceaseless interest in all students, and her efforts in behalf of assistance to them, especially the women.