again through all time, each student who receives a loan repaying it after graduation. A donor of one thousand dollars, one-third of which is loaned to a student each year, has the satisfaction of knowing that the year, so long as the university exists, at least one student is in attendance because of his help. In ten years ten men or women would give him credit for their great opportunity; in one hundred years one hundred beneficiaries would revere his name.

What greater monument could be erected; what greater service to civilization could be performed?

The first loan fund at the University of Oklahoma was established in 1917 with a donation of $200 by Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, at that time president of the university. The fund has been increased from time to time by donations and interest payments. It was administered by a board of five directors, the article of incorporation being signed by Stratton D. Brooks, Edwin DeBarr, J. H. Felgar, J. S. Buchanan, and Fredrik Holmberg. The official name was Oklahoma University Student Loan Aid Association.

At the present time the fund amounts to $19,882.37, of which $4,307.86 has been collected as interest, and $580 as a loan from the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Approximately 600 students have received loans from this fund since its establishment.

With the increase in the enrollment in the university there was a corresponding, or even greater, number of students attempting to earn their expenses, with the opportunities for work becoming proportionately less. As a result many ambitious and very deserving young people were compelled to leave school. It was not a matter of charity but credit sufficient to supplement the amount they could earn by working outside of school hours and during vacations.

In 1926 Lew Wentz of Ponca City established a loan fund of $50,000. Mr. Wentz had for a number of years made personal loans to worthy young men and women who were coming to him in increasing numbers. He had felt for some time that there should be some systematic plan of making such loans and for that reason he established the fund and directed that there should be a board of trustees to administer the same. The trustees were L. K. Meeke, president of the Security National bank, Ponca City; Frank P. Johnson, president of the American First Trust Co., Oklahoma City; W. B. Bizzell, president of the University of Oklahoma, Norman; and Kitty Shanklin, director of Social Service, University Hospital, Oklahoma City. In the spring of 1927 Mr. Wentz increased the fund to $100,000.

Many of the students receiving loans have written letters of appreciation.

The following excerpts from these letters are typical:

"I needed money badly to finish my last year of medicine. I had moved about from one place to another, going to school so long that I had lost contact with everybody except school people, and knew no business men well enough to approach on the subject of a loan. So the Lew Wentz fund was a life saver to me, and I know of many others in the same position."

"The sharp misery that the working student goes through can never be expressed in words. But I can say that the small loan erased part of the heavy drudgery and allowed me sufficient time to devote myself to my studies. Gratitude? Let the prompt payments of the loan show my gratitude."

"... Lew Wentz Foundation is one of the finest pieces of philanthropy in the state."

"I might have been able to finish my course the following year without the loan, but I would never have been able to enter most of the activities in which I took part. To me the loan was a gift of time that meant as much as my curricular activities. During my last year in school my conception of things broadened very perceptibly and I gained a measure of self-confidence that I had not known before. I was enabled to make a great many friends which I never would have been able to do had it not been for the loan. Needless to say, I am very grateful that Mr. Wentz is using his wealth so wonderfully."

"... gratitude to one 'great friend' of all the students, who made possible my education and the acquaintance of these other friends and teachers connected with it."

"Mr. Wentz certainly did a wonderful thing in establishing the fund. It has enabled many students, who were not financially able to go to school, to get an education."

"I do not know how I would have managed without it."

"I think no greater service could be rendered the boys and girls of this state."

And long after everyone else has forgotten his existence worthy students will still have occasion to remember for a lifetime that their opportunity for a broader life and a greater service was due to the establishment of the loan fund.

Mex---a memoir

By Hutton Bellah, '23

Writing a memoir of Mex is a labor of love — and with the exception of Mott Keys, no one loved this dog more than the writer.

Mex first saw the light about January of 1916 at Lawton, Oklahoma. Little did he realize that within six months from that date he would be stolen by United States soldiers and whisked to the Mexican border. Whatever his name might have been prior to June of 1916 — he was rechristened "Mexico" while en route from Fort Sill to San Benito, a border city in the famous Magic valley of Texas, just a few miles from the Rio Grande.
The theft of this famous dog must be charged to Keys, a soldier by the name of Blakely and the writer—for we picked him up on the streets of Lawton one night and smuggled him into camp. Blakely was a horse trainer and immediately set to work on Mex to make him one of the smartest dogs in the army—and with Keys’ assistance, he just about succeeded.

Mex quickly became the favorite of the Oklahoak Brigade, composed of Oklahoma, Louisiana and South Dakota troops commanded by the then Colonel Robert Lee Bullard, later one of the most famous A. E. F. American generals—rank of lieutenant general.

