Sooners Fans Will Rally at Chicago

Sooners fans will hold a football rally the night before the game with Northwestern at Evanston.

SOONER alumni from all over the midwest will converge on Chicago the weekend of October 6-7-8 to see Oklahoma invade a stronghold of big time football—the home field of Northwestern University at Evanston.

The fun will start Friday night, October 6, in downtown Chicago where the Alumni Association and the Chicago Advisory Council headed by Wesley I. Nunn, '17ex, have arranged for a glamorous dinner-dance rally at the famous College Inn of the Hotel Sherman.

Sooner alumni headquarters will be maintained in a suite in the Hotel Sherman beginning Friday and lasting until game time Saturday. All Oklahomans are urged to register there, meet their friends and take part in the build-up of Sooner enthusiasm for the game with the Wildcats.

A flexible program has been arranged for Friday night in order to take care of late arrivals as well as those who arrive during the day Friday. A dinner-dance in the Panther room of the College Inn at the Hotel Sherman will begin early in the evening, and the price of $2.00 per person will include dinner, dancing to the music of a big-name orchestra and a first-class floor show.

The Panther Room has been definitely reserved for Sooner alumni for this night and it will be a strictly Oklahoma party. The Old Town Room, adjoining the College Inn, has been tentatively reserved to take care of any overflow if the crowd gets too big.

In order to accommodate Sooneers arriving in Chicago too late for the dinner, special arrangements have been made to admit them to the party and the floor show at a price of $1.00 per person.

Arrangements for a special train to Chicago via Santa Fe were completed in late August, and football fans were offered a price of $29.29 for the round trip and practically all expenses except meals.

Two Oklahoma City tour promoters, Harry E. Kornbaum, '34ex, and G. M. Byerley combined forces to make the special offer.

The price of $29.95 includes roundtrip rail fare in coaches between Oklahoma City and Chicago, transportation from the station to the Hotel Sherman where official Oklahoma headquarters will be maintained; room with bath in the Hotel Sherman with two persons to a room; dinner at reserved tables in the College Inn at the Hotel Sherman, and dancing and floor show later; roundtrip transportation between the hotel and the stadium at Evanston for the football game; reserved seat at the game between 40 and 50 yard lines; and transportation from the hotel to the railroad station on departure.

The special train ticket will be good in coaches on any returning train within the ten-day limit stamped on the ticket.

The schedule calls for the special train to leave Norman at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, October 5, leave Oklahoma City at 8:00 p. m., leave Guthrie at 8:35 p. m., leave Perry at 9:40 p. m., leave Ponca City at 10:00 p. m., leave Wichita at 11:30 p. m., and arrive in Chicago at 12:30 p. m. Friday, October 6.

The special train will start the return trip to Norman at 1:30 a. m. Sunday October 8, arriving in Oklahoma City about 6:30 p. m. Sunday and in Norman thirty minutes later.

Another Oklahoma City promoter was working on arrangements for a special train on another route as this magazine went to press.

The College Inn is one of the outstanding entertainment spots in Chicago, and books big name bands such as Phil Harris, Gene Krupa, Red Nichols, Ben Bernie, Fats Waller and so on. The Panther room, where the Sooner party will be held, features a jungle setting. The waiters are attired in turbans and costumes suggesting the retinue of an Indian maharajah. This particular room was opened only recently, although College Inn itself is said to be the oldest entertainment place of its kind in America.

Hotel Sherman is located in the heart of downtown Chicago and was believed to be the most convenient place for Sooners to rally.

The Club Room, on the mezzanine floor of the hotel, will be reserved for registration and lounge for the visiting alumni, students and other Sooners fans.

Members of the Chicago Advisory Council, assisting Chairman Nunn in making arrangements for the Sooner rally, are Adelbert Brown, '17law; Leslie E. Salter, '22law; Fred H. Ward, '21; and Grace Williams, '15.

Oklahomans in the southern Illinois oil territory are promising to be present in large numbers. In late August Mrs. Paul A. Dufferfield (Ruth Johnson, '36h.c.c.), chairman of the O. U. Advisory Council at Mattoon, reported that they were hopeful of completing arrangements for a special train from Mattoon to Chicago.

A large block of tickets for the game at Evanston was placed on sale at Mattoon in August at the law office of Tom E. Grace and Carl Albert. Approximately 250 tickets had been sold before September 1 in the Mattoon area.