

Governor Ernest W. Marland and Justice Orel Busby, '14law, were two of the speakers at the alumni luncheon in the Oklahoma Union following commencement exercises. It was Governor Marland's first appearance at the University since he became the chief executive. Judge Busby spoke for the Alumni association.



The Future

THE future of the University of Oklahoma" was the spontaneous theme at the alumni luncheon in the Oklahoma Union ballroom following the commencement exercises on the campus.

When alumni would be expected to concern themselves with the past glories of campus events, the graduates who returned for the commencement-homecoming celebration were planning for the future of Oklahoma.

Governor E. W. Marland, Regent President C. C. Hatchett, President W. B. Bizzell, Supreme Court Justice Orel Busby, '14law, House Speaker Leon C. "Red" Phillips, '16law, and Alumni President Lewis Morris, '15as, '15M.A., '17law, were the luncheon speakers.

The problem of administering to the increased registration with appropriations that have failed to increase in a similar proportion was the subject discussed.

Judge Busby's address was concerned with the advancement of the University and with the problem of out of state fees. He advocated that students from other states be required to help share the burden of financing the University.

"Out of state fees are so low at the University that students from all parts of the country have been attracted here," he declared. He quoted figures showing that more than six hundred, or ten per cent of the enrolment, were from other states.

"At the same time, many of our own students here in the state are unable to attend the University," he said. "I suggest that the tuition be raised at least to the per capita cost of all students—one hundred and eighty-two dollars.

"It might be a good plan to charge students from other states a fee identical to the fee their state universities charge Oklahomans attending other schools. It certainly would be higher than it is now."

The out of state fee at the University is fifty dollars a semester. Until a year ago, the fee was only twenty-five dollars a semester.

Hatchett expressed agreement with the plan suggested by Judge Busby and carried the tuition idea even a step farther.

"It appears to me that a tuition must be charged all students if the University is to have all the money it really needs for operating expenses," he said. "It will be almost hopeless to expect the legislature to increase the appropriation.

"I live in another part of the state and can see the situation more clearly than many of you here at the University. Every time the University appropriation is boosted, all the normal and preparatory colleges in the state howl that their budgets must be increased. To increase any one of the group would mean that all would have to be raised a similar amount.

"The state treasury is unable to stand increased expenses at this time."

Speaker Phillips said that the continued growth of the University must be carried on. He said that the advancement during the past few years has been gratifying and that there must be no let down.

President Bizzell predicted that the registration at the University would reach the ten thousand mark in the not too distant future and that plans must be made for larger enrolments.

Just a year ago at the alumni luncheon,

President Bizzell broke the news that the University hoped to buy forty acres of land southeast of the campus. He reported at the meeting this year that the purchase had been made after the legislature had voted a special appropriation.

"Someday, the University campus will be built out to the railroad tracks on the east," he declared. "I do not know where the increased appropriations will come from. That is up to you men. I do know that the registration has increased steadily and it will continue to do so."

Governor Marland, making his first appearance on the campus since he was elected chief executive of the state, agreed that a general tuition for all students might be the only way to raise more appropriations.

"As you all know," he said, "the legislature has not voted tax raising measures that would allow increases for any of the institutions. It is obvious to me that the University needs greater appropriations. Students should be given a course in school finance so that they might understand that appropriations can not be made unless an equal amount of revenue raising measures are voted."

He conferred with members of the board of regents following the luncheon relative to the financial problems of the University.

Members of the board who attended the commencement exercises during the morning were President Hatchett, Joe Looney, '20as, '22law; Lloyd Noble, '21ex; Eugene Ledbetter, '14law; and Judge George L. Bowman, president for four years.