
Association Progress

AT LAST—

A Larger Student Union

The Oklahoma Memorial Union Board of Governors finally has been given the green light by the commissioner of internal revenue in Washington to take immediate steps toward the beginning of a \$1,200,000 Union Building expansion project.

The final ruling declares that the Union can issue tax exempt bonds to finance construction, which will consist primarily of a north wing to be added to the present building. The University Board of Regents requested the supplemental ruling because of technical difficulties which arose over a similar ruling issued some time ago.

First plans for the expansion were made in 1945. They include an enlarged ballroom with a terrace and outside dance floor off the ballroom, as well as an enlarged cafeteria and fountain and private dining rooms in the north wing.

The south wing will be enlarged to accommodate a theater with a seating capacity of over 400, dressing and costume rooms and recreational space.

Because of increased building costs, changes have been made in the 1945 plans. The north wing addition will receive major attention, according to Hillyer Freeland, '39bfa operational manager of the Union.

The north wing will be extended 100 feet north of the present building and will be 96 feet wide. Large brick glass windows will enclose each side. The service drive will be laid in front of the wing, and the outside dance floor and terrace will compose the west side of the addition. A portable bandstand will be included in the enlarged ballroom. The proposed cafeteria and fountain will double the size of the present ones.

Chairman of the building committee is Dr. E. D. Meacham, '14ba, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Members include Frank Cleckler, '21ba, Oklahoma City; Jack Luttrell, '38ba, '41law, Norman, and Fisher Muldrow, '22, Seminole.

items to show how the amount was determined is to be listed. Explanation of the good to be accomplished if the need is met by a gift is further requested.

Alumni Reunion in Tulsa

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Ted,

The Tulsa County Alumni Club held a meeting Friday night, March 26, with Football Coach Bud Wilkinson as speaker. There were about 75 present. Bud gave us a very interesting talk about football prospects for the coming season and showed the pictures of the Texas game of last year.

Membership cards which have been printed recently were distributed to those members who have their dues paid up.

Among those present were my parents, Madge and Leroy Elmore, of Wichita, Kansas, who were visiting my husband and me for the week-end. They enjoyed the Tulsa Club and saw several old friends from the University. Both my parents graduated in the Class of 1918. Saturday Daddy had lunch at the Mayo Hotel with Harry L. S. Halley and Bill Eagleton, both of whom were in his law class in 1918. It was quite a reunion.

I thought you might want to print some of this in the *Sooner Magazine*, because we always enjoy reading in it about other alumni groups and their members.

Sincerely, Anne Elmore Stites, '46ba, secretary-treasurer, Tulsa County Club.

An Active O.U. Foundation

The University of Oklahoma Foundation, under the direction of Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37law, now has a full-time fund-raising office located in the Administration Building.

Each academic department of the University is being invited to make a careful study of the needs of the department which are of a nature that they probably cannot be met from state funds, and which therefore are appropriate objects for gifts or bequests.

Such objects might include highly specialized research equipment, special library collections, specialized laboratories, auxiliary buildings for specialized work, publications of special significance, and grants to employ assistants for special research projects.

In submitting reports on needs, departments are instructed to give a general description of needs, in terms understandable to prospective donors. Also, the appropriate cost, with sufficient breakdown of

Degrees, Hard Work Pay Off

Forty per cent of the graduates of a university commerce college will be making annual salaries of more than \$10,000 by the time the class has been out of college thirty years. These figures were compiled by Ohio State University.

"The average commerce graduate must expect to work five or six years before his earnings pass \$4,000," so the study goes. The survey showed that income of the college trained businessman will rise steadily throughout his career.

A study by the Engineers Joint Council found that experienced engineers in 1939 received four and one-half times the salary of the beginner. But by 1946 he was paid only two and three-quarter times the wage of the inexperienced engineer.

Also pertaining to the engineer is a report by the Occupational Outlook Division of the Bureau of Labor. "The 1950 graduating class will total well over 45,000 engineers," reads the report. "In view of the impending over-supply in the profession, it is important for students to get the best training they can so that they will be better able to compete for jobs."

The report advises engineering students to take a rounded curriculum including such courses as economics, business administration, English, statistics and accounting.

Summer School Plans

Hundreds of courses from A to Z (accounting to zoology) will be offered during the University of Oklahoma summer session, June 4 to August 4, it has been announced by Dr. A. E. Joyal, director and dean of the College of Education.

Courses will be offered in 46 schools, departments and colleges this summer. In education, for example, teachers and administrators will have their choice of 84 courses.

Classes in law will be offered during a 12-weeks quarter, some of the classes to run for six weeks, while others will run for the entire quarter. A limited number of graduate courses in education, English and history are scheduled for the inter-session, which will be held August 4 to September 1.



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Recording a Book.

meeting of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor.

"Catcalls, laughter and clinking of glasses were missing, instead, the boys, led by their president, Maj. Gen. Edward P. King, Jr., (ret.) gathered in small groups. In hushed voices, they talked of Bataan, of the death march . . . of buddies dying like flies under the Jap bayonet and club . . . how, out of 38,000 American prisoners taken by the Nips, only one in 10, or 3,800 survived . . . and how even that 3,800 figure is dwindling now as wartime wounds and privations reap their belated lethal harvest.

"General King, although reluctant to relive the horror of Jap bestiality, recounted in a hollow voice those last days on Bataan, in April, 1942. 'Our real value to the nation now is that we're horrible examples of what can happen to a country unprepared,' he told reporters, then added, grimly:

"'And the boys who died on Bataan during the death march and in rotten prison camps are further symbols of a nation in disgrace.'

"King told of Bataan's last week, 'We ran out of food early,' he said, 'the men had been fighting on one-third rations for weeks. I couldn't order a counter attack because the men couldn't walk if they had to bear the extra weight of a gun. All we could do was lay on the ground and try to stop them when they came at us.'

"King declared, 'If they had only answered our wires for help we could have held out forever. As it was, we did what we were ordered to do—hold the airfields.'

"'Hopelessly spreading his arms, King added sorrowfully: 'As you know, the planes never came. I surrendered to an arrogant Jap officer on April 9.'

"The general's tale was taken up by former T/Sgt. Simme Pickman, 30, of Boston. 'After the surrender,' he said, 'most of us were sorry to be alive. The Japs clubbed and bayoneted the boys unmercifully. Men were dying all around me. It was the nearest thing to hell on earth.'

"To demonstrate his prison camp treatment, Pickman showed huge, ugly welts that covered his back, shoulders and arms. 'Jap whips and clubs,' was his terse explanation."

Landmarks on the Sooner Range? Yes, in this hour of "anxiety, nerves and semi-hysteria" we need but pause to *THINK*—indeed, we need but pause to give thanks to that band of "1 out of 10" who, with their fallen comrades, gave to us a continuance "of the American way of life"