New York—Officers Elected

Reorganization of the New York City Chapter of the University of Oklahoma Association got off to a good start March 11 when a hundred graduates, former students and friends got together for that purpose and to see the Sugar Bowl film sent by Coach Bud Wilkinson.

Enthusiastic support was given plans for the coming year in a general over-all discussion and the following officers were elected: Kenneth M. Robinson, '36ba, '38Law, president; Howard Fitts, '38ba, '41Law, vice-president; and Betty German Pettit, '44jour, secretary-treasurer.

A reception committee was also appointed to serve as a welcoming group to dignitaries from O.U. visiting in New York. This committee is composed of members to include representatives from each school on the campus. Other committees were appointed to facilitate the reorganization and with the inclusion of a planning and entertainment committee, big plans were made for the next meeting in May and subsequent social functions.

Following the meeting and the showing of the Sugar Bowl film, the newly elected president ran the American Airlines sound film "Berlin Airlift" and gave personal descriptive sights of scenes he had witnessed when he flew in on the same airlift in February.

Members of the reception committee included: Howard Fitts, '38ba, '41Law (chairman of the committee); Dr. Robert P. Calvert, '09ba, '10ma; Allen C. Duncan, '21geo; William D. Gibson, '31Bus; Edgar E. Fildes, '46eng; George O. Ranes, '21eng; Merle Montgomery, '24ba; Professor Elmcr Million, '35aw, Julia L. Herrmann, '44mus; Frank W. Binckley, '41arch, and W. H. Jackson, '39fa.

Members serving on the planning and entertainment committee included Betty German Pettit, '44jour, sustaining chairman; Margot Gruenbaum, '45ba; Russell Black, '41ba, '46ma; Paula Howard, '47ba; Grady H. Nunn, '39ma, Ross D. Pine, Jr., '50-'51; Margaret Stevenson, former counselor of women at O.U.; Pauline Butler, '30ba, '30ma; George T. Harrison, '29; Morris T. Haggard, '35-'36, and Allen C. Duncan, '21geo.

1. Margaret Stevenson, former counselor of women at O.U., signs the guest book of the Overseas Service Club in the Red Cross chapter house where the March 11 meeting was held. Others in the picture (standing left to right) are Margaret Gruenbaum, '45ba; Nathan Kane, '46eng; Ken M. Robinson, '36ba, '38Law; Allan C. Duncan, '21geo, and B. A. Garside, '13ba, who are caught amused at Thunderbird, Jr., the Robinson's wire-haired terrier sitting on Mrs. Robinson's lap quite undisturbed by the flashbulbs. The day of the Oklahoma get-together marks "Thundy's" first year in America and he hopes to have his full citizenship papers by the time he visits the native state of the division from which he got his name during the war in Italy. He was mascot of the 45th Division Red Cross donut unit. He was born on the day Rome fell; swam ashore from an L.C.I. in Southern France D-Day plus 14; crossed the Rhine before the pontoon bridges were complete; strolled down the Champs Elysee in Paris on leave; sick on eau de vie and finally flew to the U.S.A. This makes Thundy a real vet—and that doesn't stand for veterinary!

2. At the piano entertaining the crowd until the meeting was called to order is Paula Howard, '47ba. Standing left to right: Wilfred H. Jackson, '39ba, Allen D. Angott, '38eng, Rena Garrett Angott, '48ba, George O. Ranes, '21eng, Mrs. Winifred Jordan, Tulsa University and Ross D. Pine, Jr., '31ba.

3. The cameraman caught this group in front of the screen just before the Sugar Bowl film was shown to the Oklahoma University alumni meeting in New York City, March 11. Standing left to right are Mrs. Nina Binckley, Frank W. Binckley, '41arch, Howard Lee Fitts, '38ba, '41Law, and Doug Gibson, '31bus. Seated are Mrs. Carolyn Kinney Fitts, '41ba and Mrs. George O. Ranes. In the background are Margaret Gruenbaum and Margaret Stevenson.

