

INVESTIGATIONS are in order in Oklahoma. They are a part of the popular state pastime. Two reports are published in full in this issue, which should be read by all alumni with the greatest care. One of the reports exonerates the Oklahoma Union from charges of commercialism brought against it by campus shop owners. The other clears certain administrative officers of the university from charges or irregularities. There was no foundation to charges of immorality against the university.

Of course, these reports will never overtake the original charges. Radio stations broadcast over the country the fact that the university was flagrantly immoral. From coast to coast that false and injurious charge shocked parents and friends of education. Many of these parents will never learn that there was no foundation to the charge.

About the only thing that has kept the university faculty together under the long strain of uncertainty (which is not over at this writing, since the appropriation bill has not been approved as yet) has been confidence in President Bizzell. The president has fought a real battle for academic freedom in Oklahoma. Fundamentally, our university is still sound. It will remain so if the teachers and administrators who brought it to its present national rating, remain.

Younger men will stay because they feel that Oklahoma offers an unusual opportunity in *building* a great school. They will not remain, however, in a school whose stability is menaced.

Leave the university alone, the senate committee recommends. Let it continue its progress under the brilliant leadership of President Bizzell. No individual in Oklahoma has the right to disrupt the workings of Oklahoma's greatest single institution.

I sometimes wonder if the state really wants efficient service from its public servants. It would be difficult, indeed, to find a more efficient, a more capable man, than Walter W. Kraft for superintendent of university utilities. Because he has saved the state many thousands of dollars, he has been attacked by those who think he is cutting them out of work. These charges are finally disproved by the senate investigating committee. But the fact that the charges were given some credence

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must shake the confidence of those who really want to give the state dollar for dollar service.

What about Commencement?

Year after year I have seen a dozen or so alumni, dependable Sooners, come back to the greatest week of the school year. Last year, Commencement as far as the alumni was concerned, was sickening. Frank Cleckler had sent thousands of announcements for a first class program; he had written personal letters to alumni of supposed dependability. One or two of the latter replied. One or two of the latter actually manifested some interest. Irving Perrine of Cornell, more interested in the university than many of our alumni, was startled to discover how few of the Oklahoma City alumni were down for the week.

The time has come for our alumni to wake up.

Oklahoma alumni are notorious for their indifference to the welfare of the school. That is a generalization, of course, and there are many exceptions to it. But only a tenth of the alumni of the university show an interest in the school and in their Association. Have the other nine tenths missed the goal of a college education?

Let's really make this Commencement a Sooner rallying time. If you can come for only a day, make that day June 9. Talk it over with your Sooner friends. Urge them to come. You'll be amazed at what a great party we will have—if you show an interest.

More and more the value of a great state university to the state itself is being demonstrated by the contribution of able public servants. There are many who could be named at this time—John Vaughan in state education, Paul Walker at the helm of the state corporation commission, Luther White at the head of the Tulsa board of education. Now, citizens of Tulsa are drafting Bob Wood and Bill Eagleton for the board of education. Five thousand signatures placed their names on the ballot, along with that of President Melton of the Oklahoma Aggie ex student association. The fundamental reason for democratic education is to give intelligent direction to the working out of our civilization. Again and again, Sooner alumni in recent years have demonstrated that money expended on university education by the state has not been wasted.