Los Angeles Throws a Party

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(Ed's Note: Whenever it is feasible in the future, the Sooner Magazine will present the informal reports of club secretaries in their own words. We believe that alumni everywhere will be more interested in hearing first hand what clubs are doing, planning and thinking.)

Well, the University of Oklahoma Alumni Club of Los Angeles had a fine meeting on the evening of November 29. It was a dinner meeting held at the Old Dixie Barbecue in Los Angeles. Please don't smile when I say the meeting was in Los Angeles for distances are so great out here and our members are so widely scattered that our meetings are very apt to be 20 or 30 miles out of Los Angeles proper. In fact we try to scatter them out in different directions in order to make attendance easier for those in various areas.

This November meeting was a fine one. There was about one hundred enthusiastic Oklahomans out. It did seem good to get together again. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner—barbecued ribs with all the trimmings—and a good old talk fest. Did you ever know an Oklahoman who didn't like to talk? Of course, a hundred of them all talking at once makes a happy homey scene. It was good to be there.

After dinner we had the usual introductions. There were quite a number out who have not been with us before. There are always some who are new to the club. We are especially interested in this group for it indicates growth and that is what we want.

The main feature of the evening was the picture of the O.U.-Kansas football game which we enjoyed very much. Hi Estes did his best to work up a bet on the outcome of the game but had no luck. Also the picture of Homecoming on the campus delighted everyone. Each one present commented as he felt like it—making it most interesting. Watching those beautiful and elaborate floats and the clever decorations, the consensus of opinion seemed to be, "The campus was never like that! Why did we get away so soon?" Herma Ziemer, 25BA, '40MD, at the microphone, made interesting explanations as the picture moved along. He has been on the campus rather recently and was able to point out changes that have taken place since those "Good Old Days."

We are all saddened by the illness of our own Ted Beard, 21BA, back there on the campus. Ted is not only a local friend to every graduate and former student of the University of Oklahoma but he is an institution and we love him. It is our hope that he may take necessary time to make a good and complete recovery. Then we trust he may take a little better care of Ted even though it means his not taking quite so good care of all of us. Please give our love.

At our picnic meeting in August, our new officers were elected. They are Hiawatha Estes, '40BA, president; Lucille Tibbits, '24BA, vice president; Charlie Forbes, '22BA, 25MA, secretary; and Jack Rinn, '40BUS, treasurer. Automatically, our very fine president of last year, Glenn Watson, '39LAW, became our advisory member. It was at that picnic meeting that we had the pleasure of having as our special guest Dr. Alice Sowers, director of the Family Life Institute at the University. She was in Los Angeles conducting a Family Life Workshop at George Pepperdine College. We always enjoy "Alice," as we know her out here, and sitting around those picnic tables, she told us so much of interest concerning the University now that we felt we had all been back there too. We had a wonderful time that day and we hope she will honor us with another visit as soon as she can.

We are proud of the football record down there this year. Honestly, we are spoiled with all of that super-duper work and those good scores on the right side of the scoreboard. We, just as a matter of course, expect a bowl game each year. I wonder what we'd do if Bud and his team should fail us sometime. Well, we won't worry about that now.