Let's return Commencement

What's wrong with Commencement at the University of Oklahoma? Why do alumni not return for it? In Eastern schools the crowds of alumni far exceed the number who return for Homcoming. In fact, Commencement is the big Homcoming.

These questions have been discussed by Association officers during the past year. Commencement should be the big alumni period, if there is any period that should attract former students to the university. And it has not been heretofore.

How shall it be made so this year? How may alumni be induced to return this Commencement?

First step in the program now being planned to draw the largest Commencement crowd in history will be to bring the class of 1906 back to the campus June 7—every member of that group, if possible.

"This year we plan to concentrate on the quarter century classes," states Association Secretary Frank Cleckler. "Of course, we will expect as many others of the five year classes to return as can. But we want to assure one class at least, of a full and complete reunion. And our experience in previous years indicates that it is far better to try and get a complete class turnout instead of small groups of other classes."

The class of '06, then, it is hoped, will have a unanimous return. The Guy Y. Williamses, loyal members of that class, promise that there will be no lack of good entertainment for their fellow classmates. The program has not been completed, but it is now being planned.

The five year classes, of course, will be those of 1926, 1921, 1916, 1911, 1906, 1901, 1896. For members of those classes there is a first class Commencement program on the part of the university already prepared; while Norman alumni, hosts to the alumni at the annual party, are to meet April 21 at the call of Person Woodall, '27 law, president of the Norman Sooner club, to lay plans for the entertainment.

The Right Reverend Thomas Casady, bishop of Oklahoma for the Episcopal church, will be the baccalaureate speaker on Sunday, June 7. The alumni party takes place June 8, with the annual meeting of the Association and of the Executive board. Then there will follow new and interesting features planned by Norman alumni. All alumni programs, it is planned, will be held in the Oklahoma Union building, general headquarters of the Association.

Pat Neff, former governor of Texas and an able speaker, will deliver the Commencement address in the fieldhouse June 9. His speech will be worth any one's time.

President Bizzell and the members of the board of regents are expected to be guests of the Association at the alumni luncheon June 8.

You should begin to lay your plans to attend now. Certainly, if you have any loyalty to the school, you should show some of it in some way. There has been an amazing silence on the part of alumni during the recent crisis through which the university passed. It is so convenient if you live in Tulsa or Oklahoma City or Ardmore to pack the family in the family car and drive to Norman. Accommodations for you are assured for the three days or for the alumni day, if you can come for only one day.

For Buchanan fund

The class of '31 has announced that it will contribute to the Buchanan Memorial fund the proceeds of the annual senior class dance May 1, such contribution to be the class memorial. Plans for senior day are being made by Grady Fox, class president.

Solicitation for the Buchanan fund has been held in abeyance by the University of Oklahoma Association, due to the unsettled political condition of the university. The campaign is expected to begin shortly, however.

Due to curtailed finances, the athletic association of the University of Oklahoma will not have "B" teams next year, Athletic Director Ben G. Owen has announced.

Broader subject selection and higher accomplishments from candidates for graduate degrees from the university are urged in a report made to Dean Homer Dodge of the graduate school by a committee of which Dr Charles M. Perry, head of the philosophy department is chairman.

Substitution of the conference plan for the lecture system is urged by Hamilton Holt of Rollins college in World Unity for February. "The lecture system is probably the worst scheme ever devised for imparting knowledge. Under the recitation system, the professor is little more than a detective trying to find out the student's degree of unfaithfulness."

Classes as such will cease at the University of Chicago in adopting a plan somewhat similar to Wisconsin's experimental college. Great new quadrangles will be constructed by the university and around these student life will be centered. Faculty and students will work together, the former in a supervisory way.