4. A busy scene at the registration desk of the O.U. get-together shows (standing) left to right, Merle Montgomery, '24ba, Grady Nunn, '39ma and Edgar E. Fildes, '46eng, while Morris Haggard, '35-'36 makes out the registration cards, assisted by Mrs. Betty German Pettit, '44jour, and William Smith, '42.
Washington—Another in a Fine Series

One of the most active spots in America for the past several months has been the hundreds of O.U. alumni participating in the Washington, D.C. Alumni Club. Another of their series of meetings was held on the evening of March 18. The hosts for the Washington group on the evening of the 18th were Lt. Col. John Embry, '27Law, Mrs. Embry, Lt. Col. James C. Todd, '31Law, and Mrs. Todd, the former Louise Bagby, '34ba.

At the annual March meeting, new officers were elected to serve until January, 1950. The group selected as their president, Lt. Col. Merton Munson, '29ba, '31Law, vice president Elizabeth P. Bascom, '25, secretary Ruth L. Knee, '41soc wk, assistant secretary Mary Wingate, '45ba, and treasurer Lt. Col. Walter O. Beets, '28-'31.

For the advisory committee to the Washington, D.C. Club, the following seven were elected at the meeting: Maurine Huff Matney, '29ba, Wilbur Morse, '28ba, '30Law, Lt. Col. Bryan Rakestraw, '33ba, '39Law, May Frank Rhoads, '22ba, Juneal Saunders, '34bus ad, Paul Walker, '21Law, and Harrington Wimberly, '24ba.

The Washington, D.C. Club set up schedule for other events during the spring and summer months. On April 24 they have scheduled a dinner at the National Airport, at which time they will show the Sugar Bowl film. Commissioner Paul Walker, through cooperation with Coach Bud Wilkinson, has secured the film from Bud and it will be sent to Washington in ample time for the April 24 meeting. Advance notices from Washington predict that some 300 people will attend the dinner and see the showing of the Sugar Bowl film. The Washington officers appoint Lynden Mannen, '37ba, '38ma, as the supervising official in charge of the showing of the film, providing equipment, etc.

The new president, Merton Munson, is extending personal invitations to former O.U. football coach Jim Tatum and former assistant coach Bo Rowland. Bo has recently assumed his position as coach at George Washington University in Washington. Special invitations are also being extended by the Washington officers to the entire Oklahoma Congressional Delegation for the April 24 dinner.

The real "revival" of the Washington, D.C. Club came about during inaugural week in January of 1949 when they sponsored four principal projects during that period. Hundreds of visitors, as well as local residents of the District, participated in the inaugural events at the nation's capital.

Many University alumni now live in the nation's capital, making and administering federal law. Some of these Sooners are shown here, at work; at the Oklahoma State Society dance, and at a recent alumni party given by Web Wilder, '33ba, '33law, and Mrs. Wilder, (Sally Wilders, '34pm).

(1) On a crisp cool Washington morning, above all the other noises on Capitol Hill, the strains of "Boomer Sooner" ring out as these O.U. boys pause on the Capitol steps on their way to work. Left to right: Representatives Carl Albert, '31ba; George Howard Wilson, '29law; Bill Stigler, '16; Dixie Gilmer, '24law, Mike Momoney, '24ba, and Senator Bob Kerr, '16.
(2) At the Shoreham Hotel dance February 5 are, left to right: Mrs. George Shaw, Mrs. Mike Monroe, Monroe, Mrs. Harrington Wimberly, Wilson, Mrs. George Howard Wilson, Albert, and Harrington Wimberly, '24ba.

(3) Enjoying themselves at the dance are, left to right: Mrs. Elizabeth Hooper Wright, '35-'36, Lynden Mannen, '27ba, '38ma; Mrs. Oliver Emery, Orville K. Wright, Mrs. Patricia Lyon Mannen, '34ed; Mrs. Elizabeth Parker Bascom, '22-'24; Walter Emery, '34Law; Mrs. Georgia Bell Underhill, Hurschel Underhill, '27bus; and Mrs. Mary Louise Parker Ritchie, '33ba.

