A Time to Remember

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On June 6th the University of Oklahoma celebrated the close of its sixty-second year with commencement for fifteen hundred graduates.

Combined with this colorful and impressive occasion were reunions for ten Sooner classes, beginning with the '04 Golden Anniversary Class and following through the years with classes graduating in years ending in numbers 4 or 9, including the Class of 1949 only five years away from the campus.

Brief highlights of the reunions were carried on television by an Oklahoma City station. This was an interesting innovation which may become even more extensive in the reunions of future years.

First to arrive Saturday afternoon was the CLASS OF 1909. William Cross, '09ba, and Mrs. Cross, Norman; H. H. Force, '09, and Mrs. Force (Mabel Bridgewater), '11ba, Oklahoma City. Cross and Long were co-chairmen.
William Goe, '14ba, Atlanta, Georgia. Retired from the U.S. Army, he was making his first visit to the campus in thirty-five years. He remembered only two of the buildings on the campus, the old Liberal Arts building and the Union Building. Even Joe ASS of '49 found a surprise in the Union Building, new dormitory system, Gittinger Hall, and the Home Economics Building. Alumni who return to the campus infrequently are often impressed with the physical changes of the scene, and after visiting a while they almost always comment on how little change there is in some of their former teachers and in the fundamental principles and objectives of the institution.

One of the highlights of the week end was the induction of T. Howard McCasland, '16ba, Duncan, to succeed Judge Royce Savage, '25ba, '27Law, Tulsa, as president of the Alumni Association. McCasland is a Trustee of the University of Oklahoma Foundation and a former president of the O.U. Dad's Association. Barth "Jiggs" Walker, '40ba, '40Law, Oklahoma City, was elected vice president. Members of the Executive Board who began three-year terms were John M. Luttrell, '38ba, '41Law, Norman, Cy Ellinger, '26ba, Pursell, Milt Phillips, '22, Seminole, and Tom Hieronymus, '33Law, Woodward.

There was something interesting about every class as they rolled back the years and looked over picture exhibits which started with a photograph of University Boulevard shown as a muddy path "for bicycles only," viewed motion pictures that covered a period of twenty-five years at O.U., compared family notes, business experiences, and in the case of the men, waistlines and hairlines.

Class of 1904. Of the nine living members of the Class of '04, those present were the class chairman, Gladie Utt Goode, '04ba, Norman, a teacher of Latin and mathematics for many years and a high school principal; Rosa Haddix Logsdon, '04pharm, Oklahoma City, a registered pharmacist and one of the first women to graduate from the School of Pharmacy; Lilla Kate Miller, '04ba, Norman, a graduate in Literature who has lived most of her adult life in the University City. These ladies remembered many interesting stories about the early days of O.U., including their own commencement program which lasted a full week. The commencement speaker was unable to appear as scheduled because the North Canadian River was flooding and there was no way to get across it from Oklahoma City to Norman. At the commencement dinner Sunday evening they were awarded Golden Anniversary medals by President McCasland of the Alumni Association.

Class of 1909. The co-chairman for the Class of '09 were two athletes of early fame, Frank M. Long, '08ba, '09ma, and William J. Cross, '09ba, both of Norman. The report for this class was made by Bill Cross. Some of those present for the meeting were H. H. Force, '09, Mabel Bridgewater Force, '11ba, Norman; J. C. M. Krantum, '09ba, '33ma, '36led, Weatherford; Mac Tracy, '09ba, Dallas.

Class of 1914. The Class of '14 had the largest attendance and won prizes in every category they entered at the Sunday evening competition, losing the "largest waistline" contest only because of the modesty of Leonard Logan, and Roy Spears. Neither would submit to the tape-measure. This class committee was very active and consisted of co-chairman Leonard Logan, '14ba, Norman, and Charles B. Memminger, '14ba, '33Law, Atoka. The members were W. J. Armstrong, '14ba, Oklahoma City; Fritz Aurin, '14ba, Ft. Worth; A. N. "Jack" Boatman, '14ba, '16Law, Okmulgee; Roy Cox, '14ba, Blackwell; William L. Eagle-ton, '14ba, '19Law, Tulsa; J. Dawson Houk, '14ba, '14ba, '21Law, Fairview; A. B. Imel, '14ba, Cushing; Everett Parker, '14ba, Ardmore; Roy Spears, '14ba, McAlester.

Here is an excerpt from the report which Leonard Logan made to the class members who were unable to attend. "Roy Spears, '14ba, McAlester, won a first for the alumnus with the youngest grandchild. Since this was our fortieth class anniversary, obviously we did not enter competition for the alumnus present with the youngest child. Addie Maloy Westhafer, '14ba, Downers Grove, Ill., won the prize as the alumna present with the earliest year of reign as queen of a campus activity. Addie won the prize for being the first Sweetheart of Sigma Chi at O.U. Terrace, '14ba, Downers Grove, Ill., her husband, looked on with approval.

"We did not enter competition for the reunion alumnus present who had the earliest membership in Phi Beta Kappa."
If we had entered Addie for that prize she could have won it too. Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, Norman, and Eleanor Tracy, '29ba, Beaver, won the prize.

"As was to be expected, Roy Cox, '14ba, Blackwell, won the prize as the reunion alumnus who had the least desirable job (for pay) during school days. His candidacy was endorsed by the late "Stratton D." Ferguson, as he was affectionately known then, and who was superintendent of buildings and grounds, who had said for the record 'Roy was not worth a damn as a janitor.'

"Bill Goe, '14ba, Atlanta, Ga., who stayed with the Army after World War I and is now retired, easily won the prize as the reunion alumnus who has been the resident of the largest number of different states since graduation. He has resided in eleven states.

