

The Commencement Reunions

A record attendance of more than three hundred persons at the alumni-senior luncheon Commencement day was one of the highlights of a two-day period filled with enjoyable events for University alumni, graduating seniors and faculty members.

Reunion classes had their special day Sunday afternoon and evening, and the new Union Lounge was the scene of many pleasant "sessions" with members of the reunion classes greeting each other and introducing sons and daughters and wives and husbands, and settling down in informal circles to talk things over.

It is difficult to select a few of the Commencement events and say they were the most important. Probably the best thing is to tell the story chronologically and not give undue prominence to Lloyd B. Curtis' trumpet playing or the speeches by members of the Class of '08 which lasted far into the night.

First Commencement event for alumni was the second annual Reunion Luncheon of former editors and business managers of the *Oklahoma Daily*, held Sunday noon, June 5, in the Union.

Although small, the group included a former State Supreme Court justice and the University's 1938 Commencement speaker (Orel Busby, '14); a member of the University Board of Regents (Joe W. McBride); a former president of the Alumni Association and present candidate for Fifth District congressman (Mike Monroney), and the director-elect of the Princeton University Press (Joseph A. Brandt).

Mr. Brandt, graduate of '21 who recently resigned as director of the O. U. Press to take a similar position with the Princeton Press, presided at the luncheon. He read a letter of greeting from H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism who was called away from Norman on official duties and was unable to be present for the reunion. Also received by the group was a telegram from Paul Kennedy, now in Cincinnati, Ohio, who wired in newspaper language: EIGHT COLUMN GREETING SEVENTY-TWO POINT LUCK.

Those present for the luncheon were: Orel Busby, '14, Ada attorney; John T. Harley, '15law, Tulsa attorney; Mike Monroney, '24, Oklahoma City merchant and candidate for Congress, and Mrs. Monroney; Joe W. McBride, '28, Anadarko newspaper publisher, and Mrs. McBride (Clella LeMarr, '37); Frank L. Dennis, '29, Oklahoma City newspaperman, and Mrs. Dennis (Katherine Wright, '28); Benton Ferguson, '31, newspaperman at Fort Worth, Texas; John H. Casey, professor of journalism, Nor-

man; Cecil H. Brite, '31, manager of student publications; Joseph A. Brandt, '21, Norman, who goes to Princeton University July 1; Savoie Lottinville, '29, Nor-

man, who will succeed Mr. Brandt as director of the University of Oklahoma Press; Roscoe Cate, '26, editor-manager

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Alumni and members of their families who attended the three Class Reunions June 6 are shown above. At the top are those who attended the Class of '08 Reunion dinner, with their sons and daughters seated at the front of the platform. The middle picture shows the group of people who attended the Reunion of the Class of '13, and the lower picture is the Class of '18 Reunion crowd. The Sooner Magazine can supply 8 by 10 enlargements of any of these pictures for those who desire them at a cost of \$1.00 each. Orders should be addressed to The Sooner Magazine.

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THE REUNIONS

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The Sooner Magazine, and Mrs. Cate (Frances Mitchell, '30).

By the time the editors' meeting adjourned, the members of the three reunion classes—'08, '13 and '18 were already gathering in the Lounge and in the lobby of the Union. They "sessioned" in and around the Union all afternoon. Lloyd Curtis, now of Lander, Wyoming, who was a University band director in his student days and still toots a mean cornet, was prevailed upon to bring out his instrument and play a few tunes. A group from the Class of '08 caucused on the lawn in front of the Union and several members brought cameras into action.

Incidentally, Curtis, who came from Wyoming, and Frank Long, who came from Roanoke, Virginia, won the honors for coming the longest distances to the class reunion.

Regrets over inability to attend the reunion were received from a number of alumni, including Deak Parker, '08, of Washington, D. C., editor-in-chief of the Scripps-Howard newspapers and now one of the trustees of the Scripps estate; R. H. Dangerfield, '08, sales division manager for the Phillips Petroleum Company at St. Louis, Missouri, and Mr. and Mrs. William Stuart, '08, Fort Worth, Texas.