(4) Left to right: Leslie Conner, '27Law; Mrs. Conner, Miss Daisy Good, Dr. Elgin Groseclose, '20ba; Mrs. Groseclose, Mrs. John Embry, and Lt. Col. John Embry, '27Law.


(6) At the Shoreham dance, reading clockwise around the table starting with the lady in left front are: Mrs. Ruth Witcher, Mrs. Carolyn Gilmer, Ed. P. O'Brien, Oklahoma Representative Toby Morris, Mrs. Alice Morris, Representative Stigler, Mrs. Toby Morris, Representative Gilmer and Mrs. Gilmer.

(7) Towards the close of the Wilder party Embry checks the calendar with Web Wilder and Paul Walker, '12Law, to find a suitable date for the next alumni get-together.

(8) Here Walker explains to Mrs. Bascom that the National Airport Dining Room, Washington, will be the site of an alumni banquet May 2 when the Sugar Bowl picture will be shown to the Washington Association.

(9) Quite a span of years is covered in this group of O.U. grads giving out with "Boomer Sooner" at the Wilder party. Left to right: Walter Emery, '34Law; Mrs. Wilder, Paul Walker, Kenneth Markwell, '20eng; Mrs. Paul Walker, '10-'12; Herbert Leney, and Louise Bagby Todd, '34ba.

(10) When Elizabeth Parker Bascom, '22-'24, came down to break up the bull session she ended up getting a screen test, filmed by Wilder and directed by Rakestraw.

(11) Enjoying a talk are left to right: Mrs. Walter B. Emery, '30; Mrs. Paul A. Walker, Latin instructor, '10-'12; Mrs. Bryan L. Rakestraw, '39; Arthur Morris, '39Law; Mrs. Charles E. Brodersen, Mrs. John Embry, and Mrs. Hurbel E. Underhill.

(12) "Let's join the ladies" says Herbert Leney, moving close to his wife who is sitting with Mrs. Embry and Mrs. Markwell.

(13) Mrs. Wilder is a busy hostess as she serves canapes to Jueanal Saunders, '34; and Mrs. Ralph Schallor (Gerona Wachtel, '27).

(14) Web Wilder could not pass up the opportunity to shoot a few feet of movie film as he and his old school mates enjoy a bull session in the basement of his home.
Kansas City—"The Most Successful . . ."

More than 130 alumni and guests of the Kansas City alumni chapter attended a February 26 meeting of the club. Tom Collins was a guest speaker and Bud Wilkinson narrated the showing of the Sugar Bowl film.

Alumni arrived from Lawrence, Leavenworth, Atchison and Independence for the affair. According to reports from club president Richard T. Pendleton, '26 Law, "This was by far the most successful meeting we have ever had."

The everpresent Sooner Magazine photog was on hand with the results below.

1. Seated: Frances Pendleton, Selma Huggins Henry, '32ba; Mrs. Lucy Gayler, '36ms; and Mildred Rudell Thomson, '40ba. Standing are Al Drake, '28; Pendleton; Francis Henry, '34eng; Sula Snyder, '37ba; Tom Collins, Bud Wilkinson and Harold Keith, '29ba, '39ma, O.U. director of sports publicity.

2. Vic Wasleski, '22pharm; John L. Craig, '33ba; Jerry Craig, '44; Mary Virginia Craig, '35ba; Lucille Akers Wheeler, '38bs; Arch T. Wheeler, Jr., '38bs, Manuel R. Mosher, '38ba; Paul A. Lynn, '38bs; and Glenn M. Hicks, '40.


4. Dick French; Jerry French; Dick Mullett; Wilma Francisco, '33; Lea Everitt, '20, and Mrs. Madge Everitt.

5. Ralph S. Spencer, '42ba; Mrs. Marge Spencer; R. L. Wagner, '30 Law; Mrs. Harold A. Lynch, and Mrs. Blanche Brun Wagner, '22.

