

Association Progress

L.A. Sooners Plan Activities

A letter by Lonnie Vandever, '39m.ed, member of the Los Angeles Alumni Club, received recently by Ted Beaird reassured the Range Rider that "activity" is still the watchword of that California chapter. Vandever's letter read in part:
"Dear Ted:

"In order to keep you informed concerning the Los Angeles Chapter of the O.U. Alumni Association, I will give you some information which includes a few plans for the future.

"We have organized a steering committee which will meet once each month to talk over activities . . . it consists of the following: Lyman Tibbetts, '19ma, vice president of the organization; Herman Ziemer, '35fa, '40m.ed, secretary; Mrs. Lyman Tibbetts, '24ba, assistant secretary; Hiawatha Estes, '40bs, treasurer; Babe Smith and Glenn Watson, '39law . . . At the present time we are considering the college here (Pepperdine College) as headquarters because it is rather centrally located for all of us.

"On April 3 we plan to have our first quarterly meeting to which all members of the area will be invited. At this particular meeting we are going to have dinner here at Pepperdine with no special program plan other than featuring some of our outstanding members in this area. However, if you have any motion pictures about the University that would be interesting to us out here, some of the fellows thought we might have you send them out. Anything concerning football would be silent and without commentator therefore of little value to us, unless you could come along and do the talking. Under separate cover I am mailing you the pictures we took at our last meeting . . .

"As a news item you might mention in the next issue of *The Sooner* that Herman Ziemer has received a promotion with the State Employment Service. He is in charge of the office at Santa Anna . . ."

'District' Sooners Hold Dinner

The following letter from Frances Hunt, '29ba, brings us up to date on activities of the Washington, D. C., Alumni Club.

4201 Kaywood Drive,
Mt. Rainier, Md.

"Dear Mr. Beaird:

"Here is my fiscal report as secretary of the O.U. club here.

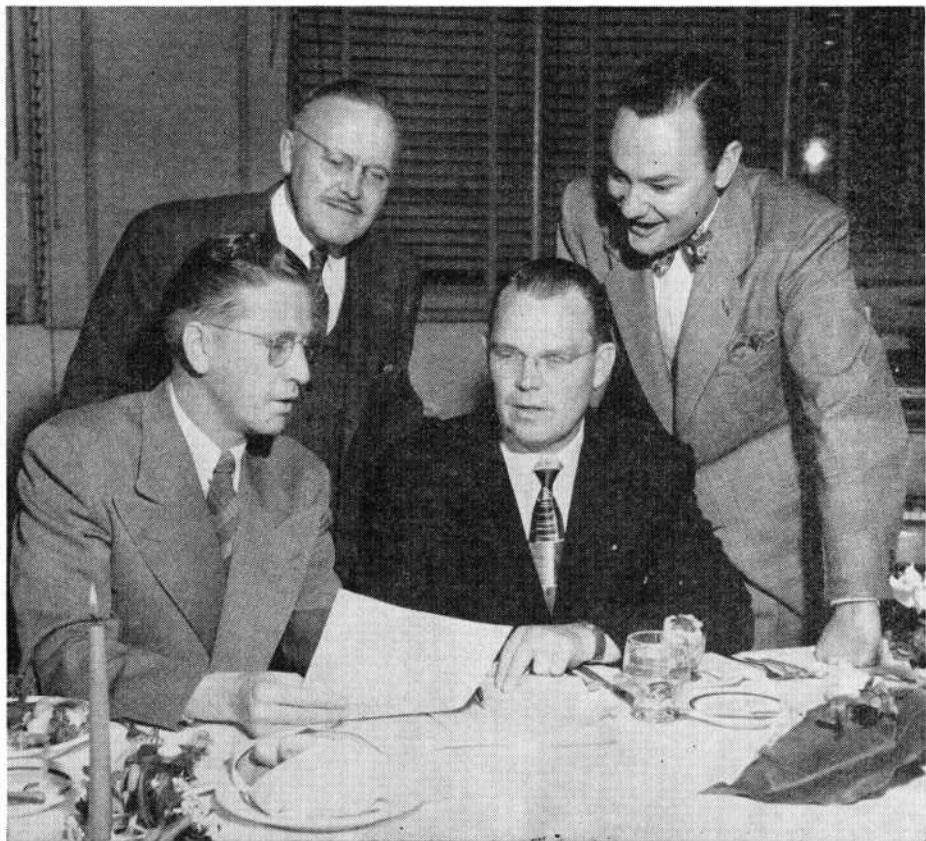
"Our buffet dinner March 8 at Hotel 2400 had a turnout of about 75. Mike Monroney, '24ba, was first speaker, telling briefly of his freshman days on the "hill" and introducing the three new freshmen congressmen from O.U.—Carl Albert, '31ba, Preston Peden, '36ba, '39law, and Glen Johnson, '31, '39.

