

Sooner Scene

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THE O.U. Alumni Club of Dallas, Texas, is a remarkable organization. One thing above others which makes this group outstanding is leadership. Year after year the officers elected by the group have the ability and the enthusiasm it takes to operate a successful program. And each year fifty to sixty good alumni are available for committee assignments to do the work necessary on their smooth functioning activities.

The biggest job of the year is in sponsoring the Oklahoma dinner-dance at the Baker Hotel on the weekend of the O.U.-Texas football game. Each year's seems to be the best party yet.

Dallas President John Allen had a real bell-ringer this year. John and his committee chairman, Joe Gordon, thought of everything, including a husband and wife host committee working throughout the evening to see that all guests had a good time.

To name a few, our appreciation is due Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Higbee, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heilbron, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shanks, Mr. and Mrs. Isham "Push" Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bumpas, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Westmoreland, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beams, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Crain, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Johnson.

The dinner-dance takes a lot of time and hard work to organize but it is only one of the club's many activities. A luncheon is held the third Thursday of each month at the Town and Country Restaurant. O.U. alumni visiting Dallas are welcome. The programs are brief, varied, and interesting.

Each fall a bus trip is sponsored by the club to an O.U. home football game. This year a trip to the West Virginia game was organized by Sam Heilbron, vice-president of the club, and by Jack McKinney. The trip was a great success. All hands and the bus survived. Another big occasion is a

spring party, beginning with a dinner and including a meeting in the auditorium of the Dallas public library. Last spring more than 300 alumni attended this meeting.

Several years ago a monthly club newsletter was started by Albert C. Nichol, who has plenty of interesting ideas. This letter keeps members informed of coming events. It has a spicy style and is the best club letter I have seen from this or any other university club.

For three years the Dallas club has been awarding scholarships. The recipients are recommended by the University scholarship committee and approved by the club. Jim Stevens represented the club in establishing the program.

Fifty-three Dallas club members work on the Alumni Development Fund as class agents or class representatives. The fund is growing each year because of such cooperation.

Each year the University band travels to Dallas and finds all arrangements for housing and other accommodations planned for them. Irving Higbee, Harold Shanks and Sam Heilbron did a fine job on this assignment this year as usual.

A look at the club committees gives another clue to this success story. The Advis-

ory committee includes past presidents Ben Kerr, Jr., Irving Higbee, Leo L. Baker, Earl Holden, Isham "Push" Nelson, and Jim Stevens.

Glenn Stearns heads several committees responsible for membership in the Alumni Association, SOONER MAGAZINE news and publicity.

George McLean is in charge of the club records and information about club members in various fields.

Joe Gordon is program chairman. One of the busiest men in the club, he is doing an excellent job.

Each committee expands into a working organization to get its job done. Some of the other members who can be counted on are Bill Seitz, Rex Johnson, Jim Cook, Dan Boone, Bud Baker, Joe Graham, N. P. "Bill" Chestnutt, John Sjence, Jake Zadick, Jack Rush, Arno "Dick" Adams and James Langham.

The Dallas alumni have become well-acquainted, largely through club activities, and they have a good time together. They are interested in the University of Oklahoma and have a constructive program of assistance in operation. They have gone beyond self-interest to serve as gracious hosts in Dallas for visiting Sooners.

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