Cleveland—The Alumni Came To Dinner

The far-ranging Sugar Bowl films traveled to Ohio in March for a showing to Cleveland alumni by Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, dean of University College, at an organizational dinner where action was taken to form a Cleveland O.U. Alumni Association.

Traveling the farthest to attend the showing were Harry D. Shriber, '20ba, and Mrs. Shriber, of Akron, Ohio. Others present included Bill J. Weldon, '46bus, who organized the meeting; William H. Borglund, '36smur; Mrs. Borglund; Onlee West, '35ed; Wayne C. Montgomery, '48eng; Harold W. Gildemeister, '41bus, and Mrs. Gildemeister; Dr. C. F. Ward, and Mrs. Ward; (Edna Mac Lloyd, '35ba) and Martin G. Solnick, '35bs.

Also J. R. "Bob" Tomlinson, '48eng; Robert W. Griffin, '41-'43, and Mrs. Griffin; (Sara Lou Baber, '43ba) Dr. Merwin T. Buxton, Jr., '45bs, '47med, and Mrs. Buxton. (Sue Harrod, '41ba).

San Francisco—They Went All Out

BY BELLE GOUGH, '26ba, '31ma

The San Francisco alumni went all out February 14 and got together for one of the finest parties of 1949.

We held a Valentine dance at the Nurses Recreation Hall at the Presidio complete with decorations typical of all Dan Cupid's paraphernalia including ribbons, hearts, flowers and gay dancing couples.

An Army orchestra teased the reluctant ones from their reminiscing and Paul Lee, '37-41, called such mix-master signals so unexpectedly that even a minnie mouse would have gone home at the end of the evening believing herself quite a belle.

During intermissions the refreshments were not forgotten—neither the food nor the drink. Both were tasty, ample and much enjoyed by members and guests.

Sixty members and their friends made the evening one full of warmth and gaiety in spite of the San Francisco "low fog" and fresh winds."
Midland-Odessa—Something New

For the past several months a group of interested alumni residing in Midland and Odessa, Texas, have been in touch with the general headquarters of the Alumni Association perfecting details toward the chartering of a new alumni club to accommodate the hundreds of former students and graduates in that section of the country.

The leader in co-ordinating all the activities for the many alumni in Midland-Odessa has been M. J. Kirwan, Jr., '43Law. Early in March, Kirwan, along with several other life and annual members of the Association, submitted formal application to the Executive Board of the Alumni Association for club charter.

Others signing the application for charter were C. W. Matthews, '46-'47; Lodema Rose Kolm, '38ba; Robert G. Senning, '44geol; Lamar McLennan, Jr., '42geol; W. Dave Henderson, '29geol; C. K. Lowe, Sr.; Derald J. Lebow, '46geol; Edward H. Joubon, '45eng; J. M. Hewgley, Jr., '38ba; Clark R. Steinberger, '26ba; Tom L. Ingram, '47eng, and Charles R. Barr, '42eng.

The charter was approved by the Executive Board and mailed to the club early in March. The designation of the group is the University of Oklahoma Alumni Club of Midland-Odessa, Texas.

In the first business meeting of the group, Kirwan was elected president, Matthews, vice-president and Mrs. Kolm, secretary-treasurer.

The first activity of the group was an alumni dance with more than 200 attending. The dance was held February 25.

1. Dancing duos include Harry Beckmann, '37eng, and wife; W. M. Osborn, '29-'33, and wife; Mrs. Charles Shaw (Ruth Hutchison,) and Clifford W. Matthews, '46-'47, and Robert C. Senning, '44geol, and wife.

2. The maestro announced intermission. The dancers form a semicircle awaiting the next dance. Among those pictured are Mrs. Shaw; Osborn; Mrs. Osborn; Senning; Mrs. Senning; Mrs. Clifford W. Matthews; Matthews; Paul Kolm; Edd Riddle, Jr., '48geol; Mrs. C. K. Lowe; Lowe, '29; Lee Wayne, '48arl; Beckmann; Matthews; Mrs. Beckmann; Kirwan, and Mrs. Alan Marazzani.