"Lt. Gen. Raymond McLain spoke on the need for universal military training, presenting a well outlined account of the problem in terms of weapons, training, economic aspects and moral aspects. The alternative is a large standing Army, both costly and hazardous, in his opinion.

"Music was furnished by Paul Bigbee, '40, Mrs. Bigbee, and their sons.

"John B. Ewing, former economics prof at O.U., presented a report of the nominating committee which was unanimously accepted. So our new officers are Patricia Mannen, '34bs, president; Kenneth Markwell, '20bs, assistant commissioner of reclamation, U.S. department of the interior, vice-president; Elizabeth Parker Bascom, '22, '24, secretary, and Burnie Merson, '36ba, treasurer. . . .

"You probably have seen some pictures in the *Oklahoman*. Cullen Johnson of the *Oklahoman* was there with photographer and they took plenty of shots. Perhaps you can get a few prints. This was one of the nicest affairs we ever had—despite absences of someone from Norman like you. We had a really nice place and it was a leisurely, social evening.



It's important business the officers of the Los Angeles Alumni Association chapter are tackling . . . at least judging from all outward appearances it is. Seated at the left is Lonnie Vandever, '39m.ed, president, and besides him is F. Lyman Tibbetts, '19ma, vice-president. Standing are Herman V. Ziemer (left), '35fa, '40m.ed, secretary; and Hiawatha Estes, '40eng, treasurer

"Pat Mannen will make a grand president. Guess this is tradition shattering, our having a woman president.

"I have enjoyed being secretary (also treasurer last year) but believe me it's work keeping up with folks. Don't know what I would have done without lists you sent. I have owed you an apology for months for not correcting your list as you asked. You see I just got my list corrected when the Oklahoma State Society borrowed it. Then I rushed out of town on a field trip and missed the October 2 luncheon when you were here. I got back for two days and rushed to Tulsa because of my aunt's fatal illness. When I finally got back here I was worn out, low in spirits and far behind on everything. Before I got the list returned from O.S.S. I went home again (dad was real sick) for Christmas. Finally I settled down here two months ago, but never got the list back from the State Society until about February 20. So please excuse, maybe the new secretary will do better.

"I will try to send you more news for *Sooner Magazine* now that I will have more time. Please give me another chance.

"Thanks for the item in February issue about our dinner. It got here just in time to be read.

"Regards to all—

"Sincerely,

"Frances Hunt, '29ba."

Clark Reports From Texas

Pittsburg, Texas

"Dear Ted:

"That letter you wrote me was just the push I needed, 'cause I've been meaning to write you for quite a while. I'm not in contact with too many Sooners, but three I can report on adequately. I'm working with them.

"Herbert T. Wood, Jr., '44eng, Kenneth L. Goin,

'43eng, R. D. Norvell, '43eng and I are working for Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corporation at the Lone Star Laboratory in Daingerfield, Texas. That's where the steel plant is.

"Herb, Jim Knauf, '44eng, and I worked for Lockheed before we were drafted in August '44; and Herb, "Arky" Vaughan, '44eng, Burns Errebo, '44eng, and I were in A.S.T.P. at Ohio State University together. Herb and "Arky" went to Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Herb later went to Bikini for the A-Bomb tests there. I went to Portland, Oregon, and thence to Manila. Errebo was there when I arrived and we saw quite a lot of each other. I saw several other Sooners in Manila, too.

