

In the Mail . . .

A constructive suggestion that probably will interest many alumni comes from Kelly Johnson, '25bus, Ponca City. His letter stated:

"I've been trying to think of a way and means in which we could get the largest number of our alumni together and show them a good time with very little expense and be a real informal get-together.

"Last year, Tom had a football game between his spring footballers at the close of spring practice, sometime the latter part of March. This seems to me the ideal time to have an alumni gathering, say a barbecue, the last Saturday of the spring football practice.

"This barbecue could be financed by donations and handled by our county officers. The point is, if everything is free, you can get a big turnout.

"We alumni could bring in state high school athletes for the occasion and really have an honest to goodness good time.

"Tom wouldn't be handicapped by having an important football game that day and would be free to mix with us. (Nobody on his neck after the game.)

"The Fieldhouse could be the meeting point and possibly the feed could be staged just south of the Fieldhouse.

"I'm sure we could finance such a project by donations."

A committee is working on this suggestion already, and some definite announcement can be expected soon.

University officials and the Alumni Office have received from David M. Logan, '16, Okmulgee, an interesting suggestion for a new type of short course.

"Here is an idea which you can take for what you think it is worth," he wrote. "Why not during the first week of December of this year have a three or four-day course in state government designed primarily for the benefit of legislators and others having a direct interest in state government. No one in the state, unless he has served longer in the Senate than I have, can realize how badly the members need to be informed on problems of state government.

"I believe that this course could be handled in such a way that it would not involve the University and the sponsors of the course in controversial issues. Your presentation could be restricted to factual data and let the arguments, if there be any, be between those in attendance. Besides the good which would be accomplished by those in attendance learning more of state government, it would be a wonderful opportunity for the university

to present its needs to the individuals who would be on the campus."

Miles G. Tolbert, '21, 23law, hard-working County Advisory Council Chairman at Hobart, writes that a number of former students have asked whether they are eligible for membership in the Association even though not graduates of the University.

Of course they are. Anyone who attended the University as long as one semester is eligible for full membership in the Association.

And friends of the University who never attended the institution at all can participate to a considerable extent in the Association program by subscribing to the *Sooner Magazine*.

From Goldsmith, Texas, which still can't be found on most maps, comes this letter from H. LeRoy Beckham, '37eng:

"To start the new year out right enclosed is a change of address and a bit of news about some old (or can you call 1932 graduates old?) Sooners. Working here in the West Texas division for the Humble Company are four O. U. men. John McCleary (1932 I believe) is one of the head clerks at the Andrews, Texas, camp. M. R. Pitman (also of the 1932 class), is working as a driller, also at the Andrews camp. Sol Bunnell, '37geol, is doing his turn as a "roughneck" here at Goldsmith, Texas. (Please don't spend too much time trying to find the town of Goldsmith on a map—the "thing" is only about a year old—boom town). I'm doing my experience work for the company "roughneckin" on the very popular graveyard shift, midnight to 8 a. m.

"Here's to a great year for O. U. and all that goes with that grand school."

Kind words department:

F. D. Martin, '36, '37med, Baltimore, Maryland—"I enjoy the magazine very much and look forward to it every month. Would appreciate hearing from anyone in or near Baltimore. Call me on Ches. 0897."

Mary F. Tedford, '33, Guthrie—"I have decided I can stretch my budget to include my subscription to the *Sooner Magazine* after all. When I received my last copy today, I realized how much I'd missed it if it hadn't come. I am enclosing my check for \$3 for subscription."

Jewel Wurtzbaugh, Norman—"What a fine journal you are making of the *Sooner Magazine*. Congratulations!"

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