Is O. U. Expensive?

By Bill Brinkley, '40

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is reprinted from the Oklahoma Daily because it presents the student viewpoint on a matter of interest to alumni—whether or not O. U. is an "expensive" school to attend. The writer is editor of the Daily.

Is THE University of Oklahoma still regarded as a place where snobbishness is king and where you have to have a pack of money to get to first base? The other day I received a letter from a prominent citizen of this state in which he said that this impression is still held by a good many people in Oklahoma. I know what the story is. I've heard it enough myself in the far reaches of Oklahoma. It runs something like this: "Yes, the university is all right, but unless you get in with the society crowd, you're just left out of everything—and something else that costs a lot of money to go to school down there. Why, unless you're a rich man's son or know a legislator you haven't got a chance."

Bosh and nonsense! But what can be done about it? This campus hasn't reached perfection by a long shot, but such beliefs as those mentioned above—still held by quite a large number of people in this state—are about as far away from the truth as it is possible to get.

We who are down here know what the facts are. We know that social activities do revolve around fraternity and sorority life, but that there is social life outside these organizations. And we know that while it does take money to go to school here the idea that you have to be a rich man or the son of a rich man to get anywhere on the campus is an utter absurdity.

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our moving and change of address, as we have not received them.

Jack I. Lauberlmilk, '34, '38, Austin, Texas

To the Editor:

Every time I have finished reading Sooner Magazine I have wanted to write you how much I enjoy hearing about Oklahoma. Now I may add my congratulations for the award your magazine won. Here in Bakersfield where Grapes of Wrath has helped make the term "Okie" an ogreous one which, in any social gathering provokes much discussion and no little feeling, I enjoy your monthly version of the happier side of Oklahoma. And I like to leave your magazine lying around so that my friends can conveniently pick it up and share with me, pleasure in your activities. I have been fortunate to be able to reminisce about O. U. with Rachel Bedford Bowen and Elizabeth Stewart Strange. Your articles about the O. U. football team have but steadily increased my interest in the team and now I am wondering which Norman friend I can persuade to sacrifice to me every Sunday Daily which gives an account of a game.

Mary Elizabeth Simpson Pittner, '24, '25 Ma, Bakersfield, California

To the Alumni Secretary:

In reply to your letter of September 26th offering me the chairmanship of the Murray County Advisory Council to succeed Edwin P. Horner, recently moved to Lubbock, Texas, please consider this as an acceptance of said chairmanship.

I am greatly interested in the University and its program. Anything that we can do to further its cause you may rest assured that you have only to let us know.

If possible I should like very much to get a complete list of the alumni in this county. I should like very much for us to have a "get-together" soon and map out a more complete program.

I assure you I am glad to accept the chairmanship and will do everything possible to further the University's cause. Thanks and let me hear from you at any time.

Ewing C. Sadler, '38, '38 Ma, Sulphur, Oklahoma

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