

# Alumni-faculty lounge and board room to be furnished

The University of Missouri Alumni Association has given the University \$21,000 to purchase furniture and furnishings for an alumni-faculty lounge and a board room in the new wing of the Memorial Student Union Building.

J. Gordon Blackmore of Trenton, Mo., national president of the Alumni Association, announced the action taken by the Board of Directors of the Association at a meeting in Columbia, March 23. He said the action includes tentative approval of interior decorating and furnishings recommended by a professional interior decorating firm.

Blackmore emphasized that the money for the gift comes from the Alumni Association's income from membership dues and from advertising revenues, and does not involve the University Achievement Fund, to which alumni and friends of the University make regular contributions for support of scholastic, research, and special achievement awards.

The board room, for use by the Board of Curators, the alumni directors, and possibly other executive groups, and the alumni-faculty lounge will be adjoining rooms on the third floor of the new south wing to the Memorial Student Union. The wing is now under construction and will be completed in 1963.

Since authorities had designated that a room in the new addition be set aside for alumni and faculty, it was the consensus of the alumni directors that the room should be furnished in a decor which would be inviting, restful, and a source of pride, Blackmore said. And, he added, since the Curators room will adjoin this one, the alumni directors decided to make their contribution include both rooms.

During the last several years, the Alumni Association, a national organization embracing alumni of

the University everywhere, has made a number of substantial contributions for improvements on the University campus as well as establishing its Achievement Fund for encouraging scholarship and research.

Another alumni project, that of exterior lighting for the Memorial Tower, has been taken up by the University, according to a letter from M.U. administrative officials which was read at the meeting. The plan is to have the Tower lighted by permanent ground lighting.

Members of the alumni board who participated in the March meeting included, in addition to President Blackmore: Bradford Brett of Mexico, Mo., vice-president; Edward Sowers of Rolla, Mo., also a vice-president; Hartley G. Banks of Columbia, Mo., vice-president and treasurer; Donald Shuey of Unionville, Mo., director of District 2; Robert Dallmeyer, Jr., of Jefferson City, director of District 5; William C. Tucker of Warrensburg, Mo., director of District 8.

Robert S. Gardner of Sedalia, Mo., director of District 9; B. W. Robinson of Rolla, Mo., director of District 10; Mitchell Murch of St. Louis, president of the St. Louis alumni organization; Ray Graham of Mt. Vernon, Mo., director of District 12; Dr. Virgil E. Jeans of Joplin, Mo., president of the Medical School alumni; Clarence Powell of Dexter, Mo., director of District 14; Paul Hess of Macon, Mo., president of the Law School alumni; Everett Keith of Columbia, representative of alumni of the College of Education; Harold Bragg of Marshalltown, Ia., representing College of Engineering alumni; John C. Stapel of Indianapolis, Ind., representing alumni of the School of Journalism; and F. Alan Roby of Kansas City, president of the Kansas City alumni organization.



*Alumni directors at meeting: (Standing) William C. Tucker, Ray Graham, Dr. Virgil Jeans, Robert Gardner, Don Shuey, Mitch Murch, Clarence Powell, Paul Hess, John Stapel, B. W. Robinson, Harold Bragg, Robert Dallmeyer, Jr., Seated: Alan Roby, Edward Sowers, Gordon Blackmore, Hartley Banks, Bradford Brett. The board voted to give the University \$21,000 for projects in the new Student Union wing.*