Return for Commencement!

Largest Homecoming Planned for June 2 to June 4

By Frank S. Cleckler, Secretary, University of Oklahoma Association

HERE are two events each year in Soonerland which every Sooner should attend—homecoming and commencement. There are several conditions which make possible larger attendance at homecoming. All of us plan to see at least one football game and if it's only one, then homecoming is the one. Then, too, it only requires a half day or so and who cannot get away one Saturday afternoon for a football game? Homecoming is a great day but it does not offer many of the advantages that the commencement homecoming can.

Commencement is the best time to renew old friendships and to get acquainted again with your Alma Mater. The campus is at its best. There is more time to do what we want to do. No rushing around to get lunch over in time to get ahead of traffic and the crowds in order to get to the game. Just a good leisurely visit among old friends and familiar scenes. If you haven't been back to the campus for several years some of the scenes will not be so familiar. The vine covered Ad building with its gothic towers still commands the front oval but there have been many changes in recent years. You will be surprised and may even need a guide—which by the way, will be provided by the alumni office, if you need one. Perhaps you will find that where you once played tennis there now stands the modern liberal arts building and near the old gym is the beautiful new Oklahoma Union building, the community center for all student activities. There are many other changes in which you will be interested in and proud of—but come and see them yourself.

The center of activity for the commencement homecoming this year is the Union building where the alumni office is located. Plans are being made for your entertainment but we want you to feel at home and do just as you like. Attend the meetings, luncheons, tea, programs, or just browse about and visit with your classmates and faculty friends as you like.

The dates are June 2, 3, and 4. Three days, one of which is Sunday, so you will have only two days from your work. Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to spend all of them on the campus if you can. If this is not possible, make it as much as you can and especially Monday afternoon, June 3, Tuesday morning, June 4. It is only necessary to make reservations for the alumni-senior luncheon at noon, Tuesday, June 4, right after the commencement exercise. Plates are seventy-five cents each and reservations should be made as soon as possible. Send your check to the alumni office for the number of plates desired.

The program follows:

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1929
10:30 a.m.—Academic procession
11:00 a.m.—Baccalaureate sermon—Field House—Rev. Mark Sexton, McAlester

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1929
Alumni Day
(Five-year class reunions are 1894, 1899, 1904, '14, '19, '24)
8:00-12:00 a.m.—Registration of visiting alumni and former students.
Main lobby of Union building
9:30-12:00 a.m.—"Faculty at home" in their offices to alumni and former students. Here is your opportunity to visit your favorite faculty members. Call on them at their offices between the hours of 9:30 and 12:00.
12:00—1:00 p.m.—Informal luncheon, Cafeteria, Union building
2:00 p.m.—Annual business meeting, University of Oklahoma Association, room 110 chemistry building
3:30 p.m.—Open house tea for alumni, former students and seniors, Union building
6:00-7:00 p.m.—Informal dinner, cafeteria, Union building
8:15 p.m.—Commencement concert, college of fine arts, auditorium

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1929
9:30 a.m.—Academic procession
10:00 a.m.—Commencement program, address by Dr. J. H. Kirkland, chancellor, Vanderbilt University
12:00 noon—commencement alumni luncheon and induction of seniors into the University of Oklahoma Association. (Make reservations)

NEW feature this year is the faculty "open house" in the offices of their respective departments on Monday morning. Knowing your desire to visit a few minutes with your faculty friends, it has been arranged for your convenience for the faculty to remain in their offices from 9:30 to 12:00, Monday, June 3. Call and see them. They will be glad to see you, and you them, even if you did get a B— in that course in which you deserved an A—or at least a B.

A day in June—reunions, old times, old friends. Come!! You will enjoy every minute. And—let's make it an annual pilgrimage, a regular part of our yearly program.

Alumni Election

THE annual election of executive board members of the University of Oklahoma Association is in progress. The constitution of the association provides that referendum ballots containing the names of the nominees shall be mailed on April 15 each year to each member of the association in good standing. The nominees are selected by the executive board. In accordance with the provisions of the constitution, three candidates are selected for each place on the board and nominations include all members of the existing board who are willing to serve. The following nominations have been made under this procedure and ballots were mailed on April 15:

Members at large:

Edgar D. Meacham, Norman (now in office)
Guy Y. Williams, Norman (now in office)
Neil R. Johnson, Norman (now in office)
Paul G. Darrough, Oklahoma City (now in office)
J. W. (Fred) Capshaw, Oklahoma City (now in office)
Grace Williams, Oklahoma City.
O. A. Brewer, Hugo.
Luther White, Tulsa.
Elaine Boylan, Oklahoma City.
Robert R. Pruet, Ponca City.
Charlie Wantland, Edmond.
Frank P. Douglas, Okemah.

