

Class of 1906. Standing: Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, Norman; Mrs. Mayme Goodman Hannah, '06ma, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Alta Loomis Carder, '06ba, Cordell; Tom B. Matthews, '06ba, Tulsa; Richard A. Sherman, '06pharm, Lexington; Glade C. Burton, '06pharm, Stroud; Mrs. Burton; John A. Merkle, '06ba, Norman; S. G. Ambrister, '08ba, Norman; J. R. Hannah. Seated: A. Martin Kingkade, '06ba, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Merkle; Miss Helen Merkle, '40ba, '44ma, Norman; Mrs. Ella Thomas Williams, '06ba, Norman; Mrs. Kingkade, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Etta Hutchins Ambrister, '06mus. (John Darling, '06ba, '08ms, arrived too late for pix.)

The Reunion weekend brought alumni from every compass point. They came to remember together the happenings of the past, to speak of the present and to try to gage the future. They found the Reunion was

The Time for Catching Up

Oklahoma weather couldn't have picked a better time to be kind than the June 3-4 Reunion-Commencement weekend. The rains came and went in time to leave the campus cool and green. The Women's Quadrangle, scene of the 1951 reunion, was nearly empty when the editor and Helen O'Dell, Roll Call editor, of the magazine staff arrived at 1 p.m. to help set up registration facilities in anticipation of the former students who would presently arrive to meet with old classmates.

Only one alumnus had arrived before them. Ross Hume, '98ba, '00ma, Anadarko, oldest graduate to attend, was patiently awaiting the arrival of the "latecomers." A member of the Honored Alumni club—those who graduated 50 or more years ago—Judge Hume explained that he was present for a special reason: he wanted the other alumni to see his Honored Alumni pin which was presented to him and other half-century graduates by the Alumni Association.

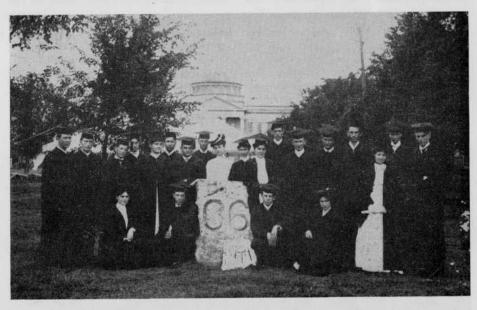
By 2 p.m. the Quadrangle Lounge was beginning to fill with alumni from the classes of 6 and 1 plus the graduates of 1922 and 1942 who were meeting jointly with the classes of '21 and '41.

The hall outside the lounge was filled with alumni who wanted to be the first to greet old friends or who wanted to be sure they didn't miss faculty members like Roy Rittinger, '02ba, regents professor emeritus of history.

One group mixed and mingled and then withdrew to a corner of the Lounge. They seemed to have something especially important to discuss among themselves. They were the Class of 1906. Forty-five years was swept away in the conversation that ensued. Twelve of the 27 living members of the class of 36 graduates were on hand, and

with no effort at all they demonstrated that they had never been very far away from their friends, their University and their school days.

The dignity that is supposed to come



The Class of 1906, except the pharmacy school graduates, posed for this picture by the Class memorial 45 years ago. (See above for an up-to-date photo.) Kneeling: Mayme Goodman Hannah, '06ba, Wichita, Kansas; A. Martin Kingkade, '06ba, Oklahoma City; Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, Norman; Mrs. Merle Newby Buttram, '06mus, '12ba, Oklahoma City. Standing: John Merkle, '06ba, Norman; Walter Erwin, '06ba, deceased; William H. Low, '06ba, deceased; Lula E. Elder, '06ba, '15ma, Dallas; Mrs. Adelaide Loomis Parker, '06ba, '10ma, deceased; Earl K. Kline, '06ba, Madison, New Jersey; John Darling, '06ba, '08ms, Durango, Colorado; Tom B. Matthews, '06ba, Tulsa; Mrs. Humpreys, Class Mother; Ella Thomas Williams, '06ba, Norman; Mrs. Alta Loomis Carder, '06ba, Cordell; Clifford Chapman, '06ba, deceased; Jay Conway, '06ba, Raton, New Mexico; Eck Schramm, '06ba, Lincoln, Nebraska; Ira Montgomery, '06ba, deceased; Mrs. Etta Hutchins Ambrister, '06mus, Norman, John Elder, '06ba, deceased, and H. A. Everest, '06bs, Los Angeles, California.



Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, professor of chemistry, talks with Mrs. Lela Mitchell Berlin, '15ba, and H. A. Berlin, '11ba, who came from Oxnard, California, to attend the class reunions. This was the Berlins first visit to the O.U. campus since 1937.

with years was there, but it didn't pose an insurmountable obstacle to the '06ers. Typical example: when asked to pose for a Class portrait, Mrs. Ella Thomas Williams, '06 ba, Norman, inquired if the ladies were expected to pose a-la-cheesecake (accompanying picture provides answer).

As the photographer prepared to snap the shutter for the class pictures, a temporary difficulty presented itself. A member of the class turned to class reunion chairman Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, and asked, "Where's Ol' Tom?" Since no one knew, the picture was delayed until Williams located the missing Tom Matthews, '06ba, Tulsa.

Pride in class was apparent in everything the '06ers did. Dr. Williams related that his class was the first to set up a senior memorial (the '06 stone on the North Oval), the first to publish an O.U. annual and the class that swapped an April Fool cut for the Easter holidays now a permanent feature of the schedule. Intramurals were introduced on the campus by the class and only once in the four years were the members defeated in baseball.

Tom Darling, '06ba, '08ms, Durango, Colorado, Oklahoma's one man track team and mentor of present track coach John Jacobs, '16ba, was a little late in arriving for the class picture. He was on hand for the evening dinner.

