

To Fellow Alumni,

We are entering the last few months of the “**Campaign for Tomorrow.**” Just a few short years ago the Board of Trustees decided on a campaign to raise **100 million** dollars for stabilizing and funding various programs at ONU. We are over the **90 million** dollar mark and the goal is in sight. We need everyone’s help to reach this goal.

I remember back 46 years ago this summer as I prepared to attend ONU. I wondered how I could afford it. But 4 years later I realized my goal and graduated from ONU. I realized at that point that my tuition, room, board, and fees were supported by others. Graduates from the past were giving back to the university and that allowed me to afford to attend ONU.

Today we would call that “**Pay It Forward**”. That is what I am asking each of you to do – “**Pay It Forward**”. Every dollar counts and will help the university meet and exceed its goal. I realize we are all living in tough times but it was tough back then also. Many alumni had to stretch a little and give back to the university so you and I could attend ONU. It is our turn to step up and make it happen. Join me and 30,000 other alumni make a difference in the future of ONU and its students. **Pay it forward!**

Go Bears!

Rod Thompson

Class of '69

President Alumni Board