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February 19

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from Olathe**

March 1

University of Nebraska

March 4

Oklahoma Aggies

March 6

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Coach Bruce Drake has enough experienced players back this year to insure that Sooner fans will get to see some fast, smart basketball. If you are planning necessary travel to central Oklahoma during the basketball season—remember the dates of Sooner home games and try to arrange your travel schedule accordingly.

Prices

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| General Admission | 55c |
| Reserved Seats | 75c |
| Boxes | \$1.00 |

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Association Progress

O. U. HOMECOMING November 14 was without the usual elaborate entertainment, but those who came enjoyed an informal rally in the Fieldhouse at noon before the Sooner-Missouri game, and the inexpensive session of visiting with friends proved a popular form of entertainment.

Members of the Union Activities Board, with co-operation of the Y.M.C.A., had decorated the Fieldhouse with mural drawings, the University Band provided music, and there were festive touches even though the food served was a box lunch and the program was a brief one.

Most of the program consisted of a radio broadcast saluting O. U. alumni in the armed forces. Speakers in the broadcast, which went on the air from the Fieldhouse over WNAD, included President Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba; Elmer Fraker, '20ba, '38ma, of Mangum, president of the Alumni Association; Lt. Col. Charles H. Brammell, commandant of the R.O.T.C., and Capt. J. F. Donelson, commandant of the N.R. O.T.C.

"This is our first Homecoming since war began," President Brandt said. "This is the day when thousands of O. U. alumni will return home to the campus in spirit, even though the war has prevented their being here in person. The hearts of all of us go out to the countless Sooner alumni who are now in the armed forces from the Pacific to the Mediterranean. We, at the University, can take pride in the fact that we have helped prepare these men for the arduous tasks they are now discharging for the preservation of a decent world.

"And, to those who cannot come today to the campus, I want to give our assurance here that the University in every way possible, is lending its faculty and its facilities to the end that all of us have in mind, the winning of the war. Likewise, it is our job to see that the training of courageous citizens with vision, who can keep the peace now being won on the field of battle, be continued as much as is compatible with the more immediate needs of the naval and military program.

"It is too early as yet to see what kind of a University we will be in the months to come, but we can all be assured that the University of Oklahoma, starting probably in January, will become a vital officer training center for the armed forces. This is the first homecoming as we begin the march toward the second half of our one hundredth anniversary. On behalf of the faculty, I want to wish you well wherever you are, and a safe return to the warriors who are keeping the banner of our country flying unsullied."

Mr. Fraker paid tribute to the loyalty of O. U. alumni in previous wars and in World War II, and expressed best wishes

for their safe return from the present conflict.

Colonel Brammell and Captain Donelson told about the cadet training work on the O. U. campus, and the part the two units are playing in providing officer material for the armed forces. Dick Carter, acting Director of WNAD, conducted the radio show, which was written by Noel Kaho.

After the radio broadcast, President Brandt introduced some of the notables



HOMECOMING SPEAKERS

Speakers on the 15-minute program broadcast over station WNAD during the Homecoming rally in the Fieldhouse were (left to right) Elmer Fraker, president of the Alumni Association; Lt. Col. Charles H. Brammell, R.O.T.C. commandant; Capt. J. F. Donelson, Naval R.O.T.C. commandant, and President Brandt.

present, including Governor-Elect Robert S. Kerr, '16, and led several O. U. songs and football yells.

A box lunch was served to those who bought tickets, and the visitors sat in informal groups on the Fieldhouse bleachers in "family picnic" style. Many of those present expressed approval of this type of general get-together for Homecoming day.

Committees of faculty members, students, Norman alumni and Oklahoma City alumni, headed by Mrs. J. J. Hill (Katherine Hill, '16ba), general reception chairman, greeted the guests at the Fieldhouse. Members of the Union Activities Board dressed in cowgirl outfits, helped serve the box lunch.

