Y. W. C. A. Seeks Endowment

University Organization Begins Drive for $100,000 Fund

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The organization of the Y. W. C. A. on this campus ranks among the best of college organizations. The importance of its work, the place it holds, is indicated by the university point-rating system, whereby students participating in Y. W. activities receive more points than for any other phase of campus activities.

"In its relation to the spiritual and religious development of the girls, the Y. W. C. A. has its greatest influence," said Miss Edna E. McDaniel, dean of women. "For many girls, it offers their only religious life." Because it is interdenominational, there are no prejudiced opinions on religion, but the girls are allowed their own interpretation.

Another excellent work that the local Y. W. C. A. is doing is the operation of an employment bureau. Through this branch, seventy-five girls are kept in regular employment, various kinds of work are provided, and the living conditions are investigated after the girls have secured the positions.

Each year the Y. W. program is more extensive. The work is carried forward under the direction of the general secretary, Miss Edna White, acting secretary during the absence this year of Miss Helen Ruth Holbrook.

The advisory board of the Y. W. C. A. has for the past year been working toward an endowment fund of $100,000 for the organization. The income from this fund is to be used to cover the expenses in maintaining a full-time secretary on the campus who can devote her entire time to constructive work with the girls.

The advisory board at present is trying to raise this fund through help of the alumnae of the state, and through the financial aid of citizens of the state who may be interested in the welfare of girls in the university.

Realizing the need of closer organization between the Y. W. C. A. members who have graduated and the advisory board, in working together on the endowment fund, a group of senior girls met last spring and formed the Y. W. C. A. Alumni Association of the University of Oklahoma. The purpose of this association is to aid in any way possible with the endowment fund.

The association is not limiting its membership only to those who were members of the Y. W. C. A. while in school. Provision has been made in the constitution for any graduate, who was not a member while in school, and for girls who left school before they were graduated, who are definitely interested in our purpose, to become associate members.

Definite dues have been specified in the constitution for a matter of convenience, but girls are allowed to pay as they can. The minimum dues for one year's membership are $1.00, while $20.00 paid within a certain length of time entitles a person to life membership in the organization. All dues are put into the endowment fund aside from what is needed for expenses. Flora Belle Mitchell is secretary and treasurer of the organization.

Members of the association who have been graduated are: Lenore Lartz, Flora Belle Mitchell, Edna White, acting general secretary of the local association, Maud Fannier, Mrs. Gladys Been, Deborah Haynes, Doris Doty Wildman, Florence Mitschirch, Dorothy Banag, Mattie Cal Gibson, Grace Browning, Dorothy Stevenson, Bernice Mee, Janette Barnes Monett, Estella Hoffman, Florence Monnet McKown, Mabel Hodges, Mrs. R. T. House, Mrs. Van Endicott, Dr. Mary M. Henry, Mrs. J. M. Denby, Mrs. M. O. Wilson, Mrs. Elsie Faye Daugherly Newby, and Mrs. Aletha Bredclove Reynolds.

Seven members of this years Y. W. cabinet on the campus who will be graduates in the spring and who have signified their intention of becoming members of our alumni association are: Beth Campbell, president of the local Y. W. C. A., Dorothy Gittinger, vice-president, Clarice Hadsell, Clair Miner, Margaret Morgan, Edna Goodner, and Sue Patterson.

Mrs. M. O. Wilson, chairman of the committee for the endowment fund drive is making a great effort to make the drive a success. She is assisted by Mrs. R. T. House, Mrs. Neil Johnson, Miss Edna E. McDaniels, Mrs. Margaret Yost, and Miss Ocie Saunders.