



Holding the huge "check" are President Ellis, Professor Rufi, and Dr. Amos J. Snider.

## Fellow educators honor their former adviser

It was in February, soon after Valentine's Day, that Dr. John Rufi found out who his friends are, if he didn't already know, and how numerous and generous they are. For the more than 700 advisees who earned their master's and doctor's degrees under Rufi's direction since he came to the University in 1928 proved themselves a most expressive clan. They formed the John Rufi Recognition Club to recognize his contribution to secondary education in Missouri and to express their personal appreciation for his interest in their work. These former advisees, many of them now among the leaders in national education, contributed \$10,000 to their newly established John Rufi Loan Fund for graduate students in secondary school administration at the University.

The presentation took place February 25 at a dinner meeting in St. Louis at the Statler-Hilton Hotel where approximately 285 former advisees gathered to honor Dr. Rufi. University President Elmer Ellis was presented a 3 by 5-foot "check" by Dr. Amos J. Snider, treasurer of the John Rufi Recognition Club Committee, who was in charge of fund raising.

Rufi's life in teaching, which began at 18 when he taught in rural Kansas, was reviewed by Dr. Harold E. Gibson, placement director at Normal Univer-

sity, Normal, Ill. A bound volume of letters of appreciation was presented to Rufi during the ceremony; Dr. Inks Franklin, assistant executive secretary of the Missouri State Teachers Association, was responsible for the collection. Dr. Thomas Briggs, professor emeritus of Teachers College, Columbia University, told stories of Rufi's life while he was working for his doctor's degree at Columbia where Briggs was his adviser.

Rufi received his B.S. degree from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia in 1918 and his master's and doctor's degrees from Columbia in 1920 and 1927, respectively. He is to retire next summer after 35 years at the University, where he is professor of education.

Dr. Neil C. Aslin, superintendent of Columbia public schools, was chairman of the Recognition Club Committee. Other members were Dr. Charles W. McLane, director of admissions and registrar; Dr. J. Frank Roberts, assistant director of admissions; and Dr. Hilbert E. Mueller, associate registrar, all of the University; Dr. H. Pat Wardlaw, assistant state commissioner of education; Dr. Robert C. Shaw, assistant superintendent of Columbia schools; Dr. Snider, director of continuing education at the University; and Dr. Franklin.