Raymond Tolbert Elected President of Alumni Association

Features of Greatest Class Day

RAYMOND TOLBERT, '12 arts-sc., '13 law, was elected president of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association at the annual meeting held on June 3 in Norman. Tolbert succeeds Tom F. Carey, arts-sc., '08.

Frank Cleckler, '21 arts-sc., was re-elected secretary and Mrs. Walter Ferguson, ex-'07, first vice-president, Frank N. Watson, '13 law, second vice-president and Fred Thompson, '22 arts-sc., treasurer.

Nominations for new members to the Athletic council which will be submitted to the council include: Neil Johnson, Paul Darrough, Raymond Tolbert, H u b e r t Ambrister, Elmer Capshaw and Claude Monnet.

Honorary membership in the association for meritorious service to the university was voted to Dr. A. B. Adams, Prof. H. H. Herbert, Dr. C. N. Gould, Prof. L. N. Morgan, Prof. J. F. Brooks, Prof. Frank Tappan, Dr. C. E. Decker and Dr. A. J. Williams.

Extension of placement to all graduates of the university was suggested in a request made to Doctor Bizzell that a committee be appointed to make a study of the employment of graduates.

Amendments to the constitution which were adopted at the meeting were:

Article V, Sec. 2. Nominations.—The president of the association shall appoint a nominating committee of three members who shall nominate three candidates for each place on the executive board, for the next school year. The nominating committee will meet and select the candidates at the fall Homecoming meeting and shall state the qualifications of each candidate selected. The statement of the qualifications shall be printed on the ballot.

Sec. 3. In accordance with such provisions as the executive board shall make, nine ballots shall be printed, one entitled “Ballot for members at large,” containing the names of the nominees for members at large and one entitled “Ballot for district representatives,” containing the names of the nominees for each of the eight congressional districts. On or before April 15 the secretary shall mail to each member of the association who is in good standing, one at-large ballot and one ballot for the district in which he resides.

A resolution adopted by a unanimous vote of the members was:

Resolved, that all payments on life membership subscriptions shall be placed in a separate fund known as the life membership fund and no part thereof used for current expenses, provided, however, that the income from the investment of such fund may be used for meeting current expenses if and when so required.

The executive board is directed to make the necessary provisions for the segregation of such monies and for the care and custody thereof, and shall arrange for the appointment of a trustee or trustees for the handling of such fund and the investment thereof, to the end that such fund shall be properly conserved, preserved and invested and the income thereon made available for the uses and purposes herein stated.

More than 200 alumni, faculty members, parents and students attended the commencement alumni luncheon held on June 4 in the Union building. A brief address was made by Raymond Tolbert, newly elected president of the association, in which he encouraged all possible members to attend and plan to make the picnic an annual affair. Officers elected are: George A. Heap, '23 civ. eng., president; John Shelton, '23 arts-sc., vice-president, and Mrs. Willie Chapman Heap, '23 arts-sc., secretary-treasurer. A beach party late in the summer has been planned by the members of the association.

Califorina Alumni

The organization of the University of Oklahoma Alumni association of Southern California on April 21 has been announced by George A. Heap, '23 civ. eng., president. The club met for the first time with a picnic at the Hume, Orange, California, on April 21.

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Cleckler to Convention

Frank Cleckler, secretary of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, will return early in July from attending the International Alumni Association Secretaries convention in Toronto, Canada. Cleckler also attended the national convention of Phi Gamma Delta which was held in Swampscott, Massachu-
setts, June 18-20. He was accompanied to the fraternity convention by John Johnstone, '29 arts-sc., and Wood Riggs.

by, '29 law. Cleckler will also visit in Washington and Chicago during the trip.

A Sooner Teaching Pioneer Dies

The death of Prof. Vernon L. Parrington in Gloucestershire, England, on June 18 cancels one more name in the roster of distinguished Sooners who aided in the development of the university.

To university students of early days Parrington will be remembered as the founder in 1898 of the English department and its head until 1908. He was advisory editor of the "Umpire," the student paper, and of other university publications.

"Athletics was one of Professor Parrington's chief interests," says Professor Roy E. Hadsell who was associated with Parrington in the early days. "He served as the first football and baseball coach of the university from the time he came until the appointment of the first full-time coach in 1901. And he was a good coach too!"

Miss Minnie May Forbes who was one of Professor Parrington's early pupils is now an instructor in English in the university. Her respect for his teaching was evidenced in the fact that she had planned to return to study with him at the University of Washington to continue her work in American literature.

The appointment of a new board of regents by Governor Charles N. Haskell when Oklahoma became a state in 1907 resulted in an upheaval on the university faculty and Parrington, with Dr. David Ross Boyd, the first president of the university, was among the many teachers who left in 1908 for other schools.

He, with four other Oklahoma faculty members, went to teach in the University of Washington in Seattle and remained there until the time of his death. He has taught during summer at the University of California, the University of Michigan and Columbia university.

National recognition was given Parrington in 1928 when he was awarded the Pulitzer prize of $2,000 for the best history of the year, "Main Currents of American Thought."

Parrington was travelling with his wife and daughter in England at the time of his death on the first vacation he had taken in twenty years.

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Appropriations

Addition of $7,500 to the 1929-30 appropriation bill for the university was announced June 12 by Richard Cloyd, Cleveland county representative. This sum will be used to repair the sagging wall of the fine arts building which is three inches out of line.

A second item of $22,500 for the purchase of more land for expansion of the state school of medicine at Oklahoma City was also added to the appropriation bill.

These items were included in the $20,539,140 institutional appropriations bill which passed the house of representatives June 12. This bill provides for the maintenance of the state educational, eleemosynary and penal institutions for the next two years and is in keeping with the economy program of Governor Holloway.

The university will receive $1,741,000 in appropriations for 1929 and $1,590,000 for 1930, not including $51,000 annual appropriation for the geological survey.

The itemized account of the university legislative appropriations is:

$1,065,000 annually for salaries.

$570,000 for support and maintenance.

$84,000 for repairs and improvements.

$42,000 for book stacks for the new library.

$35,000 for addition to the printing plant.

$25,000 for completion of petroleum laboratory.

$7,500 for repairs on the fine arts building.

$82,500 annually for salaries in medical school.

$30,000 for support and maintenance.

$30,000 for medical school equipment.

$31,000 annually for geological survey.

$220,000 salaries for the university hospital at Oklahoma City.

$125,000 for supplies and maintenance.

$10,000 for repairs to the heating plant.

$1,000 for operating room.

$161,500 for salaries in the crippled children's division.

$202,000 for support and maintenance.