At 6:30 o'clock, the Class of '08 adjourned to the English room for dinner and the Classes of '13 and '18 went to dinner in separate portions of the Union Ballroom.

The Class of '08 easily had the largest crowd in proportion to the size of the class, with forty-three persons present for the dinner. The Class of '13 had twenty-nine, and the Class of '18 had forty-one present for dinner.

Programs were informal and largely unpremeditated. The Class of '08 adjourned last, after taking time to go all around the table with each person called on for a few words.

Names of those who registered for the class reunions will be found appended at the end of this article.

A number of alumni were up the next morning in time to attend the annual Phi Beta Kappa breakfast which, as usual, was largely attended by faculty members with a sprinkling of students.

Everyone headed for the Fieldhouse at 10 o'clock to see 1,022 degrees presented to members of the graduating class of 1938, and to hear the Commencement address by Orel Busby, '14law, Ada attorney and former justice of the State Supreme Court. A digest of the address is printed elsewhere in this Magazine.

Following the Commencement program the annual alumni-senior luncheon was held in the Union Ballroom with every seat taken and extra tables added at the last minute to take care of those who had

failed to make reservations. More than three hundred persons were present and heard some very pointed statements on University affairs by several speakers.

Three particular needs of the University were described by Joe C. Looney, '22law, Wewoka, new president of the Board of Regents. These, he said, are more money for faculty salaries, a million dollars worth of additional buildings on the campus, and a continuation of the present law staggering the terms of regents with the aim of keeping the University out of politics.

In regard to salaries, he said: "In 1929-30, our salary schedule was at its highest point. However, it was then, and is now, much lower than that of most mid-Western State Universities. Also it is now substantially lower than it was eight years ago. The total appropriation for salaries for the University proper, made by the Legislature in 1929 for the next biennium, was 12 per cent greater than the present appropriation for the same purpose. But, that only tells part of the story. An approximate increase of 20 per cent in the number of students has made it necessary from time to time to employ additional teachers. Of course, that has further reduced the salary schedule. During the last few years, we have lost several able men to other universities because of much more attractive salaries. While it is a compliment to O. U. for older universities to employ some of our ablest faculty members, yet we lose their services just at the time when they have reached the period of greatest usefulness. That is indeed a real loss. To prevent too many such losses in the future, it will be necessary to have more money for salaries."

Amplifying his statement that a million dollars worth of buildings are needed on the campus, he stated: "We need these buildings for three highly important reasons: To enable us to make better use of the teaching facilities and equipment; to relieve the congested condition that now exists; and to make some small provision for immediate growth."

"If the natural and expected increase in enrolment this fall materializes," he said, "we will then be face to face with a most difficult problem. Where can we find classroom space? Set up tents? Build temporary wooden 'shacks'? Teach during the noon hour and at night? Must we resort to some such expedient as one of these? Is that fair to the students? The practical and permanent answer to all of these questions is that Oklahoma should build a million dollars worth of buildings at the University for use in educating our boys and girls. And this should be done within the next two years, and not a generation hence."

Mr. Looney warned that "The idea seems to be growing in our State that the term of all boards and commissions should be made to expire with that of the governor."

"As relates to the Board of Regents," he said, "that would enable each incoming governor, if he so desired, to appoint an entirely new board. The dangers and hazards to the University involved in such a plan are obvious to each and all.

"The present Board of Regents is a continuous body of seven members, the term of one expiring each year. Such a body makes for permanency of tenure of the teaching staff, for a high degree of efficiency in teaching, for sound scholarship, and for stability of policy."

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, in his address at the luncheon frankly urged an appraisal of political candidates' attitude toward higher education.

