

Oklahomans at home and abroad

ONE of the most important steps in the history of the University of Oklahoma Association was taken by the Executive Board in a special meeting in April.

Deciding that the time had come for the association to make itself independent of financial ties with the University, the Executive Board rearranged the association's budget in such a way that all University salary aid was eliminated, effective April 1.

"Hereafter no officer or employe of the Association will receive directly or indirectly any salary or compensation of any kind from the University," Earl Foster, president of the Association, explained following the meeting.

Under the new plan, the Association takes over the responsibility of raising \$3,700 a year that formerly was contributed by the University to apply on the Association's salary budget. The University had paid part of the salary of the Executive Secretary, and employed the editor of *The Sooner Magazine* on a part time basis to do work in the Public Relations Department of the University.

As a result of the action taken by the board, the entire salary of the Executive Secretary is paid by the Association, and the Magazine editor also is paid entirely by the Association and will no longer work part-time for the University.

In taking this action, alumni leaders expressed belief that financial independence on the part of the Association would be beneficial both to the University and to the Association since it would permit organized alumni to take an open stand on issues affecting the University.

"The new plan of organization will in no manner affect the continuation of the Association's policy of wholehearted cooperation with the Board of Regents and the University administration in furthering at all times the best interests of the University," Mr. Foster said.

Alumni leaders pointed out that with the Association independent of University salary aid, the organization could act aggressively in behalf of the University without being in the ineffective position of supporting its own source of revenue.

Major Eugene Kerr, of Muskogee, president of the Board of Regents, previously had proposed separation of the alumni association and the University, but had expected that the separation would be a slow and gradual process.

The Alumni Executive Board, deciding

Exposition Official



Frank N. Watson, '13law, who was promotion director of the highly successful Texas Centennial Exposition held at Dallas last year, is assistant director general of the Greater Texas & Pan American Exposition being held at the same place this year.

His position calls for supervision of promotion, advertising, publicity, radio, travel and special events.

that the principle was an important one, decided to go ahead and act on it at once.

Successful operation under the new plan will require considerable enlargement of the Association's membership, and alumni officials started plans for an active membership campaign during the next year.

Several other important matters were acted on at the meeting, which was a joint session of the Alumni Executive Board and the Stadium-Union Board of Trustees.

Completion of negotiations with the federal government for a project to complete the main lounge room in the Union building was authorized, and a federal grant of \$1,376 for completing the south wing of the third floor lobby was accepted on the basis of a local contribution of \$340. Work on the latter project was due to start in April.

Proposal for the building of a co-operative dormitory for men in the University stadium, with a \$4,000 state appropriation and a federal grant was approved. Legislative approval of the state appropriation was believed virtually assured. University Regents approved the plan and the

NYA has agreed to provide unskilled labor.

A committee consisting of Frank Cleckler, Oklahoma City; Tom Carey, Oklahoma City; and E. R. Kraettli, Norman, was appointed to study insurance rates on the Union building and the Stadium.

The final list of nominations for members of the Executive Board to be elected this spring was approved. The list follows:

DISTRICT ONE

John R. Pearson, Pawhuska.
Claude Rosenstein, Tulsa.
Moody Tidwell, Miami.

DISTRICT FIVE

Fred Holman, Guthrie.
Coleman Hayes, Oklahoma City.
Dr. Fred Hood, Oklahoma City.

DISTRICT NINE

Mrs. Alice Gable, Norman.
Elton Hunt, Tulsa.
Ralph Miller, Enid.

AT-LARGE

Harry Halley, Tulsa.
Mrs. Wendell Long, Oklahoma City.
H. E. Wrinkle, Bartlesville.
Graham Johnson, Norman.
W. G. Stigler, Stigler.
Don Walker, Ardmore.

One nominee will be elected from each district and two will be elected at large. Ballots were sent out by mail in April.

At an earlier meeting the Executive Board authorized steps toward establishing memorials for Dr. David Ross Boyd, first president of the University, and Dr. James S. Buchanan, popular history professor, who for a time was acting president.



Ex-Editors to convene

A reunion luncheon of former editors of student newspapers at the University will be held Sunday, June 6, as a new event in the June Commencement program for Sooner alumni.

An informal luncheon or dinner session is planned, without any formal program, according to Ted Beaird, Alumni Executive Secretary.

A committee consisting of Joseph Brandt, chairman, Savoie Lottinville, Roscoe Cate, all of Norman, has been appointed to represent the former editors in planning the affair.

Except for a break during the World war, a student newspaper has been published continuously since 1906.

Editors of the semi-weekly *Umpire* were Earle W. Radcliff, J. Wallace Perry,



Lee Thompson (left) and Maurice Kelley have been elected alumni members of the University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Each year the chapter customarily elects two alumni from the class that has been out of school ten years. (Details elsewhere on this page.)

Reuben McKittrick (now deceased), C. W. Fowler, William N. Randolph, Lloyd Maxwell, Earl Foster and Orel Busby.

