

Three Texas Meetings

(Association Progress)

THREE meetings of O. U. Alumni have been scheduled in Texas for the week of the Sooner-Texas football game.

Informal rallies devoted largely to football talk will be held in Tyler, Houston, and Dallas, with Alumni President Norman Brillhart and Alumni Secretary Ted Beaird attending all three gatherings.

Sooner Alumni in Houston—and there are well over two hundred of them—will meet on Thursday, October 10. Dow Hamm, '22ba, who is chairman of the O. U. Alumni Advisory Council in Houston, is making arrangements for the meeting. Tentative plans have been made to show the moving picture of the Oklahoma-Northwestern football game played at Evanston last season.

The East Texas O. U. Alumni Association, which is headed by Ed Howard, '31geol, is sponsoring a chicken barbecue meeting on Friday evening October 11, at Tyler. Sooners in the Tyler area ordered a block of one hundred seats for the Texas game at Dallas and a large attendance is expected at the pre-game rally.

The series of Texas meetings will reach a climax in the second annual O. U. Breakfast to be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, October 12, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Adolphus at Dallas. Tickets will cost seventy-five cents each and may be paid for at the door. However, reservations should be made in

advance either through the Alumni Office at Norman or through Carl D. McWade, '34eng, of the Continental Supply Company, who is chairman of the O. U. Advisory Council in Dallas.

Other members of the Dallas Council who are assisting in arrangements for the breakfast are Miss Elaine Boylan, '19ba, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann McMurray Ellegood, '35ba, Weaver E. Holland, '13eng, and Mrs. M'Delle Morrow, '22.

Program for the Dallas breakfast will be informal and will include music by the O. U. Band, a brief talk by Alumni President Brillhart, and a few other short talks. The program will end in plenty of time to permit football fans to reach Fair Park without rushing.

O. U. headquarters will be maintained in the lobby of the Adolphus all morning, October 12, and Sooners are invited to meet their friends there.

Alumni are warned that in order to obtain free admission to the Fair Grounds, it is necessary to purchase football tickets in advance and have them ready to present at the entrance to the Fairgrounds.

New Life Members

Three new life memberships were received by the Alumni office during the last month, which brings the total number of living life members to 426.

The three new ones are Esther Munn McRuer, '22ba, of Chicago, Illinois; J. D. Fellers, '36law, and Mrs. Fellers (Mar-

Life Membership Ranking			
CLASS	RANK	NUMBER OF LIFE MEMBERS	PER CENT OF LIFE MEMBERS
1904	1	2	14.39
1912	2	16	13.01
1910	3	9	11.54
1914	4	19	11.45
1908	5	6	11.32
1913	6	14	10.85
1909	7	4	9.52
1911	8	7	8.43
1915	9	16	8.38
1906	10	3	8.11
1907	11	3	7.14
1917	12	15	5.70
1905	13	1	5.21
1906	14	12	5.50
1920	15	19	4.91
1919	16	11	4.33
1922	17	20	3.88
1923	18	18	3.14
1921	19	13	2.82
1918	20	6	2.63
1924	21	18	2.57
1926	22	15	2.12
1928	23	16	1.89
1925	24	14	1.88
1930	25	18	1.74
1934	26	18	1.69
1937	27	18	1.48
1927	28	10	1.43
1938	29	16	1.25
1929	30	12	1.17
1932	31	12	1.06
1933	32	11	1.00
1931	33	10	0.92
1935	34	6	0.57
1936	35	6	0.50
1939	36	4	0.28
Undergraduate		3	
Honorary		2	
Total Living Life Members			423

garet Ellen Randerson, '36ba), of Oklahoma City.

Miss McRuer is district secretary and field worker for the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Her work takes her into twenty states.

As a student in the University, she was a member of Phi Mu, Kappa Delta Pi, Pi Zeta Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa, and Spanish Club. She was widely known as a whistling soloist. She has written articles for church publications and for a time edited a missionary magazine for children.

Mr. Fellers is an attorney in Oklahoma City, and is associated with Mart Brown, '29law, with offices in the Ramsey Tower. Mr. Fellers has been active in the National Executive Council of the Junior Bar Conference and has held various offices in this organization. As a student in the University, he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity and was president in 1935. He was a member of Senate, Interfraternity Council, Jazz Hounds, Skeleton Key, Bombardiers (national secretary 1933), Scabbard and Blade, advertising staff of *Sooner Yearbook*, cadet major in R. O. T. C., and was awarded prize saber for honor battalion in 1935. In Oklahoma City he has been a member of the Oklahoma Club, Army and Navy

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The O. U. Commemorative Plates ordered about a year ago from England finally ran the blockade and were delivered last month. Muriel Minnick, '37bus, Norman, is shown admiring one of them



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honest opinion must be sustained at this time. The essential of a vigorous democracy is a decent respect for the opinions of mankind when honestly expressed and reasonably defended. One of the ways to promote solidarity of interests among our people is to recognize their rights as citizens and to protect them in those rights. Certainly, the intellectual and moral obligation of universities in these times is to maintain their freedom of expression as a means of helping to clarify the thinking of all our people in determining policies designed to promote the ongoing of the social process.

