

Association Progress

WINNING a close race with a group of alumni at Wichita, Kansas, the St. Louis Alumni Club last month won the distinction of earning Alumni Club charter No. 1.

A group of 25 Sooners met October 30 in St. Louis, where an Alumni Club has been maintained continuously for many years, and signed a formal application for an Alumni Club charter. This application was immediately rushed to Norman and was the first complete application to be filed since the Executive Board approved the Charter Club plan.

Officers of the St. Louis club are E. J. Merritt, '33law, president; Mrs. Ruth Standerfer Glaze, '26-'28, '33, vice president, and Helen Ruth Holbrook, former Y. W. C. A. secretary at O. U., secretary-treasurer.

Other St. Louis alumni signing the application for the Alumni Club charter were John F. Wilkinson, '23ba, John C. Glaze, '28eng, Dr. D. W. Eades, '30med, Mrs. Gay Epperson Landau, '32ba, Robert M. Sayre, '20ba, Mrs. Frederika Fitch Woltering, '21ba, Fred S. Milam, '22ed, Albert D. Plagmann, '21, Lt. C. Harold Brand, '26-'28, Mrs. Virginia Nelson Million, '29ba, Louise Wilkonson, '24he, Mrs. Helen Eades Stutsman, '28he, and Mrs. Leolene Morrow Plagmann, '21.

Formal presentation of charter No. 1 to the St. Louis club will be made at a meeting in mid-winter.

Plan to Organize

O. U. alumni in Wichita, Kansas, voted to apply for an Alumni Club charter when they held an organization meeting October 19.

C. C. Counts, '27law, Wichita attorney, was elected president of the group, John Paynter, '26ba, vice president, and Jacqueline Webb, '42bs, secretary-treasurer.

The group voted to adopt the constitution prescribed for Charter Clubs and a committee with E. S. Pratt, '22ms, as chairman, was appointed to prepare by-laws.

M. L. Wardell, '19ba, acting director of the Extension Division at the University, was principal speaker at the meeting. He described the University's wartime program and the many changes that have occurred on the campus in the last few years.

Roscoe Cate, '26ba, acting executive secretary of the Alumni Association, explained the details of the Charter Club plan and emphasized the need for local alumni clubs to work in the interests of the University of Oklahoma. Sue Starr, '43ba, field representative of the Alumni Association, also spoke briefly.

Those present at the meeting included John Paynter, '26ba, Mrs. Helen Personett Redmon, '22bs, Mrs. Jeanne Reardon Schrock, '43bus, Dorothy J. Swinney, '27fa, Jacqueline Webb, '42bs, Mrs. Lucile Akers Wheeler, '38he, A. T. Wheeler, Jr., '38bus, Mrs. Rubene Personett Newby, '36soc.wk, John P. Martin, '28bus, Carl H. Kunsemuller, '20ba, Glenda M. Jones, '42he, Mrs. Madge Harlow Elmore, '24ma, Leroy Elmore, '18law, Mrs. Thelma Thomas Counts, '25-'26, Mrs. Dorothy Fitzgerald Bowser, '27ba, C. C. Counts, '27law, E. S. Pratt, '22ms, Alice Quesenberry, '36bs, Ruth Woodworth, '20ba, Margaret E. Elliott, '39ba, Ellen Paynter, '40bs, and Mrs. O. I. Nichols, '37bs.

Ponca City Sooners Meet

A group of more than a dozen O. U. alumni had a meeting in Ponca City October 19 on call of Senator Charles B. Duffy, '22law, attorney in Ponca City.

Senator Duffy, along with Roscoe Cate, acting executive secretary of the Association, conducted a discussion of University affairs with particular reference to the vacancy in the presidency of the University.

The group also discussed possibilities for organizing a Charter Club of alumni in Ponca City.

Those present included Senator Duffy, Florence Collins, '43ba, Glenn Mason, '26bus, Dr. H. S. Browne, '13ms, Joe Lewis, '21law, J. C. Hampton, '34bus, Everett "Hap" Parker, '14ba, Glenn Clark, '13ba, Mrs. Marion Tolley Irby, '23fa, George Abbott, '22ba, Mrs. Mary Stafford Abbott, '24ba, Maj. William V. Cox, '24ma, George Miller, '23law, and Sue Starr, '43ba, field representative for the Alumni Association.

