

Alumni Association Progress

ENERGIES of the Alumni Office staff at Norman during the last month were occupied with many different phases of work, including the task of moving into the new permanent offices, starting plans for the annual Homecoming celebration November 20, pushing details of setting up additional county advisory councils over Oklahoma, and of course, taking care of the regular routine of alumni news.

After moving from the old alumni offices into a temporary room and then moving again into temporary quarters behind a partition in the lobby of the Union in order to release the classroom needed by students, the entire staff rejoiced fervently on the night of October 6 when the move was made into the new permanent quarters.

Desks, filing cases, typewriters, addressograph equipment, and a vast collection of supplies and equipment accumulated over a long period of years was distributed through the four offices which now constitute the Alumni headquarters, Union offices, and Teachers Placement Bureau.

Entrance to the new suite of offices is in Room 123, which is down the hall from the main lobby of the Union Building.

Mrs. Mary Turnbull presides at the desk in the reception room, and also interviews persons who have business with the Teachers Placement Bureau. Miss May Rice, cashier for the Union, is located in the same office.

On the north side of the reception room is the mailing room and work shop for the Alumni Association. Addressograph files and equipment for handling the mailing of *The Sooner Magazine* is located in this office and shelves are being built in to provide convenient storage places for supplies.

First office to the south of the reception room is occupied jointly by Roscoe Cate, editor-manager of *The Sooner Magazine*, and Homer Heck, assistant manager of the Union and program director of radio station WNAD.

The next office to the south is occupied by Ted Beaird, executive secretary of the Alumni Association and manager of the Union.

The new offices are attractively finished with a fine plaster job, tile-text floors in harmonious colors, and modern lighting fixtures.

More space could be used conveniently by the Alumni Association, but space in the Union is now at a premium, and every available room is badly needed by campus

organizations that logically are entitled to have headquarters in the Union.

The only University classes still held in the Union are those of the speech department, and quarters for these classes are simply not available in any other building on the campus. All classrooms on the campus are occupied all day every day, and University authorities have even considered an offer of the McFarlin Memorial church, a few blocks north of the campus, to let a few classes meet in the church building.

The quarters in the Union now occupied by the speech department will be remodeled for use for campus activities as soon as the congestion on the campus is relieved.

▲ Tea in new lounge

Unless unexpected delays are encountered in work of completing the new lounge in the Union, the annual tea and reception following the Homecoming football game November 20 will be held in the lounge instead of in the ballroom as has been customary in the past.

▲ Board to meet November 20

Annual Homecoming meeting of the Executive Board of the Association will be held at 11 a. m. Saturday, November 20, in the Union. Lowrey H. Harrell, of Ada, president of the Association, will preside.

Part of the meeting will be a joint session with the Executive Board of the Oklahoma A. and M. College Former Students Association, and problems of mutual interest to the two associations will be discussed. The O. U. association for several years has worked with the Aggie alumni in an effort to obtain passage of an amendment to the state constitution putting the control of A. and M. College under a comparatively non-political board of regents like that of the University. A. and M. College now is controlled by the State Board of Agriculture.

One item of business to be considered by the O. U. Executive Board is a program of co-operation between the Alumni Association and the Norman chapter of the American Association of University Professors in extending the educational services of the University over the state.

A committee from the A. A. U. P. has been working on this program for some time, and a definite report is expected at the November 20 meeting.

The Executive Board will receive a report from Secretary Beaird on the establishment of Alumni Advisory Councils in about half the counties of Oklahoma and in many cities over the country since the last meeting of the board.

Plans for setting up the councils in the remaining counties of the state will be considered.

Secretary Beaird also will present a report on the recent increases in annual memberships.

▲ Voluntary aid appreciated

In recent months hundreds of letters from alumni scattered over Oklahoma and in other states have brought alumni officials offers of assistance in carrying on the association's program.

Executive Secretary T. M. Beaird comments that the loyal interest shown in association affairs by these persons who take time to write in and offer their help has been a great inspiration to the association officers and the members of the Executive Board.

"The University belongs to the people of the state, and the only way we can promote the best interests of the University is to keep all Oklahomans informed about the needs of the institution," Mr. Beaird said.

"The letters we receive show that there is a widespread feeling among alumni that we should work actively now to see to it that the next Legislature gives proper recognition to the critical need of the University for more classroom facilities and a larger and better paid faculty to take care of the increases in enrolment.

"No last-minute drive can accomplish our purpose. We must work actively right now to get the facts about the University and its work before the people of Oklahoma."

▲ ▲ ▲ Word from Venezuela

Joseph C. Gordon, '15eng, '18me, who is with the Standard Oil Company of Venezuela, Caripito, Venezuela, writes that he frequently meets O. U. alumni there as quite a number are working for various oil companies in Venezuela.

"Enjoyed your recent broadcast," said his brief note. "Your magazine is very good, much appreciated. Am sending two Venezuelans to Norman and expect them to come back petroleum engineers."

Mr. Gordon has been in Venezuela since 1933. Mrs. Gordon is the former Elizabeth Witcher, '15ex.