Editors of the semi-weekly *University Oklahoman* were Earl Christmas, Chester H. Westfall and Willard H. Campbell.

Former *Oklahoma Daily* editors are Willard H. Campbell, Fayette Copeland, Charles C. Taliaferro, Harold B. Sanders, Dewey H. Neal, Joseph A. Brandt, Tully A. Nettleton, A. S. (Mike) Monroney, Guy P. Webb, Orville E. Priestley, Roscoe Cate, Frank L. Dennis, Savoie Lottinville, Paul P. Kennedy, Dick Pearce, Jack Fischer, Christine Squire Hill, Samuel K. Abrams, John L. Fortson, Dale Clark, John Harold Turner, Suzanne Arnote, Robert A. Vollmer.

▲ Crider is Tiger coach

Frank Crider, '30, former Sooner football star, has taken over the job as coach of the Norman High School football team. He was formerly at El Reno.

Crider was an all-state high school player at Durant, and starred on the Sooner football team. He was captain of the O. U. eleven in 1929.

▲ Chosen for Phi Beta Kappa

Two Sooner alumni from the class of 1927 were elected to membership in the University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, in the annual election of new members.

The two are Lee B. Thompson, Oklahoma City attorney, and Maurice Kelley, member of the English faculty of Princeton University.

W. S. Campbell, associate professor of

English in the University and widely known as a writer under the name of Stanley Vestal was elected an honorary member of the chapter. He is not an alumnus of the University.

Mr. Thompson since his graduation from the University has become a well known attorney. He has served as vice-president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of America, and as president of the Oklahoma City Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is now a regional officer of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

He was prominent in many student affairs while in school. His activities included Beta Theta Pi, Pe-et, Scabbard and Blade, Clip, Student Council, president of Freshman Law Class, Publication Board, First Letzeiser Medal, delegate to Midwest Student Conference, Manhattan, Kans., and New Orleans, La., Vice-President of conference, and member of Jazz Hounds.

Mr. Kelley received an A. B. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1927 and an M. A. degree from the University of Maine in 1929.

He was formerly an instructor in English in West Virginia University and is at present in Princeton where he is on the English faculty and has finished work for a Ph.D. degree.

He has written some distinguished poetry on Oklahoma subjects, and is the author of "Additional Chapters on Thomas Cooper" which was published in the University of Maine Studies. This monograph was written as his master's thesis and was revised for publication.

Mr. Kelley also wrote for *Modern Language Notes* an article entitled "Thomas Cooper and Pantisocracy" and he has written several articles on folk and regional subjects. He has contributed to the *American Mercury*, *Folk-Say*, *Modern Language Notes* and other popular and scholarly publications.

▲ Law firms change

Announcements of several changes in law firms involving Sooner alumni have been received at the alumni office.

The firm of Harper and Lee at Tulsa has been dissolved and Gentry Lee, '24 law, is entering the legal department of the Barnsdall Oil Company. The firm will be succeeded by Roscoe E. Harper, attorney, and Fenelon Boesche, '34law, will continue to be associated with the firm.

Robert L. Cox, '29, '31law, and Joe Fred Gibson, '36law, formerly with Murah, Bohannon, Gibson and Savage, have announced the formation of a partnership for the general practice of law as Cox and Gibson at 1015 Petroleum building, Oklahoma City.

▲ Building outlook improves

Hopes for a building appropriation for the University for the 1937-39 biennium brightened in early April as several leaders in the Legislature lent their support to a proposal for a \$350,000 Petroleum Engineering building. It was hoped that an appropriation for this project might bring a federal grant sufficient to build a Geology building also.

A general building appropriation including the O. U. Petroleum Engineering building was reported favorably to the House.

The *Norman Transcript* in a front page editorial which was reprinted in many parts of the state argued that a state appropriation for a Petroleum Engineering building would be the means of creating new wealth for the state. The editorial said in part:

Oklahoma is rapidly exhausting that portion of its supply of oil which is close enough to the surface to be tapped and drained by drilling and production equipment now in use. Undoubtedly there is lots more to be found at lower depths, if ways and means can be found to economically explore for it and bring it to the surface.

The oil industry is depending strongly on the School of Petroleum Engineering and the School of Geology at the University to solve this problem. The engineer is counted upon to perfect seismograph instruments which will make a record of formations at greater depths than holes now are drilled. Then the engineer must develop methods and machines to drill at greater depths, at the same time keeping down drilling costs. Geologists are constantly perfecting their methods of finding and surveying oil formations and in co-operation with seismographic work are helping to reduce the gamble in wildcat drilling.

These developments not only will greatly increase the amount of oil produced in the state; they also will revive oil leasing on countless

acres of land now condemned. It will mean once more the pouring of millions of dollars in oil lease rentals into the pockets of farmers and other land owners.

There is good reason to believe perfection of such equipment will bring oil development to many sections of the state now considered outside the area of possible production.

