How Lawyers Can Build O. U.

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As the University of Oklahoma proceeds with its Semi-Centennial program, which will reach a climax in 1942, when the institution's fiftieth anniversary is celebrated, there is an important service that graduates of the School of Law can perform for the University.

The last year has been devoted to careful preparations for the Semi-Centennial program, by small groups and committees. The time has arrived when the assistance of larger groups is essential. One of the principal aims of the program is to explain to the public the need for gifts and bequests in building a greater University of Oklahoma, and law graduates, perhaps more than any other one group of alumni, come in contact with men and women of wealth. As attorneys, they are often called on to give personal advice in the disposition of estates, in the making of wills, in working out insurance programs, and in selecting worthy projects or institutions for benefactions.

The establishment of a University of Oklahoma Foundation, now near completion, provides a specific agency for accepting gifts to be used in the promotion of higher education in Oklahoma. The donor has complete freedom in specifying exactly how the gift or bequest shall be administered, if he so desires. Since colleges and universities have proved to be about the most permanent and stable of any of our institutions, a gift or bequest to a state university is as safe and useful a gift as can be imagined.

Most men who have made fortunes beyond the needs of themselves and their families feel a desire to return part of their money to society—to put it to some thoroughly constructive use. O. U. alumni can point to the University of Oklahoma Foundation as an almost ideal agency for putting money to work on a permanent basis.

During the last twelve years, more than six million dollars have been bequeathed to Cornell University, and the committee in charge has been advised of wills written by persons still living which contain gifts to that university of at least six million more. Many have made provision to leave something to Cornell in the form of direct gifts of cash, securities, real estate or other property, contingent bequests, living trusts, and annuities to care for loved ones during life, and with the university the ultimate beneficiary.

If O. U. law graduates become familiar with similar possibilities for making bequests to the University of Oklahoma, there is every reason to believe that over a period of years, new sources of vitally needed revenue will be opened to the University.

Calvin Coolidge once said: "To place your name by gift or bequest in the keeping of an active university is to be sure that the name and project with which it is associated will continue down the centuries to quicken the minds and hearts of youth, and thus make a permanent contribution to the welfare of humanity."

Law alumni have many opportunities to spread this idea among the people of Oklahoma.

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for a tour of Europe. She is a teacher at Heronville school, Oklahoma City.

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Miss Maxine Aberson, '37, has taken charge of child welfare work in Mayes county.

Frank Cummings, '37 ex., died June 26 from injuries received in an oil field accident near Shawnee.

BLAIR-HOOVER: Miss Myrtle Blair, '37 ex., and Lloyd Hoover were married July 2 in Norman. Mrs. Hoover is secretary to T. M. Beard, alumni secretary, and will continue her work; Mr. Hoover is connected with the Tyler and Simpson Wholesale Company. The couple will live at 115½ University Place, Norman.

GILSTRAP-ALLEN: Miss Christine Gilstrap, '37 ex., and Ben Allen, '37 bus., were married June 2 at Cushing. Mrs. Allen was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and a member of the women's quartet. The couple will live at Oklahoma City where Mr. Allen is employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company.

KINDER-HARSHAW: Mrs. Ruth Kinder, '37 ex., and Claude Harshaw of Duncan were married May 27 at Comanche. Mrs. Harshaw has taught in the living school at Duncan last two years. The couple will live at Duncan where Mr. Harshaw is bookkeeper for the Grantham Funeral Home.

PETER-DRUM: Miss Carmelita Peter of Enid and Roy Drum, '37 bus., were married June 13 at Enid. Mrs. Drum attended Central State Teachers College, Oklahoma A. and M. college and Phillips University and has three degrees, Mr. Drum is employed by the Champlin Refining company in Enid, where the couple will make their home.

GOUGHLER-MILLER: Miss Lois Goughler of Enid and Leslie Miller, '37 ex., were married May 29 in Britton. Mrs. Miller is a graduate of Central State Teachers College. Mr. Miller taught at Mustang last year.

LONG-FORD: Miss Margaret Anne Long, '37 bus., and Leslie Ford, '37 ex., were married May 28 at Oklahoma City. Mrs. Ford is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. The couple is living at 409 West Chicago, Shawnee, where Mr. Ford is associated with the Shawnee Milling Company.