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at Anadarko we had a dinner with about forty present, and later many asked why we did not have these gatherings often.

The problem of how to contact our legislators on behalf of the University will soon be before us and I offer the following suggestion.

Why not have a Homecoming meeting in each district or group during one or two days of the holiday season? Hosts would be alumni, former students, their husbands and wives, parents and students, and the guests would be the local state senators and representatives. The purposes would be to renew old friendships and form new ones, and to tell the legislators the needs of the University and who are the home folks who will support them in supplying these needs.

The program could consist of dinner, pep songs, talks by representatives of this association, the Dads' association, the Mothers' association, present students, a guest speaker from the faculty or Board of Regents, possibly a WNAD broadcast with Dr. Bizzell addressing all the groups simultaneously, and talks by legislator guests.

The state could be divided into districts with one or two alumni gathering in each division. What about a grouping such as Northwest, West Central, Southwest, Northeast, East Central and Southwest, something like the groupings of the district teachers associations?

C. Ross Hume, Anadarko

The plans suggested by Mr. Hume were approved by the alumni board, but when a special section of the legislature was called, it was agreed that the project had better be attempted at some later date. The letter is printed here as a worthy idea for future use.

Vision is complimented

I was glad indeed to get your memorandum of December 19 to the Board of Trustees of the Stadium-Union Fund. I want to congratulate you on the vision that you have in completing the Union building.

1922, when the Student-Union movement was first started, the object that the students had in mind was an organization of, for, and by the students (excuse the quotation). At that time, the fraternity house building program was going strong and it was felt that there was a need for a student organization for non-fraternity men that would give them a home equivalent to the expensive fraternity houses.

The danger for any movement is for it to get a building, because then the building becomes the end and not the means. I have felt all these years that the biggest need that we have at Norman is for an active undergraduate organization developing leadership, fostering student interest and University affairs, and submitting and retaining the early Sooner Spirit of democracy. In the struggle to build the Union building and to equip it, that has had to be the thing. I hope that when this is done, it will be possible to develop the student angle.

Sometime when you are not too busy, I should like to tell you the story of how the Student-Union movement was started and what the students had in mind in 1922 when we started on a trail that seemed almost impossible. As far as I know, that story has never been told.

B. S. Graham, Oklahoma City

Whose degree was first?

About two years ago the President of Tulsa university wrote stating that their school was the first to confer the degree of bachelor of arts in the state of Oklahoma.

The answer never satisfied me because when Roy P. Stoops and I received this degree June 8, 1898, at the sixth commencement, the Oklahoma, the Wichita Eagle and the Norman Transcript stated that this was the first college degree that had been granted in Oklahoma.

About two weeks ago I was in the Historical Society building and made an effort to search the Muskogee newspaper files, but found nothing. Mr. Grant Foreman suggested that I write to Miss Winifred M. Clark, Works Progress Administration supervisor at the Federal building and ask her to search the newspaper files there.

She very kindly searched the file and sent the following:

Muskogee Phoenix
1898, June 2, p. 8, column 1-5
Schools: Henry Kendall college closing program. This is third annual commencement exercise.

Twin Territories
1899, May, p. 125, column 1
Schools: Henry Kendall college. Mr. Harrison, Choctaw Indian, first student at Henry Kendall college, Muskanke, to receive the degree of A.B. Delivers oration at commencement exercises, "Funeral of a Nation."

Schools: Henry Kendall college. Miss Louise Elizabeth George, first young lady to receive a B.S. degree from Henry Kendall college Muskogee.

From the current files of the newspapers, it is seen that the University conferred the degree of A.B. about eleven months before Henry Kendall college did, and that the latter was the first to confer the degree of B.S. (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 99)