Alumni were registered during the morning at the Union Building, and at noon at the Fieldhouse, by a committee headed by Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma.

The noon rally replaced the usual Oklahoma City dinner-dance on Friday night, the Homecoming parade in Norman, and

the after-game reception for alumni, all of which were canceled in order to conserve time, money and transportation facilities. Student houses also omitted their usual Homecoming decorations, for the same reasons.

Homecoming visitors had an ideal, bright autumn day for what might be the last Homecoming celebration for the duration of the war. The 6-6 tie score with Missouri was considered a major upset by football fans, as experts had rated Missouri an easy winner. Feature of the between-halves entertainment was an exhibition drill by a company of Marines.

Executive Board Meeting

Continued adaptation of the Alumni Association program to the war situation, and necessity of planning ahead for the after-war period, were discussed at the annual Homecoming Day meeting of the association's executive board, held the morning of November 14 in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building.

Elmer L. Fraker, '20ba, '38ma, of Mangum, association president, presided at the meeting.

Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, president of the University, gave an off-the-record report to the board members on just how the University is making every effort to use its facilities to the best advantage to aid the war effort. He told what steps had been taken both on the O. U. campus and in co-operation with other universities on a national scale, to see that an effective program is worked out for training officer material on a basis satisfactory to the armed forces.

President Brandt also discussed the effects of the 18-year-old draft law on higher education, and emphasized that although the war's demands upon manpower will greatly change the programs of colleges and universities, the institutions of higher learning still will have major responsibilities.

Mr. Fraker, commenting that alumni of the University can wield a great influence on better citizenship and education in Oklahoma after the war, urged that the alumni board study means of increasing association membership. He also recommended

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Top—Alumni and Homecoming guests join in singing Boomer Sooner. Middle—Partaking of box lunches (left to right) are Carl Kunsemuller, '20ba, who came all the way from Wichita, Kansas; June D. Cleveland, '42journ, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex D. Cleveland, of Norman. Bottom—Among homecomers on the Fieldhouse bleachers were Governor-elect Bob Kerr, '16, Mrs. Kerr (extreme left) and two of their children. Profiled (right) is President Brandt who sat behind Judge C. Ross Hume.

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Association Progress

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that board members and association officers take a major share of responsibility in a membership campaign, rather than leaving responsibility on the alumni office staff.

A committee consisting of James H. Van Zant, '23ba, '26ms, O. F. Muldrow, '22, and Mrs. Jewell Ditmars, '19ba, and with Kenneth Harris, '39ba, as ex officio member, was appointed by Mr. Fraker to prepare a report on suggestions for membership promotion, the report to be made at the annual June meeting of the board.

Mr. Harris, who is representative of the Class of '39 on the Advisory Council from Recent Classes, urged that the association devote more attention to younger alumni and undergraduates, to increase their interest in the alumni program.

Roscoe Cate, acting executive secretary, endorsed this idea and explained that the American Alumni Council after more than 25 years of experience in organizing alumni work has come to the conclusion in recent years that the best way to make good alumni is to develop their interest and their loyalty before they graduate.

Reporting on association affairs, Mr. Cate told the board that:

(1) After Ted Beard, '21ba, went on leave of absence in August to become a captain in the Air Corps for the duration, the alumni office staff was reorganized with Edith Walker, '41ba, promoted to position of managing editor of *Sooner Magazine* and Elaine Larecy, '42ba, added to the staff as full time assistant editor. The University has provided a half-time worker to assist in keeping complete records on the war participation of alumni.

(2) Annual memberships have reached a higher level than a year ago. Life memberships reached a total of 615 in November.

(3) Alumni office activities connected with the war continue to increase. These include collection of permanent biographical information about the war records of alumni and former students, maintenance of a current address file of all Sooners in the service, assisting branches of the armed forces in officer procurement, assisting the Civil Service Commission in securing qualified professional and scientific personnel for government positions, informing alumni about the University's war problems, collecting and publishing news about the alumni in the armed forces, and assisting war campaigns for bond sales and scrap collections.

