16 new life members!

There was a flood at the University in February, but instead of an overflow from the Canadian river, it was a big surge of Life Memberships flowing into the alumni office in the Union building.

Sixteen new Life Members were added to the rolls in the last month, which sets a new high mark.

Most surprising, perhaps, was the fact that four of the new Life Members of the alumni association are still students in the University! Also gratifying was the fact that several of the new ones are Sooners who live in states far away from Oklahoma, but are still interested in affairs at Norman.

The students who took out Life Memberships are Owen Townsend, arts and sciences senior from Marietta; Otis Blankenship, ’33, now a freshman law student; J. F. Malone, formerly on the staff of WNAD and who will receive a degree in June; and Otto T. Bourns, junior in the law school.

Mr. Bourns, incidentally, is a graduate of Southwestern State Teachers college, Weatherford, has an M. S. degree from Oklahoma A. and M. college, and has taught in Oklahoma public schools for 14 years. He was registrar and financial secretary at Southeastern State Teachers college, Durant, for two years, and was head of the history department at Northwestern State Teachers college, Alva, in 1934–35. He is now frankly interested in politics and is taking a law course to prepare himself further for public life.

Two engineering graduates chose the annual Engineering Edition of the Magazine to announce their Life Memberships. They are Lloyd J. Hibbard, ’14, electrical engineer at Wilkinsburg, Pa.; and Richard D. Robey, Jr., who obtained a petroleum engineering degree in 1930 and a mining engineer degree in 1933.

John F. Wilkinson, a loyal alumnus at St. Louis, Mo., is included in the new group of Life Members. Mr. Wilkinson, who received his elementary education at Nowata, Okla., and graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1923, is now with the board department of the Mercantile-Commerce Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis, representing this firm in

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Eastman Survey instruments will be demonstrated, and the ways of mapping subsurface structures will be shown.

This exhibit also will show how formations may be correlated by means of a knowledge of paleontology.

Drawings representing finished problems assigned students in architecture will be displayed by the School of Architectural Engineering. Drawings for the proposed new buildings for the campus, including those for Petroleum Engineering, Home Economics, Geology and Physics will be on display. The plans were designed by Joseph E. Smay, director of the school.

Some marvels of science will be demonstrated by the School of Engineering Physics. These will include a fountain which discharges water at a higher pressure than that at which it enters, radio or high frequency surgery, the floating steel ball on milk, the Love-o-meter, the singing flame, and a method of obtaining electricity from fire.

The openhouse, as well as the entire St. Pat's celebration, is being planned under the general direction of the St. Pat's council.

BIZZELL ATTACK BRINGS SUPPORT FOR HIM

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institution at this time to expose this plot, show what is behind it, and make impossible its success.

We can save the University from the politicians if we make the effort.

The Oklahoma News also praised Dr. Bizzell's record and criticized the opposition to him. An editorial in the News stated:

Friends of the University must realize that Dr. Bizzell has done good work in a difficult position. Politics cannot be wholly eliminated from a state that must go before every session of the Legislature seeking needed funds, but Dr. Bizzell's chief purpose has been the betterment of the school. Since the depression came, he has seen his budget whittled unreasonably, but he has done his best with available means.

His best has been creditable. His experience there and his knowledge of the real needs of the school tend to make him more valuable as the passing years. He is in a position to plan the future more intelligently than a newcomer might. Dr. Bizzell rejected another school presidency that paid more than this state paid him, and did so because he has a real interest in the progress of U. A.

The very fact that politics can still apply the spoils system to the University makes it unlikely that the regents can find an able man to succeed him, who will be willing to accept the place.

The rumor in the United Press article that President Bizzell might resign because of poor health is entirely without foundation, Dr. Bizzell stated.

The Enid News was sharply outspoken in criticism of the reputed political attack on the University. In an editorial entitled "Oklahoma Politics Goes Back to School" it said in part:

"The slimy hand of petty, dirty politics is again endeavoring to reach into the state's highest educational institution, and yank therefrom an able educator, not because he is not a good educator, but because he expends his efforts largely in educational endeavor, rather than in the playing of politics in the sordid form which seems to be the only form in which too many Oklahoma office holders conceive it.

The editorial adds that "Political squabbles over the presidency of both the University and A. and M. college are nothing new in the state, and have long contributed to the unrest and lack of unified educational efforts in these schools supported by public monies."

The Tulsa Tribune, declaring that most of the teachers colleges and junior colleges in the state were established for political purposes, charged that too much political maneuvering among representatives of institutional districts has led to over-loading the state's budget.

