

Association Progress

TENTATIVE plans for another O. U. alumni radio program, to be presented possibly in February, were discussed at the Homecoming day meeting of the University of Oklahoma Association's Executive Board.

It was suggested that the program be an hour in length, and that it be broadcast over a network of Oklahoma radio stations so that alumni in every part of the state would be assured good reception.

If arrangements are completed for a February broadcast, final details will be announced through the *Quarterly Bulletin* which goes to every alumnus whose address is on file in the Alumni Office.

Trust fund policy adopted

The Executive Board at the November meeting adopted a permanent policy for the handling of income from the Life Membership Trust Fund. So far, none of the accumulated interest has been used for current expenses of the Association, although the original Trust agreement provided that the interest could be used for this purpose. As the interest has increased to a considerable sum now, the trustees asked that a policy be adopted.

The board approved the following resolution which was presented by Tom Carey, member of the Trust Fund Board of Trustees:

WHEREAS, the audit report of the O. U. Life Membership Trust shows accumulated earnings as of August 31, 1937, in the amount of \$3,405.60 and it is not clear from the declaration of trust as to what extent these accumulated earnings may be applied to the payment of current expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the audit report of the O. U. for each year since the creation of the Trust has exceeded the demands of the Association for payment of current expenses out of Trust funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Executive Board of the University of Oklahoma Association that all earnings accumulated in the hands of the Trustees unexpended at August 31, 1937, shall become a part of the permanent fund and shall no longer be available for meeting future expenses, and the Trustees of the Fund are hereby authorized to so treat the amount of earnings accumulated and unexpended in the Fund as of August 31, 1937.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy of the Association that earnings available for current expense purposes shall be limited to the earnings of the Trust received during the current year beginning as of September 1 of each year and ending August 31 of the next calendar year; and that any earnings unexpended at the close of such twelve months period shall become a part of the permanent fund of the Trust and shall not thereafter be available for meeting current expenses. The Trustees of the fund are hereby authorized to so treat and apply from time to time such unexpended earnings.

Those present at the Homecoming meeting of the board were: Lowrey H.

Harrell, president; Buff B. Burtis, Charles B. Duffy, William L. Eagleton, Harry L. S. Halley, Coleman Hayes, Elton B. Hunt, Graham Johnson, Dave Logan, Mrs. Florence M. McKown, Herbert L. Branan, Neil Keller, Joe Fred Gibson, J. Bruce Wiley, James C. Hamill; and Tom Carey and Neil Johnson, trustees of the Life Membership Trust Fund; and T. M. Beird, executive secretary and Roscoe Cate, editor-manager of *The Sooner Magazine*.

Aggie board entertained

The Alumni Executive Board was host at noon to the members of the executive board of the Oklahoma A. and M. College Former Students Association, at a luncheon in the new main dining room of the Union building.

County chairmen meet

The first general conference of chairmen of the County Advisory Councils of the Alumni Association was held the morning of Homecoming Day in the Union Building. Although attendance at this first meeting was fairly small, the discussion proved highly constructive and officials believe that it will lead to a valuable series of meetings.

Opinions expressed by these county leaders from out over the state, and the information presented to them by University officials, indicated that both alumni and the University administration are interested in much the same objectives.

Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19, assistant to President W. B. Bizzell, addressed the county chairmen and emphasized that the general public of Oklahoma must be taught that the University belongs to them "and not just to the faculty or the alumni."

"The University hasn't yet been sold to the people of Oklahoma," he declared. "The other day I was visiting in a certain city of the state and a resident told me, 'I'm going to send my daughter to your University.' I finally convinced him that the University belongs to all the citizens of Oklahoma and that he should say 'our' University."

Dr. Wardell also emphasized that alumni should help break down the erroneous belief among many Oklahomans that O. U. is an expensive place to send young people.

"We have made an extensive survey of the expenditures made by students and have found that the average of all students, both fraternity and non-fraternity, is between \$42 and \$43 per month. And that



Alumni Secretary Beird is shown receiving into "honorary membership" a loyal patron of the alumni office. Cris, coal black dog owned by Neil Johnson, '15, of Norman, has visited the alumni office almost every day for many years. When Beird succeeded Frank Cleckler as secretary a year ago, Cris took the change in his stride and transferred his allegiance to the new alumni official.

includes all expenses. As for the occasional report that O. U. students are snobbish or high hat, you can point out that more than half of the students are working part time to help pay the expenses of their education. They're so busy they don't have time to be high hat."

Dr. Wardell also said alumni should devote attention to the need for private gifts and benefactions for the University.

County advisory council chairmen present at the meeting included Ralph Miller, Enid; Max Chambers, Okmulgee; Elton Hunt, Tulsa; Charles Duffy, Ponca City; Elmer Fraker, Chickasha; A. B. Carpenter, Shawnee; Fisher Muldrow, Ardmore; Lee Thompson, Oklahoma City; George D. Hann, Clinton, and Neville Gillum, Sayre.

The county chairmen were called on for suggestions, and for reports on alumni activities in their respective counties.

Several of them urged that the securing of an east-west highway through Norman be made a major project of the University and the Alumni Association. This is important to make the University more accessible to the people of southwestern and southeastern Oklahoma, and probably would have considerable effect on increasing football crowds, they declared.

Mr. Hann urged that the University give more attention to short courses, including short courses for graduates of professional schools, and that the summer sessions be improved and made more attractive.

Dr. Wardell and Alumni Secretary Beird explained that the University administration was quite in sympathy with these suggestions and in fact has been devoting considerable attention to them this year.