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ject curricula of the high school and the junior college level of the university. Many colleges put freshmen who have had only three years of English in the same classes with students who have had four years. Students who have had chemistry, physics, and higher mathematics in high school are put in classes with students who have had none of these subjects in high school. Leonard V. Koos of the University of Minnesota in a study of 200 college students found that they had repeated one-fifth of their high school work or four-fifths of a high school year and remarks that disregard in college of what a student has done in high school is all too common.

Much interest is being evidenced to day in external administrative economies such as increase of the number of students per teacher, the number of daily classes for teachers, the use of buildings for a longer period of the day, of evenings and on Saturdays. But from the standpoint of educational economy for students, administrative officers and teachers must turn their attention to internal economies affecting the articulation of high school and college curricula. They must get together and work out their common curriculum problem or continue to stand adjudged before public opinion as contributing in this country to a disintegrated and defective system of public education.

Finally, we must look to the preparation and tested experience of teachers and to improved methods of teaching both in high school and college. Teachers and administrative officers of personality, vision, scholarship, broad social sympathies, sound leadership, inspiring character, and teaching ability at both the high school and university level are our greatest educational asset and are the intimate, humanizing means through which complete articulation between the university and the high school can eventually come about.

**China in Transition**

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central executive committee of the movement had two daughters in the school and most of the members on our Chinese advisory board had daughters boarding at McTyeire. Consequently, it was not strange that we followed Chinese advice and kept the school open. We received constant information as to the state of affairs politically and the relative danger.

The foreign press did its share to keep the excitement at a high pitch. One morning one of the leading papers announced in streamer headlines that all foreigners would probably be evacuated within twenty-four hours. That night about midnight the American consulate called up to tell us where to report in case of an emergency call. The next morning the same newspaper which had carried the other exciting announcement carried these extraordinary headlines, "Gunboats Insufficient to Evacuate U. S. Citizens—Others Being Sent From Virginia." Is it any wonder that under such conditions the so-called "Shanghai mind" or fear complex should have developed?

The fact that we relied on Chinese advice was utterly incomprehensible to the officers of the British and American defense forces who coveted our buildings for military barracks. And when the school flew the Nationalist flag they knew that we were a bunch of red Bolsheviks.

The time Shanghai was taken by plain clothes gunmen and pandemonium reigned in the native city until the coming of Chiang Kai Shek and his army who in turn had put down the unruly labor group, our classes were sometimes disturbed by the put-put-put of machine guns, rifle shots or cannon fire—but the students continued their work outwardly as complacent as if it were the most usual sound imaginable. Inside, I suspected they were not so calm.

I, myself, actually got to the point where I could be awakened in the night by the booming of cannon—turn over and go back to sleep with the feeling "I can do nothing about it—why lose sleep?"

And as to the emergency bags we were advised to have ready to take to the gunboat at a moment's notice—I decided that it was a useless preparation when we knew not whether we would land in Manila, Japan or the U.S.A. Winter clothes would be useless in Manila and summer clothes out of the question on the Pacific or in Japan in February, and both would be impossible to carry five miles to the gunboat—so that I just came to the conclusion that if worst came, pajamas or whatever happened to be apropos at that moment would suffice for the unknown future so far as I was concerned.

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Gordon Bierer, Guthrie
Fritz L. Aurin, Ponca City
Chester Westfall, Ponca City.

Earl Brown, Ardmore
J. M. Gentry, Enid.
Leon Phillips, Okemah (now in office)

District representatives:
First: Harry L. S. Halley, Tulsa, (now in office)
William L. Eagleton, Tulsa (now in office)
Floy V. Elliott, Tulsa (now in office)
Second: A. N. Boatman, Okmulgee (now in office)
David M. Logan, Okmulgee
Virgil E. Riddle, Okmulgee (now in office)
Third: Rutherford H. Brett, Ardmore (now in office)
Mort Woods, Ardmore
Hiram Impson, Madill (now in office)
Fourth: Earl Foster, Sapulpa (now in office)
Charlie Orr, Holdenville
Roscoe Cox, Chandler (now in office)
Fifth: Robert W. Hutto, Norman
Louis D. Abney, Oklahoma City.
James R. Tolbert, Oklahoma City.
Sixth: James F. Hatcher, Chickasha
C. Ross Hume, Anadarko
Fred Shepler, Lawton (now in office)
Seventh: Egbert J. Meacham, Clinton (now in office)
Hutton Bellah, Altus
Alta Loomis Carder, Cordell
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