

The Homecoming Show had already begun on the campus. House decorations were getting the judges' eye. And in Oklahoma City the Alumni gathered for their

# Homecoming Party

It was a hot time in the Biltmore last October 26 when the alumni—200 of them—lined up for the annual pre-Homecoming game dinner-dance, courtesy of the Oklahoma City Alumni Club. The festivity was punctuated with "Howdy Sooner—remember me" name tags along with verbal expression as old classmates were recognized.

Served buffet style in the Civic Room, the buffet included cold cuts, roast beef, baked beans, and half a dozen kinds of salads. The head table was decorated appropriately with small statuettes of football players in various phases of play, darting over the tablecloth.

Top "name" at the dinner was Senator Robert S. Kerr, '16, fresh off a plane from Washington.

Ben T. Head, '46bus, president of Oklahoma City Alumni Club and in charge of the dinner-dance, paced the floor, so he'd

be at the door when Senator Kerr arrived. Three hours after Oklahoma's senior senator arrived by commercial plane, he was being tagged for the dinner dance by David Burr, '50, editor of the *Sooner Magazine*.

A rebel in the ranks was G. W. Parker, Jr., president of Phi Delta Phi, international legal fraternity, Fort Worth. He erased where somebody had written O.U. on his "Howdy Sooner" tag, and wrote in bold letters "Texas '30." For his honesty the Texan was pardoned and permitted to enter fully into the Soonerland activities.

The Oklahoma City Club elected a new slate of officers at the dinner. Elmer Fraker, '20ba, '38ma, head of the club's nominating committee announced the committee's selections which were formally approved at the session. New officers for the year are Jiggs Walker, '40Law, '40geol, president, J. H. Sommerfrucht, '34eng, vice



Jiggs Walker, '40ba, '40law, president of the Oklahoma County Alumni, and his wife (Lucile Brotherton, '41Law) smile as they're served at club's buffet dinner.

president, and Grady Harris, Jr., '45ba, '49 Law, secretary-treasurer.

Kenneth Penfold, executive secretary of the University of Colorado Alumni, sat at the head table next to Herbert Branan, '32ba, '38Law, president of Alumni Association and Mrs. Elizabeth Trumbo Branan, '29bs.

Walker, one time O.U. football star, was chairman of the dinner-dance party. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lucile Brotherton Walker, '41Law.

Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, executive secretary of the association, introduced several of the guests and presented Eva Turner, visiting professor of voice, who in turn presented three of her students in a short concert. Head made the welcoming address and introduced Kerr. Carroll Freeman, interviewed coach Bud Wilkinson about the prospects of the next day's game.

The Colorado coach, Dallas Ward, also spoke to the old grad group. Down the hall from the Civic Room, sat 42 of his men eating their pre-game dinner. The next afternoon these 42 young men consumed a tasteless dish by losing to the Big Red 55-14. O.U.'s Homecoming was a thorough success.



Dr. George L. Cross may be getting Washington news from Senator Robert S. Kerr, '16, but more likely they're discussing Homecoming. On the right is Moe Sheppard who accompanied Senator Kerr, and Ralph Casey, Governor Murray's representative.