The moral and intellectual responsibility of scholars and writers is vigorously presented by Archibald MacLeish in a little book that is just off the press. He asks this question: "Why did the scholars and the writers of our generation in this country, witnesses as they are to the destruction of writing and of scholarship in great areas of Europe and to the exile and the imprisonment and murder of men whose crime was scholarship and writing—witnesses also to the rise in their own country of the same destructive forces with the same impulses, the same motives, the same means—why did the scholars and the writers of our generation in America fail to oppose those forces while they could—while there was still time and still place to oppose them with the arms of scholarship and writing?"

Mr. MacLeish charges that the intellectuals of our generation have failed to understand what has happened to their world. The opinion is expressed by this celebrated poet that essentially this war is a revolt against the common culture of the West and that the "intellectuals in America and elsewhere—writers, scientists, the men of learning" have ignored the fundamental issues involved. He expresses the belief that "they have one hope of success and only one—the destruction of the whole system of ideas, the whole respect for truth, the whole authority of excellence which places law above force, beauty above cruelty, singleness above numbers." He reminds us of the shining examples of the past who in times of crisis rose to defend freedom of the mind—men like Milton, Voltaire, Bartolome' de las Casas. Mr. MacLeish might have greatly extended the list of names of intellectuals who have served the cause of freedom by their pens. I realize that it is natural for the scholar and the student to assume an attitude of impartiality, objectivity, and detachment under ordinary circumstances; but in times like these students, teachers, scientists, and writers must come to the defense of free institutions and help mold public sentiment for correct objectives. Certainly, the college professor and other teachers of youth cannot escape this responsibility.

Let us enter, therefore, upon this new year's work with a full consciousness of

the great issues involved in the present world situation and our responsibilities as a people to protect our fair land and free institutions from any foreign aggression that would deny to us the use of our resources and enjoyment of the fruits of our heritage. Let us begin our work today soberly and earnestly with the full determination to make the most of our opportunities no matter what contingencies may arise. Let us resolve to make the best preparation possible to serve our country either in peace or in time of war. By so doing, we will justify the faith of the people of Oklahoma in us and merit the confidence of all right thinking Americans who love our country and cherish its ideals.

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Association Progress

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Club, Western Oklahoma Alumni Association of Phi Kappa Psi, I. O. O. F. Lodge, Cosmopolitan Club International, Reserve Officers Association (judge advocate of state district in 1939), Junior Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors of Y. M. C. A., Men's Council of St. Paul's Cathedral, and member and officer of various bar associations.

Mrs. Fellers is a member of the University Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta and was on the *Sooner Yearbook* staff. In Oklahoma City she has been active in the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Association and has served as president of the Cosmo-Pals, the women's auxiliary to Cosmopolitan Club International.

Homecoming

The 1940 Homecoming for University of Oklahoma Alumni will be November 16, on the occasion of the Sooner-Missouri game.

The Alumni office last month was setting up committees and making other preliminary arrangements for a full celebration along the traditional lines of Homecoming in recent years.

Under the leadership of Joe Fred Gibson, '34ba, '36law, the Oklahoma City Alumni are completing details for the annual alumni dinner-dance to be held on Friday night, November 15, the evening before the Homecoming game in Norman. Detailed arrangements for the dinner dance will be announced soon.

Directories

The Alumni Office has a few copies remaining from the Engineer Alumni Directory issue of *Sooner Magazine*.

Members of the Alumni Association are invited to tell their engineer friends not already belonging to the Association that they can obtain copies of the Directory by taking a membership subscription now

and requesting that it be started with the Directory issue.

Tentative plans have been made to devote the 1941 alumni directory issue of *Sooner Magazine* to graduates of the College of Business Administration.

O. U. Plates Arrive

They were a long time getting here, but two shipments of the O. U. Commemorative Plates made by the Wedgwood Company of England were run past the blockade and arrived in Oklahoma last month.

The first shipment was just enough to take care of advance orders, and incidentally not a single person who had placed a deposit in advance requested a refund during the long wait for delivery. A second shipment of fourteen dozen plates arrived shortly after the first one, and a third shipment was expected to complete delivery of the entire first order of forty dozen plates.

The First edition plate has an etching of the Administration Building in the center in Staffordshire red.

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When War Called in '17

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senior. On the front steps of the Administration Building each one looked at the other, and said, "Well, I'm graduated right now." We were "graduated" then, and our transcripts for that semester read "P-war credit."

A day or so later one officer, a captain, came from Oklahoma City to the University to seek recruits for the First Officers' Training School, Leon Springs, Texas. He worked in Miss Pickering's office. As we boys came to the office she presented each one personally to the captain. One by one we "signed up" for Leon Springs. Soon there was an exodus of the older boys from the campus, and only the young freshmen, and the girls, were left.

As a final, and personal, recollection, Dan D. Stewart (now an abstractor in Durant) and James E. McKinney (now vice-president, Fort Worth National Bank), and I, left Norman on the midnight Santa Fe for our homes in Durant. The train reached Ardmore about three o'clock in the morning, and we were to wait until eight o'clock for the Frisco. We three had planned to take a room in Ardmore, but we were so excited that sleep was impossible. We sat until breakfast time in the lobby of the Whittington Hotel, talking about the war to which we were going.

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