



REUNION

June 2 Is Meeting Date For
Classes of All Years That
End With a Five or a Zero



SUNDAY afternoon and evening, June 2, is the time set aside this year for members of eight graduating classes of the University to come back to the campus for five-year reunions. The classes invited this year are those of 1900, '05, '10, '15, '20, '25, '30, and '35.

Each of these classes will have a special room in the Union Building set aside for its own particular group at 2:30 p.m. that day. The afternoon will be devoted to informal visiting.

In the evening at 6:30 o'clock, the visitors will gather in the Union ballroom for the general reunion dinner. The program for this will also be informal, and will consist entirely of entertainment numbers.

Alumni Secretary Ted Beaird has requested that everyone planning to attend the Commencement Reunion make reservations at once. Dinner reservation is \$1.00 per person. Friends and relatives of reunion class members are welcome, but advance reservations are required.

The Class of '05, with the assistance of other early classes, hopes to make the placing of a marker on the site of the first building of the University a special feature of the reunion this spring. The old building, which stood west of the present DeBarr Hall (the Chemistry Building), burned in 1903.

Arrangements for a ceremony are being made by a committee appointed at a meeting of early-day graduates last month. Clarence Reeds, Oklahoma City, chairman of the Class of '05 Reunion Committee, was made chairman of the special committee. Other members suggested are C. Ross Hume, '98, 1900, Anadarko; John Barbour, '97pharm, Norman; Dudley Alexander, '99pharm, Oklahoma City; J. L. Hefley, '99, Norman; Mrs. J. F. Paxton, '01, Norman, first woman to graduate in liberal arts; Clyde Bogle, '02, Norman; Mrs. Minnie Gould Hefley, '03, Norman; S. R. Hadsell, '04, Norman; and Mrs. Ella Williams, '06, Norman.

A marble slab which was part of the first building was dug out of storage in the University Administration Building basement recently, and may be used as the

marker. It bears the names of the first board of regents and the date 1892.

Paul Darrough, Oklahoma City attorney, is general reunion chairman and also chairman of the Class of '15 committee. Other class chairmen are C. Ross Hume, 1900; Clarence Reeds, 1905; R. W. Hutto, 1910; Ben Arnold, 1920; Lee K. Anderson, 1925; Lucy Tandy, 1930, and Bruce Wiley, 1935.

The spotlighted class in the reunion activities will be the Class of '15, which will have its Silver Anniversary Reunion.

Twenty-five years ago the University of Oklahoma was approximately half its present age. The School of Journalism was only two years old, the School of Law only six. Enrolment in the College of Arts and Sciences was about nine hundred, which was considerably more than half the total student body of the University.

Twenty-five years ago this June, the graduating class consisted of 152 seniors. Alumni office records show 134 are still living.

The highlight of the 1914-15 school year (at least from the student viewpoint) was the football season—termed the most successful the University had seen. Only

one of eleven games was lost. That was to Texas University at Dallas. The '15 *Sooner Yearbook* explained that loss by stating that the game was played "on a very slow field which lessened the efficiency of the light Sooner squad."

At the beginning of the season, Missouri was talked of as the outstanding foe. It was the first tough game on the schedule and resulted in an Oklahoma victory. Jubilation was unrestrained. "The Sooner spirit grew into full bloom," the *Sooner* relates. "It gave birth to such demonstrations as snake dances, shirt-tail parades, bonfires and pep meetings galore."

This Sooner spirit that became so active had begun to bud when freshmen were made to wear "postage stamp" caps. Red Cap Day in the fall of 1914 was the first concentrated attempt to do anything to completely squelch the "disobedient" freshmen. It had been decided at a mass meeting of upper classmen that the ailment of the revolting frosh was nothing but a "super-abundance of bone-in-the-head." The cure, they agreed, was obvious—paddles, the first treatment to be given the following day at the chapel hour. The result was summed up in two words: It worked.

During the rest of the year, according to observers, red capless freshmen were "as scarce on the campus as 'A's' in sociology, or Professor Morgan in chapel."

The annual Homecoming celebration did not become official until the next year, but the Missouri game in 1914 was classified by the newspapers as "homecoming."

Those of the Class of '15 who were on Bennie Owen's 1914 team were "Billie" Clark, captain, Neil Johnson and Malcolm Gentry, quarterbacks, Curry Bell, center, and Elmer Capshaw, halfback.

That year, too, Neil Johnson finished the baseball season with the best batting average on the team—.341 percent.

On the cinder track John Jacobs, the junior jumper and hurdler, was team captain. He's O.U. track coach today.

Women athletes were also in the limelight. They tried with persistence to se-

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Sunday, June 2

- 11 a.m.—Baccalaureate Service, Fieldhouse. Sermon by Bishop A. Frank Smith, Houston, Texas.
- 2:30 p.m.—Five-Year Class Reunions, various rooms of Memorial Union Building.
- 6:30 p.m.—Reunion Dinner for reunion classes, relatives and friends.

Monday, June 3

- 8:00 a.m.—Annual Phi Beta Kappa breakfast for alumni, Memorial Union.
- 9:00 a.m.—Meeting of Stadium-Union Trustees, Union.
- 10:00 a.m.—Commencement Exercises, Fieldhouse. Address by Horace Taylor, '21.
- 12:30 p.m.—Annual Alumni Luncheon, Union Ballroom.
- 2:30 p.m.—Meeting of Alumni Association Executive Board.

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cure University "O's" for women like those awarded to men. They were refused on the grounds that "O's" were for inter-collegiate sports only, and from those the girls were barred. Students of that day undoubtedly recall the name of Miss Rachel Revell, physical director of women, whose effort accompanied the "O's for Women" cry of the Women's Athletic Association.

The "Deep Dark Mystery Club" was going strong in 1915. Members had painted "D.D.M.C. '14" on the smokestack of the heating plant in the fall and had made the campus quite conscious of their organization with other antics. The club had a full page in the 1915 yearbook with the emblem, a red mask, attached.

Y.M.C.A. president that year was Louis Hoskins, the secretary, James Hill, and the treasurer, Donald Walker. Elmer Capshaw was president of the Athletic Council. Rosetta Briegel was head of the Y.W.C.A. Grady Kirby occupied the presidency of the *University Oklahoma* Board. Seward Sheldon, one of the first two students to complete the University course in journalism, was sports editor of the *University Oklahoman*, the student paper issued twice weekly, and James Hill edited the monthly *University Magazine*.

Paul Darrough, then a law student from Hugo, was president of the student body.

A junior lawyer in 1915 was young Leon Phillips. Not the least of his distinctions at the time was his being chosen chief executive of Estegata, a club for red-haired men.

Fletcher Riley, '17, handled the editorship of the *Sooner Yearbook*.

The Oval was the center of campus activity. The Spoonholder partially accounted for that—especially at night. Also all the principal buildings lined the oval: University Hall, used for administrative offices and classwork, on the site of the present "Ad" Building, the Library Building, which today houses the School of Education, Science Hall, which has since acquired the prefix "Old," and Monnet Hall, then less than three years old. The Chemistry Building—DeBarr Hall—was under construction.

Contending with the Oval for the most "loafable" place around the University was Ye Varsity Shoppe at the corner of Boyd and Asp Streets. Its proprietor, Morris T. "Wissie" Myers, was probably known to as many students as any other individual in town. That was the place to which "everybody" went for cokes.

From the Varsity Shop emanated most of the student political maneuvers. The leaders of the various factions hatched their schemes around a table, and often Wissie's counsel was solicited.

In leaving *alma mater*, the Class of '15 built a class memorial, the large brick and stone arch at the west side of the entrance to the oval.

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