Other members of the class attending the reunion were Mrs. Mayme Goodman Hannah, '06ba, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Alta Loomis Carder, '06ba, Cordell; Mrs. Etta Hutchins Ambrister, '06mus, Norman; Arthur M. Kingkade, '06ba, Oklahoma City; Glade C. Burton, '06pharm, Stroud; Mrs. Merle Newby Buttram, '06mus, '12 ba, Oklahoma City; Arthur Sherman, '06 pharm, Lexington, and John Merkle, '06ba, Norman.

Alumni representing distant areas in the U. S. and Canada were present. Consider H. A. Berlin, '11ba, Berkeley, California; Allen C. Duncan, '21geol, New York City; Boyd F. Koepke, '21bs, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Margaret Westover Davis, '39 ba, Columbus, Ohio; Wesley Kitchens, '36 ba, '37ma, Washington, D. C., and Irene Haskett, '44physics, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

An unusual number of Sooner families were present. Mrs. Davis, who is a medical social worker in Columbus, came to the reunion with her son, Richard, '51ba, who received his degree at commencement the following night.



Class of 1911. Back: Harry H. Force, Norman; Frank A. Balyeat, '11ba, '18ma, Norman; John A. Bryan, '11ba, Nelson; Darrel C. Jenks, '11ba, Purcell; Roy U. Woods, '11ba, Verden; Robert H. Wood, '11ba, Tulsa; Clarence McFerron, '11bs, '18eng, Okla. City; Herbert Berlin, '11ba, Oxnard, Cal.; King Larimore, '11ba, Okla. City. Front: Mrs. Robert Wood; Mrs. Bess McLennon Hughes, '11 mus, Tulsa; Mrs. Jenks; Mabel Bridgwater Force, '11ba, Norman; Eva Clifton Woods, '12ba, '17ma, Verden, Mrs. Larimore.



Class of 1916. Standing: L. W. Kitchens, '16ba, Norman; Henry White, '16ba, Chickasha, John Jacobs, '16ba, Norman, Virgil Wood, '16ba, Tulsa; M. L. Cotten, '16ba, '29ms, Norman. Seated: Gerald Tebbe, '15ba, '16ma, '21Law, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Catherine Osterhaus Buchanan, '16ba, '28ma, Norman; Mrs. Florence Wagner Johnson, '16ba, Norman; Mrs. Ann McCall Fitzpatrick, '16ba, Norman; Mrs. Edna DeMand Caldwell, '16ba, Tulsa, and Walter S. Carper, '16ba, Cleburne, Tex. Thirty-five years weren't so long.

Gerald Hornung, '51ba, senior class president, was accompanied by his mother and his aunt, Mrs. Bertha McCollough. Frank Morris, '26ba, '30eng, reunion chairman for the Class of 1926 kept busy introducing his daughter, Janet, '51h.ec, who also received her degree the following evening.

At least two sets of sisters and a pair of brothers were among those attending. Mrs. Elizabeth Garee Bullard, '28ba, '28ma, Noble, came with her sister, Mrs. Stella Garee Dean, '22ba, Tinley Park, Illinois. Mrs. Roxey Fitch Tallant, '31ed, Springfield, Missouri, and Fredricka Fitch Woltering, '21ba, Vandalia, Illinois, made the reunion both a class and a family one as did Allen C. Duncan and Mrs. Duncan

who atended with Duncan's brother, Burton, '14ba, and Mrs. Marian Mason Duncan, '51m.ed, Oklahoma City. All four Duncans were enjoying a visit with Ralph Shead, '16ba, '17fa, of the University Museum staff.

The Haskett family were represented by Mrs. Cora Higgins Haskett, '11mus, Norman, her son, Carl, '50bs, home on military leave, and daughter, Irene, who is a petroleum engineer with the Imperial Oil Company.

The first out of town alumnus to arrive for the reunions (at least the first to visit the Alumni office) was J. L. Highsaw, '11 ba, now principal of Memphis (Tennessee) Technical Highschool. He came early to

have a chance to get in a bit more of a visit and look over the campus.

Many of the alumni had not been on the campus for several years and were awed by the physical growth of the University. Mrs. Hannah voiced the feeling of many when she remarked that she had a hard time finding the '06 class memorial when she was on the campus 20 years ago. "This year, I didn't even try to find it," she added.

Following the alumni dinner in the evening, baccalaureate drew many of the reunioners. The next day wrapped up the weekend celebration with the annual senior-alumni luncheon and commencement activities.



Classes of '21-'22. Mrs. Herb Wrinkle, Norman; Mrs. Roxey Fitch Tallant, '31ed, Springfield, Mo.; Mrs. Frederika Fitch Woltering, '21ba, Vandalia, Mo.; Mrs. Stella Garee Dean, '22ba, Tinley Park, Ill.; Eugenia Kaufman, '17ba, '22ma, Norman; Mrs. Florence Grumich Luster, '26ba, Norman, Mrs. Elizabeth Garee Bullard, '28ba, '28ma, Noble. Back Row: Herb Wrinkle, '22ba, '31ms, Norman, F. F. Gaither, '21ba, '26ms, Norman; Dr. William Ragan, '22ba, '28ma, Norman; Gerald Tebbe, '15ba, '16ma, '21Law, Oklahoma City; Charles B. Duffy, '22Law, Ponca City; Dewey Luster, '22ba, '22Law, Norman; Allen C. Duncan, '21geol, New York; Lloyd E. Swearingen, '20bs, '21ms, Norman, Boyd F. Koepke, '21bs, Kansas City, Mo. The two classes held a joint meeting.