



*Founded At O.U. in 1911*

## Lambda Chi Alpha

The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity was founded at Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, March 22, 1906, by a group of students desirous of an intellectual, social, and moral organization. Today the fraternity is one of the largest national fraternities with 118 active chapters in 40 states, Canada, and the District of Columbia, and a living membership role of more than 40,000. National headquarters are located in Indianapolis, Indiana, with a full-time Administrative Secretary, adequate staff and four traveling secretaries employed solely for chapter service and one alumni secretary. The headquarters building and chapter houses are owned at a value of over \$2,550,000. The fraternity magazine, *Cross and Crescent*, is issued six times annually to all members and pledges.

Chapter representation in the State of Oklahoma is strong with chapters at Oklahoma A.&M. College, at Stillwater; The University of Tulsa, at

Tulsa; Oklahoma City University; and the University of Oklahoma; and 18 chapters at leading universities in this Southwest region. Alumni in the state number over 1,500, with an active alumni association in both Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

The University of Oklahoma chapter originated from Phi Delta Chi (a national pharmacy fraternity) established on the Oklahoma campus in 1911. The members decided to change over to a social fraternity and in 1926 became Gamma-Rho Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Men of Lambda Chi are leaders in whatever field they enter. In the state, District Judge A. P. Van Meter, '27Law; Judge A. P. Murrah, '28 Law, 10th Circuit Court of Appeals; W. H. Carson, Dean of the College of Engineering at the University; Dr. Elmer Lucas, Chairman of the Geology Department; and Everett Truex, Chairman of the Statistics Department are all very prominent as

are many others.

Lambda Chi Alpha's social life is both plentiful, yet varied. A planned social is held once a month either in the chapter house or outside in the form of formal dances and picnics. The scholastic code of colleges is not forgotten in the social whirl. A close check is made of the grades periodically and help is given to those needing assistance.

The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity sets as its supreme goal contribution in the largest measure possible to the pre-eminence of truth and justice and the well-being of human kind. Toward this end, it is the aim of the Fraternity to develop in its members the traits of academic progress, moral courage, and chivalry in their highest standards. It is a fundamental principle of this fraternity that no finer means is offered for the achievement of these aims than the brotherly association of men with similar tastes and inclinations.

successful bidder was B. J. Van Ingen and Company, Inc., and Associates of Chicago.

The beginning of construction will not await the delivery of the bonds, but construction will be started immediately under a plan of temporary finance for which preliminary arrangements have been begun.

The excavation of the football field to a depth of six feet will, of course, eliminate the cinder track. Many alumni and fans interested in this fine sport have expressed concern as to the future of track at the University of Oklahoma. The location of a new and improved track was approved by the Regents at the February meeting. A new track will be constructed directly east of the stadium just across Lindsay Street. The 220 yard straightaway will run east-west immediately north of the expandable trailer settlement, and the loop will be constructed north of the straightway in the intra-mural field.

The new track will be an improvement in that it will provide for nine lanes instead of the six available in our present facilities. When our new fieldhouse is constructed it will be located di-

rectly south of the track and just east of Jefferson House. There will be sufficient space between the new fieldhouse and the track to provide for bleachers and the spectators will be shielded by the fieldhouse from the brisk southerly winds. It is expected that the new track will be completed in time for our outdoor meets this spring.

### Barter Brings Collection

Bartering may be a long-gone profession, but Dr. J. W. Stovall can still swap for a bargain and keep both sides happy. Now the University museum has a collection of rare prehistoric Eskimo tools and weapons.

Stovall traded Caddoan pottery and flints with the University of Alaska anthropology department for the exhibit, so the exchange works both ways. Both schools have something they didn't have before. When the museum opens next spring, visitors will see seal, whale and fishing equipment, ice and land hunting weapons, tools, household articles, ornaments and toys. The crudely shaped items are made of ivory, bone and stone.

### ATTENTION, ALUMNI

Before you lay this issue of the *Sooner Magazine* aside, please do two things:

(1) Make a notation on your calendar that Tuesday, April 12, 1949, is the date of the Second Annual Achievement Day at the University of Oklahoma; and

(2) Send a note to Ted Beard, Alumni Office, University of Oklahoma, Norman, reserving your plate for the Achievement Day Dinner.

The persons designated to receive the Distinguished Service Citation, given by the University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma Association, have already been selected, and complete details concerning this important event will be given in the next issue of the *Sooner Magazine*.

You will recall that last year the recipients of the Distinguished Service Citations were Congressman Mike Monroney, '24ba, General W. S. Key, General Raymond S. McLain, Everette Lee DeGolyer, '11ba, and Lynn Riggs, '23.