"On the ship—the A.T. Sea Barb—coming back, there were Errebo, Bert B. Barefoot, Alan Knox (both Phi Delt brothers of mine) and a Mr. Autrey—whose first name I've forgotten. We were discharged in August at Fort Sam Houston.

"Ken was in the Navy for about 27 months and was on a mine sweeper part of the time. He was discharged in July and started to work here along with Herb in December.

"We've been following the basketball team very closely this season and were heart-broken when it lost to Holy Cross. A partial consolation was that they beat Texas even if only by one point. We are already planning to make the trip to big "D"—along with three of our T.U. fellow engineers—to the traditional game in September. "WE'VE GOT TO BEAT THEM THIS YEAR.

"Herb, Ken and I went to see "Oklahoma" in Dallas last Saturday and thought it was wonderful. It was just as good as we'd heard it was.

"Well, Ted, I guess this letter is more than you bargained for, so I'd better close and let you get on to more important things.

"Sincerely,

"Jim Clark, '44eng."



Tom Yarbrough, '32, (left) receives European-African-Middle Eastern campaign award from Col. Glenn R. Townsend for patriotic performance of duty as a war correspondent in combat. Bureau manager of the Associated Press in St. Louis, Missouri, Yarbrough was one of few correspondents who reported action from both European and Pacific war theaters.

Alumni Head State Schools

With a total of 26, Oklahoma ranks fourth in the nation in number of junior colleges, it is reported in the current issue of the Oklahoma Junior College News Letter, monthly publication of the University of Oklahoma. And of this number an even dozen are headed by graduates of O.U.

Eight University alumni administer over municipal colleges, the other four over state-owned institutions.

Superintendents-graduates of city schools include: A. G. Steele, '33m.ed, Altus Junior College; M. W. Glasgow, '37d.ed, Bartlesville Junior College; Tom Hansen, '40m.ed, Kiowa Junior College (Hobart); J. Carl Conner, '27ms, Muskogee Junior College; W. Max Chambers, '21ba, '29ms, Okmulgee Junior College; E. L. Costner, '29ba, '34ma, Poteau Junior College; O. D. Johns, '33 m.ed, Seminole Junior College and James R. Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, Wewoka Junior College.

Presidents-alumni of state-owned colleges are Bruce Carter, '32ma, Northeastern Oklahoma A. & M. College, Miami; Loren N. Brown, '37ph.d, Northern Oklahoma Junior College, Tonkawa; Jacob Johnson, '40m.ed, Connors State Agricultural College, Warner, and C. C. Dunlap, '28m.ed, '29ma, Eastern Oklahoma A. & M. College, Wilburton.

O.U. Foundation Elects Trustees

Certificate holders of the University of Oklahoma Foundation elected six trustees at a meeting April 15. Terms of two trustees were not im-

mediately filled. President Cross was elected president of the group.

At a meeting following the certificate holders' session, the trustees discussed plans for making a continuous presentation of the University's financial needs to possible donors.

Trustees elected were C. A. Vose, president of the First National Bank & Trust Company, Oklahoma City, for eight years; Oscar Schorp, president of Carter Oil Company, Tulsa, seven years; Ward Merrick, Ardmore business and oil man, six years; Tom Carey, '08ba, tax counselor, Oklahoma City, three years; Dawson Houk, '14ba, '14bs, '21llb, Fairview attorney, two years, and Fred E. Tarman, '10ba, publisher of the *Norman Transcript*, one year.

Besides President Cross, who has served as acting president of the ex-officio trustees, the trustees named Joseph C. Looney, '20ba, '22law, Wewoka, and Merrick as vice presidents; Roscoe Cate, '26ba, financial assistant to the president, secretary, and J. L. Lindsey, comptroller, treasurer.

William V. Cox, '21ba, '24ma, Ponca City, president of the Alumni Association, and Looney are the other ex-officio members.