"Never, under any circumstances," he said, "cast your vote for any man who is not committed to building a great state university, because that is necessary in order to build a great state."

Mr. Busby, the Commencement speaker, also spoke briefly at the luncheon.

Discussing the differences in the appropriations given Oklahoma A. and M. College and the University, in proportion to enrolment, he commented that the services performed by A. and M. College for the State are readily apparent to everyone, while the professional services performed by many of the O. U. graduates for their communities and the State are not always quite so obvious in their nature.

He expressed belief that the University needs more loyalty on the part of its alumni.

"I can't understand," he said, "the O. U. graduates in the Legislature who won't take care of the University."

Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19, assistant to the president of the University, outlined the plans for the University's Semi-Centennial celebration from the viewpoint of the alumni. He invited the assistance of the alumni in making the public aware of the University's needs for gifts and bequests for many things not being taken care of by State appropriations.

Charles B. Memminger, '14, Atoka attorney, presided at the luncheon as acting president of the Alumni Association. Later in the day he was elected president of the Association for the 1938-39 year.

The Executive Board of the Association held its annual Commencement meeting following the luncheon. Proceedings of this meeting are reported in the Association Progress department of this Magazine.

Following is the list of persons who attended the class reunions, arranged by classes, and after that, the list of alumni who registered for the alumni-senior luncheon the next day.

Reunion Registrations

1901

Mrs. J. F. Paxton, Norman

1902

Mrs. Florena Williams Hadsell, Norman

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1904

S. R. Hadsell, Norman

1906

Guy Y. Williams, Mrs. Ella T. Williams, Norman

1908

S. G. Ambrister, Norman; Mrs. Etta Ambrister, Norman; Clement O. Gittinger, Tulsa; McFerron Gittinger, '37, Tulsa; J. C. Port, Edmond; Mrs. J. C. Port, Edmond; Maybelle Port, Edmond; John Port, Edmond; George C. Smith, St. Louis, Missouri; G. W. Wilcox, Oklahoma City; Mrs. G. W. Wilcox, Oklahoma City; Harry A. Gage, Pauls Valley; Edgar L. Harris, Norman; Mrs. Edgar L. Harris, Norman; Neal W. Harris, Norman; Edalee Harris, Norman; Tom F. Carey, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Bess M. Carey, Oklahoma City; Finis E. McReynolds, Norman; Mrs. Finis E. McReynolds, '31, Norman; John A. McReynolds, '37, Norman; Jane McReynolds, Norman; Frank M. Long, Roanoke, Virginia; Mrs. Frank M. Long, Roanoke, Virginia; Eulalee Long, Roanoke, Virginia; Betty Ruth Osborn, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; James T. Long, '37, Houston, Texas; Errett R. Newby, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Lola Newby, '14, Oklahoma City; Lloyd B. Curtis, Lander, Wyoming; Jesse L. Rader, Norman; Mrs. Fanny Simpson Rader, '10, Norman; C. G. Keiger, Oklahoma City; Mrs. C. G. Keiger, Oklahoma City; Mary Jeanne Keiger, Oklahoma City; H. N. Horner, Davis; J. W. Foster, Norman; Mrs. Eva Blake Foster, Norman.

1912

C. T. Hocker, Norman; Mrs. C. T. Hocker, '10, Norman; Lewis S. Salter, Norman; Mrs. Reaves Alford Salter, '20, Norman; Harry C. Kirkendall, Enid; Mrs. Edith Denison Kirkendall, Enid; Earl Foster, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Earl Foster, Oklahoma City; Dr. A. Ray Wiley, Tulsa; Mrs. Nina Keiger Black, Norman; Fred Capshaw, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Fred Capshaw, Oklahoma City; Roger E. Berry, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Mary Harness Berry, Oklahoma City; Alice Ann Berry, Oklahoma City; A. L. Richards, Tulsa; Mrs. Laura A. Richards, '23, Tulsa; Agnes Berrigan, Stillwater; Mrs. E. Berrigan, Norman; Earl Foster, Oklahoma City; Dr. A. Ray Wiley, Leo H. Gorton, Tulsa; Mrs. Elizabeth McLaughlin Meeting, Anadarko; Herbert Meeting, Jr., '38, Anadarko; S. Deborah Haines, Norman; Mrs. Eunice Denison Lemmon, San Antonio, Texas; C. V. Lemmon, San Antonio, Texas; Glenn C. Clark, Ponca City; Mrs. Vera Gorton Clark, Ponca City; Elton B. Hunt, Tulsa; Elizabeth Ann Hunt, Tulsa; Esther Wadsack, Norman; Paul Darrrough, Oklahoma City.

