

Just among us

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YOUR Association Secretary could perhaps give a much better accounting to you of his activities as manager of the Oklahoma Union during the past summer, than as alumni secretary. A vacation fishing in Colorado vanished into a great program which may result in completion of the Oklahoma Union building—something all of us want. I was glad to give up the vacation, for it will be as restful to me as to the students, to see something beside unfinished walls in this building.

All of us know the ambitions of the founders of the Union. They wanted to give students a club house where all could meet on one common ground. We know why these ambitions could not be realized. Scarcely had the building been finished until the w. k. depression set in. Pledges could not meet their pledges. We all understood this. All but a few students on the campus, who lent themselves to litigation. But, I am glad to say, all students are beginning to see the real idea of the Oklahoma Union—a university club for alumni and undergraduates.

Under the public works program we hope to be able to obtain enough money to complete the building and dedicate it to 100 per cent service to everyone. We feel that our project is a most worthy one and we are greatly encouraged at the preliminary progress. There is a more complete report on this work elsewhere in this Magazine.

This begins my sixth year of service as your secretary. Many trials and accomplishments have marked the five years since I left the Veteran's service of the Government for the uncertain destinies of the then infant University of Oklahoma Association.

The greatest pleasure to me, apart from the coöperation I have had right and left from loyal alumni, has been the sure steady growth of the Association, despite a period of depression. It is easy to build during the flush days of easy money; it is something else to have a strong Association continue strong during a period when continuance of membership means a sacrifice. I thank all of the Sooners who have kept our Association alive and active, not count-

ing the sacrifices which such loyalty must have entailed in many instances.

I hope that all Sooners will form the habit of dropping into the alumni offices when they visit Norman. This is a convenient meeting place (my offices are on the second floor of the Oklahoma Union building), and from it you can call your friends or old teachers. If you are visiting friends, why not give me a ring to let me know that you are in Norman. That will help us make our Magazine all the more representative.

Names make news. And if you will remember that every Sooner is a *Magazine* reporter, we'll really make *The Sooner Magazine* a homecoming every month. Won't you do your part?

Although I have urged ever since I have been secretary that we are not interested in degrees of Sooners but the fact that they attended the University, I still meet with the regretful statement, "I wish that I were eligible for membership; but I never got my degree."

Alumni are persons who attended the University of Oklahoma and who got the spirit of real education. It doesn't make any difference whether it took four months or four years to get that spirit. If you've got it, you're a Sooner—and eligible for membership in our Association.

Need any help at Norman, like getting tickets, finding lost addresses? Let me know. Looking for a job? Perhaps we can help. Know where there's a job for some worthy Sooner? Let me know. We help best by helping each other.

It will take but a minute longer to drop into the Association offices and register when you come down for the game. Why not form the habit? Any groups that may want to have a reunion luncheon at that time can get one if they notify me in time. Just let me know how many there will be in your party, the hour, and how much you want it to cost, and I'll take care of the rest.

A plan for the completion of the Ok-

lahoma Union building this year in the manner originally planned by alumni, faculty members and friends of the University is held in abeyance as the Union board of trustees awaits a decision on its request for federal emergency funds to make the necessary additions.

If the request for \$130,000 is granted, the tower over the main front entrance will be constructed and the building as it was originally visualized will become a reality. Although the building is rendering a remarkable service today in providing student members of the Union with a community center, much remains incomplete, especially, the finishing of the interior of the building.

Under the plan which has been approved by the Board of Trustees and will be either approved or rejected this fall by the directors of the National Emergency Act, rooms for campus visitors would be finished on the third floor to meet a need which has always been felt in Norman.

Alumni would be able to take advantage of these accommodations when they visited the campus at any time during the year. The rooms would be completely furnished and kept open to University visitors.

The east side of the first floor would be finished and made into a women's lounge room. Here women visitors and alumni members could relax for a few minutes after a football game or during an alumni celebration. The west side of the building would house the alumni offices and the Y. M. C. A. offices.

The large unfinished north lounge room would be completed and extended through the part of the building now occupied by the alumni offices. The south end of the first floor where WNAD, University broadcasting studio, is located would be converted into a reading, writing and library room.

Office space on the second floor would be used for student meetings and offices of important campus organizations. The WNAD studio would be moved to the tower. Also, chimes would be placed in the tower.

The utility of the building for alumni members and student members would be increased immeasurably. According to the plan now pending, the Union would reimburse the Federal Government for the loan over a period of thirty years. Thirty per cent of the \$130,000 would be given outright under the regulations of the Federal Emergency Act.

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F. C. Conrad, '32 law, who has been located in Dallas, Texas, for the past year has moved his law offices to Duncan.

Ross Dugger, '26ex, has been elected vice-president of the Sayre Wholesale Grocery company at Sayre. He is in charge of the buying.

The recently elected president of the Oklahoma Educational association is George Hann, '26ex, school superintendent at Clinton.