

# ALUMNI CLUB NEWS University of Oklahoma Association

A talk by Rose Sharp, wife of University of Oklahoma President Paul F. Sharp, highlighted the Fall Alumnae Council Conference, held September 22-23 on the OU campus.

More than 100 alumnae from throughout the state and nation attended the conference.

Mrs. Sharp delighted all present at the Thursday luncheon in the Oklahoma Memorial Union with her talk on "What It Takes to Be a President's Wife."

The theme of the conference was "Tell It Like It Is," and conference participants discussed recent activities and development at the university in such areas as admissions and records, housing, counseling and student activism.

Other events included a Wednesday evening cocktail reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Sharp, a tour of the Fred Jones Jr. Memorial Art Center, and remarks by key faculty and administrative officials, followed by question and answer sessions.

The Alumni Association has recently initiated the Area Executive Committee Plan to develop alumni organizations in more cities of the state. Under this plan, the Association appoints an area chairman who in turn appoints vice chairmen of committees to implement alumni projects in the local community. Our goal for 1971-72 is to have a minimum of one alumni organization functioning in all 77 counties of the state. David Dollarhide and Jack Ledbetter of the alumni staff have the primary responsibility for organizing Western and Eastern Oklahoma respectively.

Jackson County OU Alumni sponsored a pre-season football dinner, August 12 at the Friendship Inn in Altus. Main speakers were Freshman Coach Don Jimerson and Wade Walker, OU's new Athletic Director. Port Robertson, assistant athletic director; Leon Cross, OU's recruiting coordinator, and Guy Brown of the Alumni staff also attended. James Starr, past president of the Altus club; Larry Weber, vice president, and Donna Waller, secretary, made the dinner arrangements.

Bristow alumni organized and held their first meeting August 27. Wade Walker, Jack Ledbetter, Leon Cross, and Ron McDaniel from the University attended this dinner event. The Bristow area executive committee includes Jim David, area chairman. His vice chairmen are Bob Blackstock, special events; Velma Collins, high school relations; Joe Fusco, local alumni lists; Joe Ihle, active alumni membership, and Bill Cotton, Alumni Development Fund.

Sooner Alumni in Bartlesville sponsored a bus to the OU-Kansas State game in Manhattan. Other projects on their schedule include a coke party for area high school students, a banquet for high school juniors, and a personal solicitation campaign and a telefund in behalf of the Alumni Development Fund.

OU alumni in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, held a dinner meeting September 2. Basketball Coach John MacLeod and Ron McDaniel shared speaking honors. Jack Ledbetter and Leon Cross also attended from the University. Jim Graves is the area chairman.

The OU Club of Oklahoma City sponsored their Chuck Fairbanks Dinner again this year on September 11. The event, held at the Home Builders Association, opened with a cocktail hour. Gene Torbett, Page Dobson, Jane Cotton and Mary Ann Reni provided leadership in organizing this event. More than 300 attended.



Among those alumni attending the annual Chuck Fairbanks Dinner were, from left to right, Wade Walker, OU director of athletics; Mrs. Bill Lintsey; Barth Walker; Gene Torbett, president of the Oklahoma City Alumni Club, and Judge Luther B. Eubanks.

New officers for the Washington, D.C. chapter have been elected. They are Ronald E. Abramson, president; Robert Henry, vice president; Mrs. Clyde Wheeler, secretary, and John Meek, treasurer.

Two Dallas businessmen will be co-chairmen of the Dallas Alumni Development Fund Campaign.

Isham P. Nelson and Rex D. Johnson will head a committee of Dallas OU alumni who will personally call on others to obtain funds.

There are nearly 2,000 OU alumni in the Dallas area, and an attempt will be made to reach all of them in the 1971 campaign.