Quiet Homecoming

The University's Homecoming celebration November 6 was a quiet one, as judged by pre-war standards, but a crowd of nearly 6,000 enjoyed seeing the Sooners romp on Kansas 26-13 in the football attraction, and several hundred alumni and faculty members enjoyed an alumni-faculty openhouse in the Union Building after the game.

In view of the transportation situation, no effort was made to urge alumni to attend Homecoming.

In addition to the after-game openhouse, Homecoming visitors enjoyed a display of photographs of Sooner alumni war heroes, arranged around the walls of the new general alumni office in Room 128 Union Building. The *Sooner Mag-*

azine staff had assembled nearly one hundred pictures of alumni who have been decorated in World War II.

Glenn Couch, '31bs, '37ms, headed the Homecoming registration committee which greeted visitors in the Union lobby. Mrs. R. L. Huntington (Ruth Williams, '18ba) was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the alumni-faculty openhouse.

Board Meeting

The Executive Board of the Alumni Association, in its annual Homecoming Day meeting, heard talks by Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, president of the University who has resigned effective January 1, and Joe W. McBride, '28bus, president of the University Board of Regents.

President Brandt, in discussing major problems of the University, emphasized these points: (1) The state's public schools do not have adequate financial support to give young people satisfactory preparation for college work; (2) The University has never recovered from the salary scale reduction made in the depression years; (3) The University salary scale is based largely on college standards rather than true University standards which would take into consideration the added requirements for research and guidance of graduate work; (4) Although dormitory space for 1,200 men is being provided on the campus during the war, there will be an imperative demand for accommodations for two to three thousand more students—particularly women—after the war; (5) University enrolment is likely to reach 15,000 soon after the war.

The board passed a resolution requesting President Brandt to prepare an article for *Sooner Magazine* stating substantially the material he presented in his talk. The board also expressed appreciation for the achievements of the Brandt administration at the University.

Mr. McBride explained to the board the general procedure being followed by the Board of Regents in seeking the best available man to fill the vacancy left by President Brandt's resignation. He commented that a very satisfactory relationship existed between the Board of Regents and the Alumni Association, and that the regents welcomed suggestions from alumni.

The alumni board discussed the problems connected with filling the presidency, but made no change in the statement of alumni policy that had been adopted at a conference of board members and past presidents of the Association October 24, and which was delivered to the members of the Board of Regents.

This statement of alumni viewpoint, which was released for publication by the president of the Board of Regents, is as follows:

In order to avoid any misunderstanding as to the official policies followed by the University of Oklahoma Association in connection with the vacancy in the presidency of the University, members of the executive board of the association met in joint conference with past presidents of the association October 24 and unanimously adopted the following statement of policy.

1. The organized alumni have full confidence in the Board of Regents and recognize that full responsibility for selecting a president for the University rests with the regents. These suggestions from the Alumni Association are offered in a spirit of helpfulness.

2. The organized alumni do not support any individual for the presidency.

3. It is the consensus of this group that selection of the next president should be based strictly on professional qualifications, attainments and experience.

4. In order to assure the people of Oklahoma that a thorough and careful survey has been made to find the best available prospect for the presidency, it is believed advisable to proceed slowly in making a permanent appointment.

5. If it becomes advisable to have a full-time acting president in order to allow for a nationwide survey of prospects for the presidency, the full-time acting president should be someone already associated with the University, since the immediate situation calls for someone with a knowledge of the University's current problems and personnel.

6. No preconceived limitations should be placed on the type of man to be considered for the permanent appointment, and all possibilities should be carefully surveyed. Alumni naturally would be pleased if it develops after a wide search that some alumnus of the University of Oklahoma is the best man available, but this should be a deciding factor only in case other qualifications are equal.

7. Consideration should be given to the advisability of inviting the University faculty to elect a small committee to serve in an advisory capacity with the Board of Regents in the preliminary survey for prospects for the presidency, with the expectation that such procedure, similar to that followed by a number of other universities, would cause the faculty to feel more cooperative toward the men selected.

8. The Alumni Association offers full cooperation and assistance to the Board of Regents in solving the problems connected with selecting a new president.

The secretary reported to the board that in view of the fact that erroneous newspaper stories had been published over the state, implying that the Association might support some certain individual for the presidency, that it was suggested to the Board of Regents that the official statement of policy be released to newspapers, and the president of the Board of Regents took this action.

