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here have been times in my life when I have seen man's determination to over-
come handicaps succeed...and, in success, achieve a certain greatness.

Call it heart...or courage...or refusal to admit defeat...or perhaps a victory for
the human spirit...

At second hand, I have watched, as you have, the Hogs come back...the Roose-
velts work on...the Helen Kellers provoke inspiration.

At first hand, I am watching a battle, as courageous as those mentioned, which will
have as its laurel wreath...a place in the

eral campus buildings are equipped with
elevators. Wheel chair students can take
several curriculums without worrying over
steps.

The "OO" Club has several projects in
the works to further aid its membership.
No ramp is available to make entry into
the library easy...a must that is receiv-
ing careful attention from Kraft. The club
is also interested in a project to get a spe-
cial section in the stadium set aside for
wheel chair victims to watch without han-
dicapping other viewers at football games.

As a conservative estimate of the club's

Sun. I want you to watch it with me.

A few years ago, several University ad-
mnistrators became interested in doing
something about solving the problem of ed-

ication for the handicapped...not an
education by mail or other means of off-
campus communications, but an on-cam-

pus, in class education...a real college
education.

No full scale program was worked out
...no formulas were written into policy.
The administrators, headed by University
College Dean Glenn C. Couch, '31bs,'37
ms, simply thought it a good idea and
would encourage anything that would help
give the handicapped their chance.

Students in wheel chairs, students who
were blind, students who were spastics
were encouraged to make the try at O.U.
There were many obstacles.

Wheel chairs could not manipulate
building steps and sidewalk curbings. The
first problem was to find a way over the
obstacles. Walter Kraft, director of the
physical plant, was interested and asked his
fellows to build ramps at curbings and
entrances to buildings wherever pos-
sible. Economy was to be observed, but
ramps were to be constructed as other,
necessary, construction work was being car-
riedon at curbings and entrances.

The handicapped students already en-
rolled were encouraged to form a club. As
they organized, they gave their club a
name which suited its members to perfe-
tion. They called themselves the "OO"
Club...Obstacle Overcomers.

With the help of the President's Office,
the ramp work was rapidly expanded.
When school opened this fall, a satisfactory
number of ramps had been constructed to
allow wheel chairs to manipulate most
campus streets and building entrances. Sev-

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