1915

J. J. Hill, Norman.

1916

L. W. Kitchen, Cheyenne.

1917

Dorothy Snedaker, Oklahoma City; Dr. Maurice H. Merrill, Norman.

1918

Mariam Craddock, Oklahoma City; Lottie Conlan, Oklahoma City; Dr. Ray M. Balyeat, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Lucile Shuttee Blair, El Reno; Leroy Elmore, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Margaret Elmore, Wichita, Kansas; C. W. McFerron, Oklahoma City; Mary Elizabeth McFerron, '38, Oklahoma City; Herbert J. Heiman, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Herbert J. Heiman, Oklahoma City; Thomas E. Graham, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Theresa Gibson Graham, Oklahoma City; Dr. C. T. Langford, Norman; Mrs. Janet Langford, Norman; Dr. W. T. Mayfield, Norman; Thamazin Hutchins, Stillwater; F. T. Gastineau, Vinita; Mrs. F. T. Gastineau, Vinita; Clifford Gastineau, Vinita; Robert Gastineau, Vinita; R. O. La Neve, Fort Worth, Texas; Maurice La Neve, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Veva D. La Neve, Fort Worth, Texas; Roy E. Heffner, Norman; R. O. Green, Eufaula; Mrs. R. O. Green, Eufaula; Robert O. Green, Jr., Eufaula; Mrs.

Buena King Currie, Oklahoma City; A. A. Currie, Oklahoma City; Bennie Shultz, Norman; Mrs. Audrey Flicht Shultz, Norman; Mrs. Ruth Williams Huntington, Norman; R. L. Huntington, '17, Norman; Mrs. Georgia Shutt-Bartleson, Muskogee; D. B. R. Johnson, Norman; R. V. James, Norman; Mrs. Ethel Evert James, '16, Norman; Elise Potterf Chapman, Ardmore.

1921

Ted Beaird, Norman; Mrs. Orpha A. Merrill, Norman.

1922

Harold Gimeno, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Maud Myers Kitchens, Cheyenne.

1924

Mrs. Mary Fanville Horley, Tulsa; Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Norman.

1926

Herbert H. Scott, Norman.

1927

Wilda Griffin, Norman.

1928

Ruth Foreman Updegraff, Norman.

1931

Robert A. Shead, Oklahoma City; Glenn C. Couch, Norman.

1932

Mrs. Irene Garner Shead, Oklahoma City.

1934

James R. Harms, Tulsa.

1935

Mrs. Lucile Johnston Hickman, Oklahoma City; Dorothy Rose, Norman.

1936

John Wesley Kitchens, Cheyenne.

1937

Frank G. White, Fort Sill; John E. Walker, Tulsa.

1938

W. D. Kendall, Berwyn, Illinois; Doris Pottz, Walters; Harry E. Harms, Norman; Dorothy Hess, Oklahoma City; Mary Frances Thomas, Ringling; Garth William Caylor, Hugo.

Others who registered for the reunions include: Mattie L. Jarrott, Oklahoma City; Rose H. Jennings, Portland, Oregon; Sue R. Evertson, Norman; Loretta K. Sager, Norman; Paul Tanner; Gladys Scivally, Norman; Mrs. Claud Pickard, Norman.

