

600 at St. Louis Event



At St. Louis dinner, seated, left to right: Chancellor and Mrs. John W. Schwada, Dean and Mrs. James Bugg. Standing, Mrs. James Turner, Mr. Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Devine.

One of the most successful dinner-dance meetings ever held by an M.U. alumni organization was the one staged in St. Louis on February 6 when a record attendance of more than 600 persons was recorded. The affair was held at Trader Vic's, Bel Air East motel, where Polynesian food was featured on the banquet menu.

Speakers were Chancellor John W. Schwada and Football Coach Dan Devine. Presiding was Jim Turner. Special guests included Dean James Bugg of the University of Missouri at St. Louis, and Mrs. Bugg.

Ticket sales, which exceeded expectations, were handled by Jim Turner, Campbell Alexander, John Hoffman and Mitch Murch. Dancing to the music of Jack Fields followed the dinner program.

The University of Missouri Alumni Association of St. Louis has consistently produced successful alumni events, and from the standpoint of attendance and enthusiasm, the February 6 event was outstanding.

February also saw the ushering in of a series of county meetings of alumni where the emphasis was on latest information about University affairs. The first of this series of informational meetings for 1965 was the Benton County gathering at Warsaw's Lakeside Cafe on February 8. About thirty persons were present as Jean J. Madden of the Alumni Office discussed the University System of Missouri. Gordon Drake presided.

On February 16 Madden talked to about 35 persons at the Lawrence County meeting in Mount Vernon. Robert Stemmons presided.

During March several more of these meetings were conducted, although some had to be postponed due to bad weather. On March 17 about 80 people met in the Farm Bureau basement at Carrollton for the Carroll County meeting. Dean W. Francis English of the College of Arts and Science was the speaker,

and James Heitmeyer presided over the program.

When the Howell County meeting was held at West Plains on March 20, about 75 persons were present. Gary Garner of the Missouri basketball team was honored. Jean Madden was the principal speaker. Paul Penn was in charge.

On March 29 Osage County alumni met in Linn, in the Methodist Church basement. Dr. Jack Matthews, dean of students, was the speaker. About 30 persons were present. Frank Stonner of Chamois was made chairman of the Osage County group, George Wolfe of Linn, vice-chairman, and Vincent A. Raaf of Linn, secretary-treasurer.

A meeting scheduled at Princeton for alumni from Mercer, Putnam, Sullivan and Harrison counties on March 22 was snowed out and reset for April 27. The scheduled March 25 Greene County meeting also was canceled and reset for May 13. The Perry County meeting at Ste. Genevieve has been rescheduled for May, and the meeting at Ozark for Christian, Stone and Taney counties will be held May 14, having been postponed from March 26 due to weather conditions.



At Linn meeting on March 29, left to right: Russell Baker, Harold Starr, Vincent A. Raaf, Dean Jack Matthews, George Wolfe, and Frank Stonner. Raaf displays charter presented to Osage County alumni chapter at Owensville meeting on April 18, 1963.