Alumni Association Progress

The University of Oklahoma Alumni Association in September opened a new year of activity with many signs pointing to an auspicious season.

Some of the signs:
1. Both annual and Life Memberships have increased substantially.
2. Alumni offices and The Sooner Magazine office have been moved into the suite of rooms in the Union Building that were originally intended for permanent alumni headquarters.
3. The main lounge of the Union is being completed, providing a fine meeting place for alumni visiting the campus.
4. The Sooner Magazine's circulation in October was forty per cent larger than a year ago.
5. Organization of County Advisory Councils over the state and in principal cities of the nation has provided a permanent system of local units representing the Alumni Association and spreading its influence.

New president means business
Lowrey H. Harrell, of Ada, new president of the University of Oklahoma Association, has assured Executive Secretary Ted Beaird that he sees the position as one deserving a good portion of his time during the next year.

The new president has issued the following statement to the membership of the Association:

What is an Alumni Association? To be more specific—why do thousands of citizens representing all walks of business and professional life group themselves together in an organization of this type and work for a common purpose and a common cause?

For a number of years that question flashed through the minds of men and women who were privileged to spend a brief period of time at the University of Oklahoma, or were privileged to spend a series of years in professional training fitting them for citizenship after graduation. No longer is that question presented. As a united group during the last few years all former students and graduates of the University have presented all walks of business and professional life group themselves together in an organization of this type and work for a common purpose and a common cause.

For a number of years that question flashed through the minds of men and women who were privileged to spend a brief period of time at the University of Oklahoma, or were privileged to spend a series of years in professional training fitting them for citizenship after graduation. No longer is that question presented. As a united group during the last few years all former students and graduates of the University have presented all walks of business and professional life group themselves together in an organization of this type and work for a common purpose and a common cause.

A new voice in O. U. alumni affairs has been given younger graduates of the University by the appointment of an Advisory Council representing the last ten classes. These representatives are invited to meet with the Executive Board of the Association at all its regular meetings and although they have no official vote, they have the privilege of participating freely in discussions of policy.

The men chosen to represent the recent classes are:
H. L. Muldrow, Jr., '28, Norman insurance man.
Merton E. Muson, '29, Lawton, attorney.
Albert G. Kulp, '30, Oklahoma City attorney.
Herbert L. Abernathy, '31, Shawnee attorney.
Neil Keller, '32, Muskogee attorney.
James C. Hamill, '33, Norman, secretary Chamber of Commerce.
Joe Fred Gibson, '34, Oklahoma City attorney.
J. Bruce Wiley, '35, Norman, engineer.
James C. Hamill, '36, Oklahoma City attorney.
William H. Miley, '37, Oklahoma City attorney.

The Executive Board decided at its meeting last June to establish this advisory group because of the fact that most of the Executive Board members elected by the Association ballot are usually older men and it was felt that the younger graduates did not have sufficient representation.

On to Texas!
Sooner Alumni Headquarters for the weekend of the annual Oklahoma-Texas football game October 9 at Dallas will be at the Adolphus Hotel.

Beginning Friday evening before the game, the headquarters will provide a meeting place for Sooner friends—a place to get the latest football dope, see old-timers classmates, and discuss the possible margin of victory for the Sooners.

Thousands of Sooners are expected to swarm to Dallas for the game. The Santa Fe railroad will add special coaches to its train from Oklahoma City to Dallas Friday night of the 8th, and special round-trip fares are available.

Plans to set aside a special coach for Oklahoma City and Norman alumni on this train were being made in September.

All-State dinner planned
Tentative plans were being made in September for an All-State dinner of Sooners alumni and former students sitting down to dinner tables simultaneously in the seventy-seven counties of the state and all listening to a radio program broadcasting from Norman.

Tuesday, October 27 was set as a tentative date.

The idea is to stage the main dinner in the Union Ballroom at Norman, broadcasting a program of brief speeches and entertainment from there. A separate dinner would be held in each county in the state, with all of them receiving the radio program from Norman.

Recent graduates represented