Alumni Luncheon Registrations

1898

C. Ross Hume, Anadarko.

1909

W. J. Cross, Norman.

1910

R. W. Hutto, Norman.

1914

F. L. Aurin, Fort Worth, Texas.

1915

Judge Harry L. S. Halley, Tulsa.

1916

L. H. Harrell, Ada; Fred Lyman Tibbitts, Norman.

1917

Norman W. Brillhart, Madill; Albert S. Clinkscales, Oklahoma City; H. M. Woods, El Reno.

1919

Ruth Thompson Hughes, Oklahoma City; Della Brunsteter, Norman; M. L. Wardell, Norman.

1920

Joe Looney, Wewoka; Elizabeth Hamilton Harris, Birmingham, Alabama.

1921

Dixie Young, Norman; Miles G. Tolbert, Hobart; Frank S. Cleckler, Muskogee; W. Max Chambers, Okmulgee; Carney O. Dean, Chandler.

1922

Charles B. Duffy, Ponca City; Loyd E. Harris, Norman; Mattie Cal Maxted, Norman.

1923

Maurine Dill Harris, Norman; C. Guy Brown, Oklahoma City.

1924

Dr. Joel S. Price, Oklahoma City.

1925

Irene Nation, Oklahoma City.

1926

H. W. Hooper, Wewoka; Richard T. Pendleton, Norman.

1928

E. O. Shaw, Sapulpa; Leila Margaret Beatty, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Hermione Barker Briscoe, Norman; Earl L. Hassler, Tulsa.

1929

Dr. J. H. Hodges, Tulsa; Clarice Hadsell McMillen, Chickasha.

1930

Irvin M. Walker, Wayne; Chester H. Anderson, Moore.

1931

Paul Denny, Norman; Dr. J. M. McMillan, Chickasha.

1932

Marie Banks, Norman; Hicks Epton, Wewoka; Herbert L. Branan, Muskogee.

1935

George A. Hoke, Norman; Ida C. Sloan, Norman; Rosalie B. Cross, Norman; J. Bruce Wiley, Norman; Charles B. Bolar, Norman; Mrs. Joseph R. Taylor, Norman.

1936

James C. Hamill, Oklahoma City; Stewart Harral, Norman.

1937

C. R. Westgate, Norman; Billie Joseph, Elk City; T. E. Sollenberger, Norman.

1938

Fred B. Aurin, Fort Worth, Texas; Otto Joe Smith, Stillwater; Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Lambert, Norman; Everett F. Capshaw, Oklahoma City; Helen Kirkbride, Tulsa; Virginia Portwood, Snyder; C. C. Ogilive, Adair; Herbert G. Bailey, Jr., Oklahoma City.



Leaving a position as laboratory assistant in zoology at the University, Maxwell Power, '38ex, has accepted a similar position at Yale University, where he will continue his work for a master's degree.

Glen Hopkins, '38pharm, is pharmacist and technician at the State Charity Hospital in Clinton.

After completing work for a degree at the end of the first semester, Grayson Nelson, '38bus, accepted a position with General Mills in Oklahoma City.

Howard Weston, '38bus, has accepted a position in the accounting department of the Continental Oil Company at Ponca City. While in school, Weston was president of the Accounting Club and a member of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity.

NEWSOM-MILLS: Miss Billie Gay Newsom, '38ex, and Joe Marshall Mills, '37eng, were married May 14. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority, and he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. They will live in New Orleans.

CLARK-WILSON: Miss Lucille Clark and Vernon Wilson, '38, senior in the College of Business Administration, were married in Shawnee late in January. They have been at home temporarily in Norman.

AMBROSE-SAVAGE: Miss Virginia Ambrose, '38, and Neal Savage, '38, were married January 30 in Blackwell. Mrs. Savage is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority at the University. They will be at home at 811 West Boyd Avenue, Norman.

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