

# Across the Country

## Alumni Chapters

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## Good Numbers to Hear Armacost

President Armacost early in March made a swing to the West to attend three alumni chapter meetings in Arizona and Southern and Northern California. He discussed the University program as it is now and what it can be in the future.

Al Simpson, University Resources Counselor, also attended the sessions.

Here are brief notes on the reunions.

#### Arizona Chapter Is Booming

A surprising group of 39 people attended the Arizona chapter meeting in Phoenix, March 1.

Chapter President Wilbur Bloom, '54, presided. Clarence Spong, '32, was named president for 1968-69.

Steven and Linda Hoy Rickey, '66, of Pinon drove the longest distance to attend, 460 miles.

#### Southern Cal Count at 85

A group of 85 people attended the annual Frank White Chapter Alumni meeting in Anaheim, Calif., March 2. People from several points in southern California made the trip to hear Dr. Armacost speak.

Lucille Childears Knight, '39, chapter president, presided.

The next meeting will be a picnic in the fall.

#### Northern Cal Meets in Berkeley

Northern California alumni met in Berkeley on March 4 to hear Dr. Armacost talk. Twenty-three people were at the meeting and David Anderson, '61, presided.

#### A Minnesota Chapter In the Making

A group of 25 alumni and friends met in St. Paul to greet and hear President Armacost talk about the University, January 13. Rev. J. Kenneth Huyck, '38, had charge of the pleasant event. Perhaps this is the beginning of a Minnesota chapter.

#### Wichita Chapter In Big Meet

Wichita alumni, more than 70 strong, on January 26 held a chapter meeting in the Sveden House. Special guests were Dr. and Mrs. Armacost. Dr. Armacost spoke and discussed University potentials with the group. President Rowena Butler Bowman presided.

#### Topekans Name Jim McHenry

The Topeka Alumni Chapter met in Holiday Inn South, February 16, with 54 present to hear President Armacost discuss University plans.

Chapter President Frank Victor, '35, presided.

#### Ottawa Dinner At Boston ABC

The University will hold dinner in connection with the American Baptist Convention later this spring. The date is Thursday, May 30, at 6:00 pm. The place is the Statler Hilton Hotel (convention headquarters) Parlor A. The price is \$4.75 per plate. You can get tickets by writing the Alumni Office soon. Or you can get them at the convention ticket office as long as they last. Al Simpson will be in Boston to make final arrangements for the occasion.

Jim McHenry, '42, was elected president, Harold Pitts, '38, vice president, and Ruth Koger, '63, secretary-treasurer.

University music students Sara Schendel, Nancy Bosche and Rose Dahlen entertained the group. Sara is a daughter of Robert and Mrs. Ruth Treat Schendel, '36, Topeka.

#### New Mexico Alumni Meet in Albuquerque

New Mexico alumni, 23 of them, met March 8 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Large in Albuquerque for a dinner. Al Simpson of the University was present to talk with the group about the present and future of the school.

#### Chapter Meetings Yet to Come

In looking over the list of chapters yet to have meetings the editor notes that

*Kansas City* is working on arrangements for a pow-wow in April or May.

*Oklahoma* will likely hold a picnic reunion again in May.

*Upper New York State* will meet May 18 at noon at the home of Bill and Dorothy Phillips, 114 County Line Road, Morton.

*New York* is working on arrangements for a June meeting.