3. Watching the antics of Paul "Buddy" Burris, '49bus, are his wife, the former Betty Short; R. C. Cocanower, '37-'42, Mrs. Cocanower, '46; E. W. Halfast, '48eng, and Mrs. Halfast. Two guests also observe the All-American.

4. Relaxing are Mrs. J. A. McCutchin, '38ed; J. A. McCutchin, '28geol, '31min, '32ma; George Bixler, Jr., '37ba, '39Law; Mrs. Bixler (Elizabeth Fleetwood); Derald Lebow, '46geol; Billie Lovelou; Jerry Bolton; '34-40, and Mrs. Bolton.

5. Some more clubbers sitting one out are Nick Carter, Beatrice Nicholson, and Mrs. Dan Holland. Standing are Alan Marazzani; Matthews; Dan Holland and Kirwan.

St. Louis—All Steamed Up!

The St. Louis Alumni Club, which was disrupted during the war, has been fully reactivated and is going ahead full blast.

Late in February a tremendous reactivation party was held and since then the club has been active in sponsoring a number of events for not only the St. Louis O.U. alumni, but also for many alumni visitors en route to eastern points who stop over in St. Louis to meet with the club. Their most recent get-together was occasioned by the visit of Dean Glenn C. Couch, '316s, '37ms, on March 31, at which time he presented the sound motion picture film of the Sugar Bowl football game and discussed the general development program of the University of Oklahoma with a large turnout of alumni.

Among those present were (all of Missouri unless noted) Victor F. Eckler, '34Law, and Mrs. Eckler, Kirkwood; Joe Eckstein, '41phys.ed., and Mrs. Eckstein, St. Louis; Mrs. Hazel Horton, Webster Groves; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randal, St. Louis; A. M. Allen, '07-'08, and Mrs. Allen, Richmond Heights; Richard Coffeen and Omar Lyon, Wood River, Illinois (guests); Robert W. Wheeler, '43eng, and Mrs. Betty Wheeler, Roxana, Illinois; Nolan Recce Eckler, Kirkwood; L. I. Wolten, Webster Groves; Jere G. Clamp, Kirkwood; Fred and Mrs. Clamp, Kirkwood; Fredericka F. Woltering, '21ba, Webster Groves; Edward J. Merritt, '33Law, St. Louis; Miriam Eades, St. Louis; S. S. Nowlin, '30ba, '32Law, and Mrs. Nowlin, Montgomery City; Inez C. Watkins, Webster Groves; A. C. Stutsman and Mrs. (Helen Eades, '29ba) Stutsman, St. Louis; Vera D. White, '25ba, '42med, Richmond Heights; Walter White, Richmond Heights; Wayne Love, Clayton; Richard C. Snyder, '47eng, Clayton; John C. Glaze, '28eng, and Mrs. Glaze (Ruth Standifer, '26-'26), St. Louis; and J. E. Lockhart, '28ba and Mrs. Lockhart, Richmond Heights.

Through the efforts of Herb Scott, '20ba, '26na, immediate past president, the initial renovation move was made in early February when some 150 Oklahoma superintendents and principals of secondary schools were attending a National School Administrators meeting in St. Louis. A reception was held at the home of Dr. J. C. Randal, '33ms, and Mrs. Dee W. Eades. In the business meeting that followed, an election of officers was held. Those elected were Joe Edwards, '30ba, president; Mrs. Fredericka Woltering, '21ba, vice-president; Victor Eckler, '34Law, assistant vice-president, and Mrs. Rosa Osmond Merritt, '33.

Correction Please—Pictures numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 should be numbered 3, 2, 7, 6, 5, 4; 1 and 8 are properly numbered.

1. The Oklahoma professors filling out the proper blanks to purchase transportation tickets to St. Louis, and the big reactivation party. At the transportation window signing the “final documents” is C. Ray Tucker, '42ed, Superintendent of Schools (Rexroat Public Schools) Wilson, with John Shoemaker, '33med, Superintendent of Schools, Lawton, observing “how it is done.”

