

Sooner loyalty

AN INVITATION FOR COMMENCEMENT-HOMECOMING

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I have heard charges from more than one source during recent months that Sooner alumni are not loyal to their alma mater. I deny the charge in general and in particular. The University of Oklahoma, like practically all institutions of its size and rank has felt the effects of the depression. We have had to face trying and unusual problems brought on by a combination of circumstances over which no individual or group of individuals are responsible. There are problems peculiar to our own university but like the problems of other universities they have arisen mainly out of the prevailing depression.

There has been little that the alumni as a group could do. The burden of carrying on has, through necessity, been shouldered admirably by the administration. The manner in which President Bizzell and the board of regents have met their responsibilities has not gone unnoticed by the alumni; and the alumni, with few exceptions, have given them their entire sympathy and support.

Indeed, it is true, that no alumnus has come forward yet with any great sum of money to endow a chair, erect a building, or contribute in a big way toward promoting one or more functions of the university. But we must remember that our university is yet young. Its alumni are still young and have not had time to accumulate large fortunes and had they done so, they would be lucky if they kept them intact today. The bulk of the alumni have graduated from the university only within the last decade and a decade is not sufficient time to afford the accumulation of wealth and unrestrained leisure to devote to the alma mater.

But to say that Sooner alumni are not loyal is to express inexcusable ignorance of what Sooners are made. That we have had a part in the developmental stages of a great university is reason for the fact that we are more keenly interested in the institution on account of its growing pains rather than having attended a school hoary with traditions—traditions that we had no part in creat-

ing but only in carrying out. "Sooner" and "Loyalty" are synonymous terms.

The Sooners have been busy getting established, rearing families, and assuming the responsibilities placed upon them in their respective communities, and for this reason they may not have been as expressive of that loyalty as in older institutions where there are older alumni but that loyalty still remains unshaken.

At the coming commencement for the first time the address will be delivered by an alumnus of the University of Oklahoma, "Deke" Parker, one of our most successful and prominent alumni. This will be a fitting occasion for all Sooners to return home and renew and give expression to the unfaltering loyalty that is really characteristic of our alumni everywhere and in all walks of life.

Soonerland is not dead. We are still building and carrying on even in the face of adversity. Our graduates are loyal and still have faith. The university is proud of them. Sooners both on and off the campus are making our uni-

Every member of the Class of '08 ought to be in Norman June 4 for the twenty-five year reunion dinner. Charles E. Marsh of the Class of '08 will be the principal speaker at the annual alumni luncheon Monday, June 5. If you haven't written to Frank S. Cleckler, executive secretary, that you'll be here, do so now. Bring your family and enjoy a real visit with old classmates

versity and state prominent through their achievements.

This coming season will be a fitting occasion for a re-dedication of that loyalty that has never wavered. Let all Sooners from everywhere assemble not to acquire new loyalty or to give lip service to a superficial expression of enthusiasm for the school we love, but to give expression of that genuine loyalty that rests deep in our hearts and that we deeply feel.

As president of the alumni here at home and in their behalf, I invite you to Soonerland—to return at commencement to your alma mater. We invite you particularly at this season because we resent the charge of lack of loyalty. If you can't come write Doctor Bizzell a letter, who has been through all these months staying right in the middle of things and pitching in behalf of our alma mater, and tell him you couldn't make it, but that your heart is still in Soonerland. Is Sooner loyalty dead? I answer with you in an emphatic NO.

President of surgeons



Dr. LeRoy D. Long, '15ex, son of the former dean of the medical school, and Oklahoma City surgeon, was recently elected president of the Southern Society of Clinical Surgeons at the annual meeting of the group in Boston, Massachusetts