Death Takes Mrs. J. H. Felgar

Mrs. J. H. Felgar, 78, longtime Norman resident and wife of the late dean emeritus of the University College of Engineering, died March 29 following a long illness.

Active in University and community affairs for many years, Mrs. Felgar was a member of the Norman First Presbyterian Church, where funeral services were conducted March 31.

Peck Praises O.U. in Broadcast

In a recent broadcast over station KOMA, Oklahoma City, George Dewey Peck praised the work of the University of Oklahoma on his regular program, "Legislative Report." The following story contains portions from Mr. Peck's tribute to the University.

In the fall of 1892 at Norman, a group of students began arriving to enrol in an institution of higher learning, which at that time had no building, but which was destined to become one of the nation's greatest universities.

From the modest beginning of our University and its small enrollment in 1892, it has grown to a present enrollment on the campus of 9,613, which does not include the 271 students enrolled in the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing with its 125 students, both in Oklahoma City. This would bring the enrollment beyond 10,000 and still does not include the thousands of students, who are engaged in correspondence study or are taking part in short courses.

With the growth of the University enrollment, the original 40 acres of campus have become more than 200. The buildings have increased from one to more than 50 and house 11 schools and colleges.

No fewer than 77 of our servants in public office, refer to themselves as "Sooners," signifying their former training in Oklahoma University.

In the United States Congress: W. G. Stigler, '16; Mike Monroney, '34ba; Glen Johnson, '31-'39; Preston Peden, '36ba, '39law, and Carl Albert, '31ba—boast of their Sooner heritage.

Oklahoma Sooner Senators: James A. Rinehart, '23law; Tom Jelks, student senator; Orval Grim, '25-'28; Bill Ginder, '28-'31; Boyd Cowden, '27-'28; M. O. Counts, '15; Bayless Irby, '19; James A. Nevins, '39; Louis H. Ritzhaupt, '21; Bill Logan, '41-'42.

Oklahoma Sooner Representatives: Raymond Board, '20-'21; Rhys Evans, '36ba, '39law; Laverne Sumner, '31pharm; Lloyd McGuire, '25law; Jack Coleman, '34-'38; Wade Shumate, '14ba; W. H. Langley, '20-'21; A. R. Larason, '30ba; Joe A. Smalley, '34ba, '37law; Jean Pazoureck, '41law.

Ralph Farrar, '20; Jake Barron, '39ba; Ben B. Easterly, '41; Clark White, '42law; Don Baldwin, '30; James McNeese, '40ba; Guy K. Horton, '34; Wilson Wallace, '37ba, '39law; Dwight Tolle, '39law; Paul Ballinger, '34law; Edd Hawthorne, '29-'30; C. C. Chastain, '21ba, '24law; J. D. McCarty, '36-'39; B. B. Kerr, '31law; Paul Washington, '25-'27; Dick Riggs, '41; Paul Harkey, freshman law student; David Wood, student; Lonnie Brown, student; John W. Russell, freshman law student; D. Jo Ferguson, student, and Mona Jean Russell, '39ba, '41law.

But O.U. is more than a Law School and producer of law-makers. Our school was charged with responsibility of teaching industries, as well as professions—and so embracing both obligations, the University Press has come to be known the nation over as one of the finest . . .

Though not widely publicized, the O.U. Drama School is recognized as one of the most outstanding schools of its kind in the nation. Many stars of radio, stage and screen trace their success to their apprenticeship at old Holmberg Hall. Because it believes that "Learning must truly become a life-long process, if we are to continue as productive citizens in our rapidly changing world," the University has provided a state-wide program of extension based upon its responsibility to make self-improvement easily available to all.

What a Herculean task we thrust upon a college president. He must have a multiple personality. We expect him to be a scholar, author, speaker, diplomat, salesman, politician, administrator, financier, minister, and public relations counselor of the highest rank. Dr. George Cross, President of Oklahoma University, has behind him a line of great men, who will continue to serve through the lives of others. Boyd, Evans, Monnet, Brooks, Buchanan, Bizzell, Brandt—all have built for themselves lasting memorials in educational standards.