

**T**HE Denver Alumni Club did itself proud in sponsoring a pre-game party at the Denver Petroleum Club on October 28 for all Oklahoma alumni of the Rocky Mountain area and others who were coming for the big O.U.-Colorado game in Boulder the following day. The officers of the Denver Club who deserve credit for this tremendous party are: Ernie B. Snell, president; Walter Ficklin, vice-president; George Anderson, secretary-treasurer, and directors and committee members including Birdie Congdon, Lucille Granger, Jack Trigg, Bob Meadors, Bob Grady, Bill Bowen and Wayne Biddle.

A number of others helped in various ways to make the occasion what it was. Some of these included Dr. Robert McCurdy, Mrs. David R. Pugh, Howard Frank, Bruce Wiley, N. S. Cook, Jr., Pleas Stringer and Roscoe Walker, Jr. The activities of the evening consisted of a buffet dinner followed by a dance. Birdie Cong-

don arranged for music by a neighborhood orchestra that was equal in every way to a professional entertainment group.

A few of the people I saw in Denver for this big Rocky Mountain Festival were Mr. and Mrs. Byron DeSelms and Alumni President Don Walker of Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. James Blanton and Mr. and Mrs. John Ringer of Pauls Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Rhys Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mobley of Ardmore. Mr. and Mrs. John Hill came from Boulder to visit with old friends. I remember John so well, an extremely bright boy who grew up in Norman, and he is now a professor of philosophy at the University of Colorado.

The Norman contingent included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patten, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Black, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Foor, Mr. and Mrs. Tate Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Belknap, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wallace.

For the several thousand Sooner fans in Boulder the next day the Colorado weather was startling. The temperature was crisp and occasional snow flurries added to the tenseness of the opening moments of the game. However, it was not the weather, nor the altitude, that made the difference on this Saturday afternoon. It was rather a fired-up Colorado team who played nearly flawless football against a Sooner team that did not quite look like Oklahoma. In this season of frustrations, there were to be other bad days, too.

In spite of all the disappointments and setbacks the Oklahoma team did not fold, but kept working to improve weaknesses and to play better each Saturday. The fans and the students stayed with them in a heart warming way, and in the final game the team came through with a decisive victory over the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

What happened to Oklahoma Football in 1960? This team was just a step off the pace in technical skill. It lost the close games, whereas in past seasons Oklahoma had won them. These same players next year, with the help of a few good freshmen, may catch up on the step and the poise it takes to make the slight difference between winning and losing.

Interesting experiments in alumni club organization and activities are being developed in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. These clubs have able leadership and are planning to hold luncheon meetings each month. Officers of the Tulsa Club include Lindsay L. Alexander, president; Charles H. Rosenberger, first vice president; Mrs. Ben Walkingstick, Jr., second vice presi-

dent; Jack Santee, secretary; Bryan Rayburn, treasurer, and an advisory board of such prominent Tulsa Sooners as L. B. Selman, chairman; Ralph K. Bogart, Morris Bradford, James Davidson, Byron DeSelms, Ben Floyd, Ellis Gable, James Hewgley, Jr., Richard Johnson, George Knapp, Jr., Sam Minsky, Dexter Moss, Jr., Julian Rothbaum, Ed Sanditen, John Stambaugh and Don Walker.

The first meeting of the group was held in November at Danner's Cafeteria in Utica Square. The success of this occasion was a most gratifying experience. The attendance was so good that many had to eat elsewhere and join the group for the program with standing room only. Dean Earl Sneed of the College of Law was the speaker of the day. Lindsay and his colleagues are planning future meetings and hope to maintain the same high standard that has been set by their initial efforts.

The Oklahoma City Club is under the leadership of Richard L. Virtue, who has been an active alumnus on the Association Executive Board and as former president of the Oklahoma City Club. Other officers are Claud Arnold and William G. Paul, vice presidents; Barth Walker, secretary, and Bill Wise, treasurer. The advisory board consists of Herbert L. Branan, Homer Paul, Colonel Nelson, Kenneth Harris, Elliott Fenton, Charles Rountree, Kuyk Logan, Ben Head, Robert Emery, Bud Breeding, Boots Taliaferro and Patrick J. O'Hornet. Others who are helping to formulate the plans and objectives for the group include Fred Schonwald, Dr. Claude Pickard, W. D. Grisso, Leonard Savage, J. R. Spear, Fred H. Hendon, Jr., Ed Moller, Jack Taylor, Cliff Branan, Thomas H. Flesher, James R. Tolbert, III, Gary Mote and John H. Folks.

The Oklahoma City Club will meet the first Monday of each month and all alumni of the area and those who may be visiting in the city are invited to attend. Reservations may be made through Bill Wise, the treasurer.

The most unusual and to me the most interesting thing about the Oklahoma City group is the excellent committee that has been established to discuss long-range objectives of the group. Chairman of the committee is Boots Taliaferro, and after several meetings with this group, I am convinced that they will certainly get the job done.

The Alumni Office is prepared to assist groups interested in alumni clubs wherever they may be. There are 125 such clubs altogether and many of these have contributed a great deal to the welfare of the University and to the members associated.

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