After almost a year of Mexican border service and then service at Camp Bowie with the Thirty-sixth division, Mex met his first great disappointment in life—that of being refused passage to France with his beloved company. Instead, the poor old mascot had to be sent home to a diet of cornbread and other hardships. He spent the years of 1918-19 with my parents in Edmond, Oklahoma, and after our return from European service, the dog was introduced to the University of Oklahoma where he made a great name for himself and received a funeral just last year that will eclipse anything either of his masters can hope to have.

Joining the athletic teams of Soonerland in 1919, the famous dog spent the rest of his life among these congenial surroundings. Mex first became a Kappa Sigma and during his durance vile at O. U. was initiated into many orders—among them being Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Delta Chi, Red Red Rose, Quo Vadis, Battle Ax, Zeta Bignma and D. D. M. C. Many have been the nights when Mex accompanied his masters to Deep, Dark Mystery meetings and never was he known to desert the company, no matter how many cats showed up to distract his attention.

Mex probably made more trips with Sooner athletic teams than any living being with the exception of Benjamin Gilbert Owen himself and certainly he be-
came almost as well known as the famous Sooner mentor.

Psychology teachers are prone to believe that dogs have a very short memory—in fact we knew one at O. U., who once made the statement that a dog wouldn’t remember after six months—but that did not apply to Mex. He was separated from the writer eighteen months and upon our return from France he wouldn’t allow us out of his sight for three days. Keys was separated from the dog nearly two years and the same applied to him. He never forgot a former Sooner and no matter how many years one might fail to show up for homecoming—Mex always met him with a delighted wag of his stump tail and graciously kissed his hand.

Regardless of a dog’s mission in life, Mex certainly fulfilled his by making life happier for a generation of soldiers as well as two or three generations of Sooners and in addition gave the keenest delight to his two owners for twelve years. He was a faithful friend, worth his weight in gold and he will be a gorgeous memory to his owners as long as we may be allowed to live.

Association progress

THE AGGIE DINNER

The University of Oklahoma Association executive board was host November 23 to the board of the Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical College Former Students association at a dinner in the card room of the Oklahoma Union building. Practically all board members were in attendance.

“This is a happy idea,” declared President Melton of the Aggie board. “We hope it will become an annual custom. We have only one regret—that the idea was not our own. Nothing can do more to promote a friendlier relation between the two schools than a dinner like this, where alumni of both institutions can gather around one table and discuss their mutual problems. After all, the problems our school faces are akin to those your university faces. We can profit by your experience, and we can share our experience with you.”

President Tolbert welcomed the Aggie board to Soonerland. He outlined the steps that had been taken to revive the University of Oklahoma Association and told of the Life Membership plan. President Melton remarked that the Aggies had not yet planned on life memberships, although the matter had been under consideration. President Tolbert complimented the Aggies on their new magazine, which made its first appearance this school year.

Vice-President Savage of the Aggie board also spoke for the Aggies, expressing their warm appreciation of the dinner and the friendly motives actuating it.

Attending the meeting in her official capacity as an Aggie board member was Mrs Raymond Tolbert, wife of the Sooner association president.

Here and there with Sooners

News of the breadwinners by classes

MARRIAGES

STEALEY - REDFEARN: Miss Ruth Stealey, ex ’28, and Steve Redfearn, ex ’28, November 23 at Oklahoma City. Alpha Chi Omega-Sigma Chi. Home, Ponca City.

THOMPSON - CARLYLE: Miss Georgia Van Horn, ex ’25, and Frank W. Carlyle November 28 at Oklahoma City. Home, Chickasha.

WHITE-PARKS: Miss Virginia White, ’24 arts-sc., and Allan A. Parks, November 8 at Tulsa. Alpha Omicron Pi-Lambda Chi Alpha. Home, 1502 South Knoxville avenue, Tulsa.


VAN HORN-CARLYLE: Miss Georgia Van Horn, ex ’25, and Frank W. Carlyle November 28 at Oklahoma City. Home, Chickasha.


HENRY-ROBERTS: Miss Katherine Henry and Harrell Roberts, ex ’24, October 19 in Oklahoma City. Home, Oklahoma City.

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The rapid and consistent increase in membership of the University of Oklahoma Association testifies eloquently that the services of the association and the association publication The Sooner Magazine are indispensable to every loyal Sooner.

If you have a friend not already a member of the association, you can aid the work of the association by securing his membership: Sixty dollars for a life membership, sixty dollars for a life membership, payable five dollars a quarter.

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