Oklahoma’s Educated Man

Every issue of the Sooner Magazine is dedicated to you, the alumnus or alumna of the University of Oklahoma. But this month the Sooner has gone a step further. This Sooner is all about you—a special report on you and your university.

You who have passed through university classrooms have been given a vital role to play in life as we know it, as we would have it be. Upon you rests the responsibilities that can be shoulders only by the Educated Man, that individual who must decide the course of community, state, nation. For the over-all picture of America’s college alumni, see “The Alumnus/a,” pages 9 to 24, a joint report from more than 350 institutions of higher learning.

But what about O.U.’s contribution to this picture? The Sooner’s capsule views of “Oklahoma’s Educated Man” and his place within the University and beyond its boundaries can be found on pages 4 through 7. Very often this Educated Man—the alumnus/a—would be more willing to assume his responsibilities to the University if only he had a better idea of what the University actually wants of him. Dr. Pete Kyle Mc- Carter, O.U. vice president, sets forth the institution’s needs from its alumni on page 3. But every coin has two sides—and alumni have a right to expect as much from their university. Past Alumni President Herbert Branau puts the alumni expectations into words on page 8.

The purpose of this special issue of Sooner Magazine is to renew the contract between you and the University of Oklahoma. Your O.U. education never stops serving you, just as you never stop representing O.U. wherever you are, whatever you do. The brick and mortar of the campus merely houses the University. The University’s life is in its students—and its alumni are its soul.

The Cover. If it were necessary to put a face with our description of “Oklahoma’s Educated Man,” Paul W. Reed, Jr., ’506a, president of the alumni association and state alumni council, would be a sure nomination. Sharing those honors might be the alumni at the top (left to right), Paul C. Teas, ’23, Dallas geologist and ADF director; Fred R. Harris, ’52ba, ’54Law, state senate supporter of appropriations for higher education; Thomas G. Braddock, ’47bus, ’49Law, one of the organizers of the active Altus alumni club; Mrs. Jewell Ditmars, ’196a, Muskogee member of the governor’s commission on higher education, and John M. Houck, Phillips Petroleum vice president in Bartlesville and trustee of the O.U. Foundation.

Association Membership. Any former student who completed one or more semesters at the University satisfactorily is eligible for membership. An annual membership costs $5.00 and a Life Membership costs $80.00, payable $5.00 down and $5.00 quarterly.

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