2. The Oklahoma College for Women Prexy (and District Governor of Oklahoma Rotary) Dr. C. Dan Procter, '36med, '43led, and his business manager J. D. Sneed, '28-'34, breeze in from Chickasha to head toward St. Louis. As they board the train, Paul W. Updegraff, '30Law,
Norman (an attorney and not a teacher) makes a last-minute check with Presxy Dan and business manager J. D. to give them instructions for their tour.


4. Out of state guests visit with a group of St. Louis Alumni at the St. Louis Club reception and bring greetings from "back home." Reading from left to right, seated, Betty J. Threlkeld, '41ba, Helen Ruth Holdbrook, former YMCA secretary at O.U., Mrs. Omar D. Lyon, and Omar D. Lyon, '26eng, '28ba. Standing, left to right, James R. Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, Superintendent of Schools, Wewoka, and "long-time" executive secretary of the Oklahoma State School Administrators Association, Bryan Waid, '35-'36, Superintendent of Schools, Frederick, and George D. Hann, '36med, Superintendent of Schools, Ardmore. Hann is past president of the Alumni Association, a present member of the Executive Board and is serving this year as the president of the O.U. Dad's Association.

5. A group of Sooner ladies assembled for an informal chat at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Eades at the St. Louis Club reception. Reading from left to right: Belle Standifcr, '48ba, Connie Segars, '47ba, Anne Finch Ecksten, '40-'41, Miriam Hendricks Eades, '24, and Mrs. J. C. Randol, '39.

6. Another group of Oklahoma "fessors (and a lone "fessor-law maker) check on last-minute developments relative to secondary school legislation in the Oklahoma State Legislature prior to stepping on the train for St. Louis. Reading from left to right, B. B. Fisher, '31-'37, Superintendent of Schools, Okeene, Jack T. Riley, '25, Superintendent of Schools, Purcell, Ray G. Burns, Oklahoma A.M. Superintendent of Schools, Kingfisher, and Representative E. T. Dunlap, Superintendent of Schools, Red Oak (and a member of the Oklahoma legislature). Dunlap, chairman of the education committee in the House of Representatives of the Oklahoma State Legislature, is in a jovial mood, showing the other school men the benefits to be obtained "if and when" the big school legislative program is passed by the legislature.

7. An informal—"now back when, etc., etc.," among five of the boys who had not been together for months (and in some cases years) although all are citizens of St. Louis—took place "over in a corner" at the Eades home. Reading from left to right: Flynn Ford, '34ba, J. C. Randol, '35-'37, Miss Jewell Rone, '33ba, and Victor Ecker, '34Law.


Okmulgee—Two Kinds of Sugar

At dinner at the Beauclair Hotel in Okmulgee, approximately 50 alumni gathered February 28 from all over Okmulgee county. The reason was simple. It was good to get together again and besides Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, executive secretary-director of the Alumni Development Fund, was to give a short talk on the fund and show the pictures of the Sugar Bowl game.

During the brief business meeting, George Inglish, '38Law, was selected president; M. S. Douglass, '38ba, '38Law, was chosen vice-president, and Miss Jewell Rone, '33ba, was named secretary-treasurer.

Pictured below are groups of alumni present at the meeting.

1. The officers pose: Inglish, Miss Rone and Douglass.

2. Two alumni and wives: Charles B. Steele, '15ba, and wife; Ernest C. Lambert, '10, and wife.

3. The photographer put the proper "Inglish" on this shot: George Inglish, George Hale, '34eng, and William Inglish, '39journ.

4. A delegation from Henryetta pose: Leland Gourley, '40; M. S. Douglass and Mrs. Douglass; E. L. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts; Francis Langdon, '48journ; Dayton Dunaway and Mrs. Dunaway; Ernest Smith, '36ba, '38Law, and Mrs. Smith, and Gunning.