The refinery division of the School of Petroleum Engineering also is training men to develop better lubricants and improved gasoline, thereby assuring more efficient operation of automobile, truck, and tractor engines. A scientific development along such lines by one graduate of the school that would save each state motorist even \$10 a year would be worth more than three million dollars a year to the Oklahoma citizenship as a whole.

Certainly every citizen is deeply interested in seeing the continued production of oil wealth in the state. Every citizen, and every legislator, then, should consider this matter of an appropriation for new University buildings on the basis of its potential worth in furthering the income of the state and its citizens from oil.

On such a basis, there should be no hesitancy in making the investment.

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Heads commission

Andrew Fraley, '30ex, became chairman of the State Industrial Commission in April only a few weeks after his appointment to the Commission. He formerly was chief clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Fraley succeeded Matt McElroy as chairman. McElroy remains a member of the Commission. The Industrial Commission sits as a court to hear damage claims of injured workmen. Mr. Fraley, a former Kay County Representative, was an inspector for the Commission for about twenty months before resigning to become chief clerk for the House last November.

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Fraternity dinners held

Several fraternities have had important dinners at Oklahoma City and Tulsa recently.

Members of the University chapter of Phi Gamma Delta met with alumni at the Huckins Hotel in Oklahoma City for the 20th annual "pig dinner."

Many of the 25 men who founded the O. U. chapter were introduced by William J. Crowe, '15law, Phi Gam alumni president.

They included Louis D. Abney, '16law; Clyde M. Howell, '15, '36ed.m.; and Mr. Crowe, all of Oklahoma City; W. L. Ditzler, '14, '17law; Tulsa; Sherman Huffman '15, '26ma, Claremore; Norman Brillhart, '17, Madill; George H. Jennings, '16law, Sapulpa; Dr. John R. Harff, '16, '18med. Cleveland; and Ernest Howell, '15, '35ed.m, Edmond.

Errett R. Newby, '07, first vice-regent of Sigma Nu fraternity, appeared on the program at the banquet of the Mid-Continent Association of Sigma Nu fraternity held at the Hotel Biltmore in Oklahoma City.

Robert Paul Bates, '24, was host to



This picture was made at a gay "country dance" given by Sooners Raymond Goodrich and Esther Whinery Goodrich to open their new country home near Houston. A score of Sooner alumni were present. Mrs. Goodrich is seen seated at the extreme left. Mr. Goodrich is standing. The smiling man in the white hat is Dow Hamm, '22.

alumni members of Delta Tau Delta fraternity at his home northwest of Tulsa recently. Lawrence H. Wilson, '29ex, is president of the Tulsa alumni association of the fraternity.

George C. Frickel, Jr., '33ex, had charge of a Founders' Day banquet held by Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at the University Club in Tulsa. L. V. Dennis, '35 ex, was a member of the committee in charge.

Howard VanZandt, '20bus, was principal speaker at a Founders' Day banquet of Alpha Tau Omega held at the Oklahoma Club, Oklahoma City.

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Meet Mrs. Roosevelt

Four former students of the University School of Journalism were assigned to do the "women's angle" stories on Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's recent tour of Oklahoma. The four are Ruth Robinson, '37ex, reporter for the *Oklahoma News*; Hazel Fowler, '27, *Oklahoma City Times*; Virginia Nelson, '29, *Daily Oklahoman*, and Malvina Stephenson, *Tulsa World*.

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Houston Sooners have fun

A score of O. U. alumni and former students were present at a country dinner and dance given by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Goodrich to mark the opening of their new log lodge on their country estate, Fernbrook Farm, near Houston.

Mr. Goodrich, who received a degree from O. U. in 1921, is a geologist. Mrs.

Goodrich is the former Esther Whinery, '20. They have lived in Houston for the last sixteen years.

The party they gave was typically rural, and guests came attired in a variety of farm costumes. Bales of hay and festoons of crepe paper flowers decorated the long room, and one corner was disguised as an old-fashioned country store.

Sooners who were present included Dow Hamm, Grant Blanchard, Clayton Smith, Helen Berry Hamm, Bill Johnson, Janet Stewart Johnson, George Stevens, Thornburn Taggart, Howell Cocke, Ruth Bretch Cocke, Clifton M. Mackey, Alice Hurley Mackey, Carle Reisle, Jr., Mattie Mu'drow Reisle, Jack Ruble, Hubert Clift, Dolly DuVall and Josie DuVall.

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Bentonelli visits state

Joseph Bentonelli, '20, Metropolitan Opera singer, came back to Oklahoma in April in the course of a concert tour over much of the United States.

His Oklahoma appearances were scheduled as follows: April 29, Edmond; April 30, Ada; May 3, Wewoka; May 4, Okmulgee; May 6, Alva; and May 7 Woodward.

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Drama association formed

Bill Cope, '34fa, was named chairman of the constitution committee of the newly organized Municipal Drama Association at Oklahoma City. Lillian Forrester, '35, was one of the committee members.