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The University isn't alone in its financial troubles. One alumnus wrote in last month that he couldn't renew his membership in the Alumni Association right now for the following reason:

"I am 'Broke,' 'Busted' and completely 'flabbergasted' on account of I had a financial crisis that backfired and blew off the breech."

He added, however, that "I will get in line as soon as I convalesce a few months—(and kill a few creditors)."

Under the circumstances, the Alumni Office will await developments, meantime keeping an eye on the homicide news from down that way.

Memo for procrastinators: May 15 is the deadline for getting your ballot in the mail for the annual election of Alumni Executive Board members. The official ballot is reprinted in this magazine for the benefit of last-minute voters.

The article by Dr. W. B. Bizzell on *Training for Individual Security*, is condensed from an address the University president delivered at the annual convention of the Oklahoma Education Association. It is a thought-provoking analysis of a major trend in our national thinking that vitally affects higher education—and also our individual economic welfare.

Work is already under way on preparation of material for a Medical Alumni Directory to be published as the August, 1939, issue of *Sooner Magazine*.

This will be somewhat similar to the *Law Alumni Directory* published last August, but will be changed in several minor ways as a result of experience gained in publication of O. U.'s first professional school directory.

Medical alumni are requested to be sure that the Alumni Office has correct information on their addresses and occupations. Information also is desired on former O. U. students who received medical degrees elsewhere and are now in the medical profession.

The directory will be sent free to all members of the University of Oklahoma Association, and a limited number of extra copies will be available to others who place orders in advance.

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## Continuing Your Education

The other day a graduate of the School of Home Economics who is now in home demonstration work found that she was going to have to teach a large group of 4-H club girls the proper way to sew a zipper into a dress.

At the time when this young woman went to O. U., zippers weren't being used in dresses, and so she wasn't sure about the technique. She visited the School of Home Economics, hunted up a faculty member who is a specialist in clothes making, and in a few minutes learned the latest technique for sewing in a zipper. She went back to her regular work confident that she could teach her girls efficiently.

Maybe there's not much connection between a zipper and higher education, but the incident illustrates well the manner in which alumni of a university can benefit by continuing to learn things after they graduate.

Alumni who fail to take advantage of such opportunities through short courses, correspondence study, extension classes, and informal contacts with faculty members are overlooking something.

## Facing the Future

A university is one of the strongest and most enduring of man-made institutions. It survives the vicissitudes of poverty, political attacks, repressions on academic freedom, the occasional scandals resulting from individual indiscretions of students, the overcrowding of classrooms, lack of proper equipment, and so on.

Such difficulties, though they may seriously damage the institution's program of service to the youth of the State, can be faced and surmounted.

The record of the University of Oklahoma, now nearly fifty years old, proves this. In that history, there have been periods of great difficulty. But after each setback, the University has rallied and moved ahead, making the best of its resources.

The indomitable spirit of many faculty members who have devoted their lives to educational work at O. U., sticking to it through thick and thin, has been of immeasurable value in keeping the morale of the institution at a high level. Because they have stayed faithfully on the job, with chins up, through discouraging periods, they have won the love and respect of thousands of alumni and their influence is accordingly felt throughout the State.

Reduction of the University budget for the next biennium, even though the cut is much less than was expected for a time, is a setback. But the best way for the institution to show definitely that a larger appropriation would be a good investment for the State to make in 1941, is to dig in for the next two years and do the very best educational job it can possibly do on the funds provided by the Legislature, and do it cheerfully.