Members of the board discussed the problems connected with selection of the next president but no further action was taken.

The alumni board passed several resolutions regarding specific policies to be followed in Association affairs. One provides that the executive secretary cancel any Life Membership which at the end of a fiscal year shows a total amount paid of less than \$3.00 per year from the date of the initial payment. The only exception is that no person's Life Membership



LIFE MEMBER TOTAL HITS 700 MARK

Life Member No. 700 went on the records last month when Lylieth Medbery, senior student from Clinton, took out a life membership in the Alumni Association. Sue Starr, alumni field representative, makes out the receipt which clinched the deal.

be cancelled during service in the armed forces.

Another resolution provides that only Life or Annual members of the Association be eligible to serve on county advisory councils.

A third resolution requests the University administration and Board of Regents to give consideration to the advisability of changing the organization of the Graduate Records and Placement Office to provide for one full-time person as secretary of graduate records, and another as placement secretary, instead of expecting one person to handle both. The resolution points out that this has been a combination job since 1928, that there has been a great increase in the volume of work since that time, and that a large increase in the demand for placement service is expected after the war.

Reports made to the Executive Board by the acting executive secretary showed: (1) An increase of 148 percent in annual members and 13 percent in Life Members

during the last year; (2) That three-fourths of the increase in Life Members was achieved since the field representative plan was put into effect June 1; (3) That the first five months of work by the field representative, in which she traveled over 3,100 miles and visited 34 different cities, showed a great need for more direct contacts between the University and alumni; (4) Organization of the alumni office is much more efficient since taking over the Pine Room in the Union Building last summer, and the consolidation of the alumni records and placement files all in one office; (5) The charter club plan is getting actively under way, with the first application received from the St. Louis alumni club, and preliminary organization work started in many other places; (6) The Alumni Office is continuing to send V-mail letters to all Sooners overseas in the armed forces about every three months; (7) A questionnaire on alumni viewpoint on postwar educational demands to be made on the University is being

prepared for circulation in the near future, as an aid to the University administration in planning for the future; (8) The Association sponsored the manufacture of an album of phonograph records made from recordings by the O. U. Glee Club, and more than half the albums had been sold before delivery to Norman; (9) Chief attention of the Alumni Office staff is still devoted to the fundamental responsibilities of publishing *Sooner Magazine* every month, and maintaining and improving alumni records, with special attention to records of war participation by alumni.

Executive board members present for the meeting were T. R. Benedum, Norman, president of the Association; Elmer L. Fraker, Mangum; Hiram Impson, McAlester; C. H. Fawks, Oklahoma City; Granville Norris, Muskogee; Merle Woods, El Reno; Fred E. Tarman, Norman; George D. Hann, Ardmore, and Harry Simmons, Stillwater.

Visitors

Several Sooners just back from foreign posts of duty with the armed forces were among visitors last month in the Alumni Office.

Among those who signed the register were Mrs. W. J. Armstrong (Minnie Lee Burrus, '15), Oklahoma City; Mrs. Ray T. Lehman (Margaret McLeod, '43bus), Guthrie; Mary Ann Batchelor, '43ed, Durant; Anna Kay Swinney, '43ed, Durant.

Edna Mae Simmons, '42ed, Guthrie; Patricia Hoops, '43ed, Henryetta; Gene Campbell, '42journ, Oklahoma City; James Dugger, '43chem, medical student in the Navy, Oklahoma City; Robert N. Ross, '21pharm, and Mrs. Ross of Oklahoma City; Lt. Robert L. Lunsford III, '43ba, Fort Sill; Willie Burns, '42ed, Tulsa; Janet Werner, '42journ, Kansas City Missouri.

Mrs. Paul Burns (Anne Railey, '39 nurse), Noble; Capt. Barth P. (Jiggs) Walker, '40geol, '40law, who has just returned from North Africa, and Mrs. Walker (Lucille Brotherton, '40law); Lt. Victor Lasater, '42ed, with the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Marjorie Trent, '43journ, Oklahoma City; Sgt. Wilson Hervey, '40, formerly with the Marine Corps in the Southwest Pacific; Ernestine Brown, '39journ, Oklahoma City; Mrs. James Beach (Hattie Lee, '39he), Burbank, California, and Pfc. Cullen Joe Holland, '37journ, of the Army Air Force at Will Rogers Field.

