The original chapter of Acacia was begun by a group of Masons at the University of Michigan in 1924. The Oklahoma chapter was founded as an outgrowth of the University Masonic Club through the efforts of Dr. Edwin E. DeBarr in 1924. The fraternity strives to carry on the high principles of the Masonic organization. Masonic contact, however, is not necessary for membership.

During the war years, the fraternal system on the Oklahoma campus was inactive. With the cessation of hostilities and the reactivation of the fraternal system in the spring of 1946, the Oklahoma Chapter of Acacia was reopened.

The beautiful old English style house is adjacent to the west side of the campus at Elm and Cruse streets which has become the center of the fraternity district. The house affords comfortable living accommodations and generous space for dancing and recreation.

The primary emphasis in Acacia is academic. A quiet study atmosphere is provided. Every assistance is given by the upper classmen and, when necessary, by special tutors. Almost every year since the fraternity was founded Acacia has had the highest scholastic standing of all national social fraternities.

The fraternity prides itself in a strong varsity and intramural athletic participation. Every Acadian is a member and an active participant in some extra curricular activity other than sports. The fraternity is represented in almost every campus activity open to it.

The social calendar of the Oklahoma chapter is full and well planned. There are at least two formal dances given by the organization every year, as well as house parties built around every seasonal theme. Some outstanding Acadian is the honor guest and speaker at the annual Founders’ Day banquet. A portrait of Lew Wentz, deceased publisher, industrialist and philanthropist, and Dr. William B. Bizzell, Acadian and former president of the University of Oklahoma, was presented to the chapter by the alumni at last year’s banquet.

The traditional Oriental Ball is one of the most beautiful and outstanding costume affairs in the southwest. A Christmas party is planned each yule tide for the orphans of some state institution, with each member and pledge being host to a child. In August of 1947, the Oklahoma Chapter was host to the Regional Conclave of Acacia at which all midwestern chapters were represented.

Acacia, like all college social fraternities, proposes to give its members that intimate, beneficent fellowship with good men, so necessary to their full development, and to supplement their cultural and professional education with training in those qualifications for citizenship and leadership which are not definitely or directly part of the University function. A balanced program of study, athletics, society and fraternal life is the constant goal of Acacia Fraternity.

Four of this class are now members of the faculty at Norman. Two who received the master’s degree are Henry D. Rinsland, an authority on school measurements, and James E. Belcher, an unusually successful teacher of chemistry. (Mrs. Belcher, formerly Blanche Martin, also received the master’s degree at this time.) Two who received the degree of Bachelor of Arts are able teachers of mathematics—John A. Bixey and Raymond Drago. Seven members of the present faculty of the School of Medicine received degrees in 1924: Dr. Charles P. Bondurant, who received (Continued Page 26)