This month

A new spirit pervaded the alumni office in the Union building at Norman during April. Although relations with the University always have been most harmonious during the long period in which the institution helped pay salaries of the alumni staff, the action of the Alumni Board in deciding to pay its own salaries without University help brought a new and stimulating feeling of independence.

The Association faces a tough assignment in building up its membership, but at least it is now the "master of its fate" and can chart its own course.

Three deaths of University students on Highway 77 between Norman and Oklahoma City brought demands for tighter enforcement of the no-car rule, and also for improvement of the highway.

University officials took steps toward making the no-car rule even more rigid than usual, but expressed belief that deaths would continue on the highway until something is done to relieve traffic congestion and dangerous turns between Norman and Oklahoma City.

Several newspaper commentators suggested widening the highway; some suggested improving an entirely different route between the two cities to divert part of the traffic.

Most sound solution, according to latest theories of traffic experts, would be a two-slab highway. This would be practically two different highways, each a one-way drive, with a narrow strip of ground between to prevent cars going back and forth.

Mere widening of a single slab has a tendency to increase head-on accidents, because of frequent efforts to pass slowly moving vehicles, experts have found.

A double slab, with traffic moving only in one direction on each side, should prove very efficient in handling large foot-traffic crowds between Norman and Oklahoma City, as well as taking care of the regular traffic expeditiously and safely.

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—R. C.