Mr. Hann, '36m.ed, who was chairman of the special committee on leaves of absence, gave a report on the meeting of the committee in August when Executive Secretary Beard was granted leave of absence to serve in the Air Corps and Roscoe Cate, '26ba, was appointed acting executive secretary.

Captain Beard sent his greetings to the

board in a telegram which read as follows: "Greetings on this the 1942 Homecoming meeting. Problems in all walks of business and professional life this Homecoming are multiplied due to our keen desire to be of every possible aid in an all O. U. war effort. On behalf of the thousands of O. U. alumni scattered world wide who are making their contributions by serving in the armed forces may we wish you success in your deliberations of the hour and together may we in the future months establish a firm foundation for our country, our homes and our institutions in free America."

Board members present for the meeting were Mr. Fraker, Tom R. Benedum, '28 law, James H. Van Zant, O. F. Muldrow, Mrs. Jewell Risinger Ditmars, and George Hann. Also present were Kenneth Harris, of the Advisory Council from Recent Classes, and three former presidents of the Alumni Association: Fred E. Tarman, '10ba, Dave McKown, '21bs, and C. Ross Hume, '98ba, '00ma.

Life Members

The list of living members increased to 615 last month with the addition of two more names.

One is Capt. James A. Skinner, '34-'40, who is stationed with a quartermaster training regiment at Camp Lee, Virginia. The other is Dr. R. A. Williams, '31ba, '36bs.med, '38med, who is a physician at Manhattan, Montana.

Life Membership Ranking

| CLASS | RANK | NUMBER | PER CENT |
|---------------------------|------|--------|----------|
| 1904 | 1 | 2 | 14.39 |
| 1912 | 2 | 16 | 13.01 |
| 1910 | 3 | 10 | 12.82 |
| 1914 | 4 | 21 | 12.65 |
| 1909 | 5 | 5 | 11.90 |
| 1908 | 6 | 6 | 11.32 |
| 1913 | 7 | 14 | 10.85 |
| 1911 | 8 | 8 | 9.64 |
| 1915 | 9 | 17 | 8.90 |
| 1916 | 10 | 19 | 8.62 |
| 1906 | 11 | 3 | 8.11 |
| 1907 | 12 | 3 | 7.14 |
| 1920 | 13 | 26 | 6.72 |
| 1917 | 14 | 17 | 6.50 |
| 1919 | 15 | 15 | 5.90 |
| 1922 | 16 | 29 | 5.63 |
| 1905 | 17 | 1 | 5.21 |
| 1918 | 18 | 10 | 4.39 |
| 1924 | 19 | 27 | 3.86 |
| 1921 | 20 | 17 | 3.70 |
| 1923 | 21 | 19 | 3.32 |
| 1926 | 22 | 20 | 2.83 |
| 1930 | 23 | 25 | 2.42 |
| 1938 | 24 | 28 | 2.19 |
| 1934 | 25 | 23 | 2.16 |
| 1925 | 26 | 16 | 2.14 |
| 1928 | 27 | 18 | 2.12 |
| 1927 | 28 | 14 | 2.01 |
| 1937 | 29 | 24 | 1.97 |
| 1941 | 30 | 29 | 1.92 |
| 1929 | 31 | 18 | 1.75 |
| 1931 | 32 | 16 | 1.47 |
| 1933 | 33 | 16 | 1.45 |
| 1939 | 34 | 20 | 1.42 |
| 1932 | 35 | 13 | 1.15 |
| 1940 | 36 | 18 | 1.09 |
| 1935 | 37 | 10 | 0.91 |
| 1936 | 38 | 10 | 0.83 |
| 1942 | 37 | 7 | 0.54 |
| Honorary | | 5 | |
| TOTAL LIVING LIFE MEMBERS | | 615 | |

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