Said the Tribune:

"Is it any wonder that University of Oklahoma alumni complain that their alma mater is given less money per student than other state universities? With so many schools to support, and with each school having its supporters in the legislature, it is impossible to appropriate the money needed for the University and Oklahoma A. and M. The politicians' pets must be taken care of.

What remedy is proposed by the self-styled friends of the University of Oklahoma in the legislature? Some of them are said to be demanding that the Board of Regents fire Dr. W. B. Bizzell, an educator, and employ Dr. A. Linscheid of Central Teachers College, Ada, as president, "because Linscheid is one of the smoothest politicians in the state and it takes political maneuvering to run the university and get along with the governor and the legislature."

In brief, the legislators' remedy for too much politics in education and too many political schools is more politics in the University of Oklahoma.

Bring on the ax handles! ▲ ▲ ▲

16 NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Kansas.

The other new Life Members are:

Jim Robinson, '32law, head of the Speech Department in Bristow High School.

C. Guy Brown, '23law, head of the Commercial Department in Central High School, Oklahoma City.

Curtis Grimes, '34law, Norman attorney.

J. C. Mayfield, '28as, Marietta, state educational representative for Houghton Millin, publishers.

Andrew Fraelly, '30ex, chief clerk of the State House of Representatives, Oklahoma City.

Dr. James O. Hood, '29as, physician and mayor of Norman, and a leader in Cleveland County Democratic affairs.

Leda Gibbins, '28ex, social service director in Jefferson county.

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Charles C. Miles, '22as, Norman, manager of the University Book Exchange.

Homer Heck, '35ex, program director for WNAD, University radio station, and assistant to Alumni Secretary T. M. Beard.

A total of 26 new Life Members have been received since Secretary Beard took office three months ago.

New annual memberships—from persons not previously members of the association—also have increased rapidly.


Life Membership in the University of Oklahoma Association including a lifetime subscription to the Magazine costs $60, which may be paid at the rate of $5 a quarter. The money goes into a trust fund, and only the interest can be used for expenses of the Magazine and for association activities. Subscription to The Sooner Magazine by the year costs $3, which includes annual dues in the association.

ENGINEERING FACULTY IS WELL ROUNDED

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ization of the early Spanish explorers and the Indians, and has made a fairly extensive study of this subject.

Dean Dodge is nationally known as an educator in the field of physics and has had several distinctions from national organizations.

The recent Ohio river floods stirred memories for J. F. Brookes, director of the School of Civil Engineering, for within a month after his graduation as a civil engineer from Vanderbilt University in 1908, he obtained employment helping Uncle Sam curb rivers of the Ohio valley.

He received promotions and continued in professional engineering work for ten years before alluring stories about the University of Oklahoma persuaded him to accept a teaching position here.

Mr. Brookes' interest in the establishment of a professional basis for engineering practice in Oklahoma led to his appointment as member of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers in 1935. This statute, designed to "safeguard life, health, and property," also insures engineering graduates a professional field in which to function, he points out.

"The public now has an improved conception of the engineer and his worth to society. Thirty-six states have registered a total of 50,000 professional engineers; Oklahoma contributes 725."

J. E. Smay, although the youngest of all the directors of schools in the College of Engineering, is one of the busiest. He was supervising architect for the new Business Administration and Biological Science buildings, which have been widely praised for their architectural excellence, and he has supervised the plans for the proposed new Geology and Petroleum Engineering buildings.

He is a sociable sort of person, soon calling most of his students by their first names. Under his direction, the School of Architecture has advanced rapidly.

His hobby is hunting, and he spends much of his leisure time outdoors.

ENGINEERS AREN'T AFRAID OF GREASY HANDS

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ation presents problems of crop management, water control, municipal water supply, power manufacture, the relocation of communities, and many other problems. "Soil must be protected and its fertility preserved. Water must be conserved and its movement regulated. With the recent experience of the Ohio valley fresh in mind, our future problem calls for scientific knowledge and engineering application."

N. E. Wolfard, of the University engineering faculty, has just completed a year with the Oklahoma State Conservation commission, and M. E. Mills, associate professor of civil engineering, has conducted tests of soil bearing capacity on the campus and the new Civic Center at Oklahoma City.

This program of soil tests was initiated last year by the first annual Street and Highway conference on the campus.

In the face of all these "down-to-earth" and practical activities of Sooner engineers, it looks as though the critics who accuse modern education of being frivolous must have overlooked the College of Engineering.

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