OST of you are familiar with the various efforts that have been made in recent years to rehabilitate the University of Oklahoma Association and to establish an alumni publication. The following statement of the life membership plan tells you the status of the plan which has been adopted to accomplish these objectives.

As you know, the income from annual membership dues for the last several years has been insufficient to meet the obligations of our organization and, without a publication, the association has been unable to make any progress or to fulfill its obligations to you and the university.

This condition and the need for a publication has been recognized by the association's executive board for some time and several plans to remedy the situation were considered. At the last spring meeting the board adopted the life membership plan for underwriting the obligations the association must assume in securing a full time secretary and establishing an alumni publication. Annual membership dues, which includes subscription to the publication, were increased to $3 and provision was made for life membership at $60, payable $5 quarterly in advance over a period of three years.

It was found, after securing very liberal assistance from the university, that a minimum of 105 life memberships would be required to underwrite the obligations the association must assume over a period of three years, during which time it is believed that the association can be placed on a sound financial basis. A few of those who were interested in the reorganization of this association began a campaign to secure the required quota. Those solicited were told that the funds thus secured would be used to underwrite the organization expense and that the pledges would not become valid or binding until the minimum amount had been secured.

By the first of September a sufficient number of life membership subscription pledges had been secured to indicate that the plan was feasible. Accordingly your secretary began his duties and The Sooner Magazine has been established. Since September the number of life memberships has been doubled and we are now only a few short of the minimum required.

Your secretary, also, is happy to be able to report that sufficient revenue has been secured from annual memberships and from advertising in The Sooner Magazine, so that it has not been necessary to use any of the payments on the life memberships for current expenses and if the present monthly increase in membership is maintained it will not be necessary to do this.

The income from life memberships is being placed in a separate trust account and only the income from it will be used for current expenses. This fund will form a permanent endowment for the association and you are thus assured that your life membership pays your dues and subscription for your life and not for the ‘Life of the association’ as one subscriber facetiously remarked.

An appropriate certificate showing life membership will be furnished when the entire amount has been paid. A list containing the names of those not here-tofore announced in The Sooner Magazine as life subscribers will be published in the next issue.

The university and loyal Sooners everywhere are grateful to the life subscribers for their assistance in making this organization and The Sooner Magazine possible. What may be accomplished by the association for the university and for its graduates and former students will be due largely to your support in making the organization and publication possible.

Regulation of Student Activities

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It is true that some students violate college regulations but it is equally true that some citizens violate the laws of their country. The passage of a law against murder or theft does not guarantee that murder will not be committed or that property will not be stolen, but these laws do have the effect of reducing crime and safeguarding property. In a similar way, college regulations do not guarantee that no student will ever violate them but it does mean that it will promote better standards of conduct and create better conditions for study and recreation.

Contrary to general opinion, the number of regulations in the University of Oklahoma is not large. There is a regulation restraining students from keeping and operating an automobile in Norman. Hazing is prohibited and initiations in public places are not allowed. There is a so-called “no drink” rule for four nights in the week. Students are expected to observe the reasonable social proprieties in their relations to each other. With the exception of these restrictions, students have the same freedom that they would enjoy in any other community of the state. The authorities of the university are committed to the policy of directing student life into wholesome channels and creating an atmosphere of scholarship and a genuine respect for law and order.