



Several of the program participants at the dinner meeting of the St. Louis alumni are shown in this photo made at the speaker's table. From left, seated: Mrs. Mitchell Murch, Mr. Murch, John Simmons, Mrs. Simmons. Standing: Al Onofrio, Don Faurot, Mrs. Faurot, Bus Entsminger and Bob Holt. A new record high in attendance was established.

St. Louis Sets Record

The annual dinner dance of the University Alumni Association of St. Louis, which was held November 30 at the Starlight Roof of Hotel Chase, was attended by 415 persons—said to be the largest turnout in the history of this affair. Mitch Murch, president of the St. Louis alumni organization, presided over the festivities.

The St. Louis alumni chapter presented a check for \$1,000 to the University Achievement Fund to start a loan fund for St. Louis area students at the University. The check was accepted by G. H. Entsminger, director of Development and Alumni Activities, for the University. Entsminger gave a summary of the outstanding achievements of the St. Louis organization in the past year—including the M. U. band concert, the "Night at the Opera," successful membership and achievement giving campaigns, the annual picnic, and the record-breaking dinner dance.

The honored guest was John "Hi" Simmons, Missouri's famed baseball coach, who was also the featured speaker. The St. Louis alumni presented him an engraved silver tray and the "M" Men presented him a plaque and a check for \$250, all in appreciation

of his long service to the University's athletic program. Wilbur N. Stalcup, assistant director of athletics, made the "M" men presentation. Simmons, in his talk, regaled the audience with anecdotes of his experiences in coaching Tiger baseball teams.

Jim Turner was honored by the St. Louis group as "The Man of the Year" for his interest and work in alumni activities. He was presented a plaque.

Director of Athletics Don Faurot spoke briefly about the Bluebonnet Bowl. Assistant Football Coach Al Onofrio summarized the football season and discussed Missouri prospects in the bowl game.

Special guests were former M. U. baseball players in the St. Louis area; they were represented by Charley James of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Entertainment—in addition to Hi Simmons' droll humor—was provided by Bob Holt of KMOX, billed as the man of a thousand voices. Dance music following the dinner program was played by the Sol Ferrante orchestra, which featured as vocalist Fredna Parker, an alumna of the University. Bob Hoffman headed a 22-member delegation from Montgomery City, which helped make up the record attendance.