Milsten Re-elected by Lawyers

Travis Milsten, '22ba, Tulsa attorney, was re-elected president of the University of Oklahoma Law School Association at its annual meeting following the State Bar Convention in Oklahoma City.

Other officers elected are A. O. Manning, '09-'13, Fairview, vice president; John Pearson, '29law, Pawhuska, secretary, and



ALBUMS SELL FAST
Dixie McDaniel, of O. U.'s Choral Club, and a few of the Glee Club-Choral Club record albums left after those spoken for were shipped.

Ernest R. Brown, '22law, Pryor, treasurer.

Twenty-four directors, including eleven judges, were elected as directors of the Association for the coming year. They are Justice Alfred P. Murrh, '28law, of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals; Judge Royce H. Savage, '27law, of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Justice Earl Welch, '11, Justice Denver N. Davison, '15law, Justice Thurman S. Hurst, '12law, Justice Wayne Bayless, '20 law, Justice Ben Arnold, '25law, Justice Fletcher Riley, '17ba, Justice Monroe Osborn, '04, all of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma.

Judge Leslie Webb, '20law, of the District Court of Tulsa County; Judge Clarence Mills, '23law, of the District Court of Oklahoma County; Dick Jones, '27law, presiding judge of the Criminal Court of Appeals; Dan Mitchell, '23law, Enid; T. R. Benedum, '28law, Norman; Jess Miracle, '21-'25, Okemah.

Charles Memminger, '33law, Atoka; Amos Stovall, '29law, Anadarko; J. I. Goins, '28law, Marietta; Lee Welch, '21 law, Antlers; William M. Taylor, '23law, assistant county attorney of Tulsa County, and the four officers of the Association.

The Association, in addition to electing new officers, accepted the recommendation of the Board of Directors to authorize gifts and bequests to the Law School Association designated for the University of Oklahoma Foundation.

An anonymous gift of \$5,000 to the Law School Educational Fund was announced. The fund was created at a September meeting of the Association for the advancement of the Law School and the assistance of deserving students.

The establishment of a Hall of Fame was also announced, with Mr. Benedum as chairman of the Hall of Fame project.

The statewide meeting of the Association was addressed by John G. Hervey, '25law, dean of the Law School, who reported on the work already done by the state committee on postwar assistance to lawyers in service of the Oklahoma Bar Association. Dean Hervey is chairman of the committee.

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Sooner Sports

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Brumley put it over with a 40-yard off-tackle buck during which he neatly faked Robert George, Kansas safety, out of his path. Brumley also prevented two Kansas touchdowns, overhauling George from behind after the latter ran 44 yards and broke into the clear, and earlier intercepting a Jayhawk pass on the Sooner three.

Coach Henry Shenk's Jayhawkers, exhibiting the same aggressiveness that two weeks later enabled them to score a 7-6 upset victory over Missouri at Lawrence, dominated the last half. George wrote an exclamation point behind a 57-yard Kansas drive by crossing the goal on an off-tackle cut-back, and later forward-passed to Wingback John Bergin for another score. Oklahoma counted when the alert Burgert "smelled" a Kansas screen pass, intercepted the ball and galloped 39 yards to score.

OKLAHOMA 21, IOWA STATE 7

In this game, played at Norman October 30, the most terrific south wind that has blown at a Norman game since the Sooner-Washington State contest five years ago swept Owen field, ruining Iowa State's classy forward pass attack and restricting each club's offense to the two quarters in which each was aided by the wild, unruly breeze.

As usual, the Sooners struck a one-two punch in the first quarter behind the wind, Brumley sweeping the weakside end standing for the first behind crisp blocks by Heard, Kennon and Lloyd Meinert, and Lebow slanting off guard for the second. Oklahoma led 14-0.

Iowa State scored in the third quarter when Wingback Joe Noble faked a pass, then ran 16 yards to score in the corner of the field, his body raising a puff of white chalk there as Lebow's desperate tackle upended him. Oklahoma cinched it in the fourth by marching 58 yards to the goal, Lebow rifling forward passes to Brumley for 22 and 9 yards then hitting Wooten across the line with a pass that streaked like a bullet.

Previous to the Iowa State game, Oklahoma licked Kansas State 37-0 in the mud at Manhattan.