"John Rogers, '14Law, Tulsa, was the winner for the reunion alumnus with the earliest life membership in the O.U. Alumni Association. His membership card is Number 10. And of course, Jack Boatman, '14ba, '16Law, Okmulgee, was easy winner of the prize for telling best 'the funniest thing that happened during my student days at O.U.' His story was how he, Frank Parsons, '14, Wichita Falls, Texas, Paul Darrough, '13ba, '15Law, Oklahoma City, and others dunked a freshman geology prof in a bathtub for rooting for Missouri at the football game with that team and how they escaped being disciplined by President Brooks.

"Edgar Fielding, '14ba, Wilmington, Delaware, tied with Andrew Girgus, '49ba, Somerville, N.J. for the prize for the alumnus who came the longest distance. Edgar is with Dupont in Wilmington, Delaware.

"Other 1914ers who made the reunion a success are: William Buttram, '14ba, Fort Worth, Texas; Avis Barbour Cox, '14ba, Chandler; Burton Duncan, '14ba, Oklahoma City; William L. Eagleton, '14ba, '19
Class of 1934—(f .r.) Paul Peters, '34 eng, Wichita Falls; Dudley Culp, '34 Law, Wewoka; Mrs. Sarah S. Stubbsman Dace, '34, '39 ms, Norman; John R. Wallace, '34, Miami; (2nd r.) Tom Ashton, '34, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Ashton; Mrs. Irene Oakley Huey, '34, '40, '50 med, Norman; John Cooper, '34, Midland; (b. r.) Earle Garrison, '36, El Reno; Mary Tappan Garrison, '34, '35 ma, El Reno; Bill Floyd, '34, eng, Houston.

Law, Tulsa; Fred Hansen, '14, Law, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Charmian Simpson Hansen, '14, '20 ma, Oklahoma City; Lloyd J. Hibbard, '14 eng, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. Albert Hirshfield, '14, Oklahoma City; Dawson Houk, '14, Fairview; A. B. Imel, '14, Cushing; Eugene P. Ledbetter, '14, Law, Oklahoma City; Charles B. Memminger, '14, '33, Law, Atoka; Paul Mills, '14, phrm, Houston, Texas; C. V. Nichols, '14, phrm, Muskogee; Mrs. Bess Merkle O'Halloran, '14, Cordell; Everett C. Parker, '14, Ardmore; and Dr. Carl T. Steen, '14, med, Norman.

Class of 1919. Garner G. Collums, '19, Norman and Jewell Risinger Ditmars, '19, served as co-chairmen for this first post-war class following World War I. Members of the committee for this class reunion were Fayette Copeland, '19, Maurice Merrill, '19, '22 Law, Graham Johnson, '19, M. L. Wardell, '19, Callie Wiest Richards, '19, all of Norman; and Web Glidewell, '19, Helena; Dr. Marvin Henley, '16, pharm, '19, '20, '20, med, Tulsa; James B. Eskridge, Jr., '19, '21, med, Oklahoma City. Other members of the class who were present included Dr. Stratton E. Kernodle, '17, '19, med, Oklahoma City, Lyra Bahrenburg Oakes, '19, Norman; Louie G. Kneeland, '19, Law, Oklahoma City; Annie Rowland Kneeland, '19, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Carrie Majors Cox, '19, Blackwell; Clifford C. Meyer, '19, Norman; Miss Empo Henry, '19, Stillwater.

Class of 1924. Walter McClelland, '24, geol, Oklahoma City, and Harold S. Cooksey, '24, Norman, were co-chairmen. Walter McClelland did an outstanding job of securing biographical information about the families and experiences of practically every member of his class. This material will appear in class notes of the Sooner Magazine in the months ahead. Other members of the class here for the meeting were Estelle Cunningham, '24, '28, ma, Oklahoma City; John C. Brixey, '24, '25, Rowland Kneeland, '19, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Carrie Majors Cox, '19, Blackwell; Clifford C. Meyer, '19, Norman; Miss Empo Henry, '19, Stillwater.

Class of 1939—(f. r.) William Pitchford, '39, journ, McAllen, Texas; Mrs. Pitchford; Mrs. Maurine Shields Wilson, '39, chem, Oklahoma City; Jack Wilson, '39, bus, '42, Law, Oklahoma City; (b. r.) Maurice Giles, '39, phrm, Bristow; William Talley, '37, '39, Law, Hobart; Mrs. Jacinta Surber Talley, '39, Hobart, and Mrs. Addie Pickard Barker, '39, journ, Norman. Wilson and Mrs. Barker served as co-chairmen for the class' 15th anniversary.

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Class of 1949—(f. r.) Mrs. Christie Dougherty Furlow, '49ba, Norman; James Babcock, '49ba, Norman; Louis de Stwolinski, '49bus, '52ms.hus; Norman; Joe Woodson, '49bs, Kansas City, Missouri; Kenneth Glenn, '49bus, Norman; (2nd r.) Ned Hockman, '49ed, Norman; Louis Cozby, '49 journ, '51ma, Wichita Falls, Texas; Mrs. Frances Lillie Cozby, '49journ, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Ellen Brillhart Phillips, '49ba, Madill; Mrs. Sue Grantham Sholer, '49mus, Oklahoma City; (3rd r.) Dan Schusterman, '49geol, Tulsa; Oliver Winn Starr, '49ba, '53med, Drumright; Andrew Girgus, '49ba, Somerville, New Jersey; K. W. Lagrone, '49eng, Wichita Falls; Thomas Darling, '49bs, Wichita Falls—2,700 graduated in Class of '49.
Norman, and Eleanor Tracy, '29ba, Beaver, were co-chairmen for the Class of '29. This class established a committee to develop the plan for a class scholarship which will be awarded annually to the high school student to be selected through a competitive examination. The chairman of the committee is Savoie Lottinville and members of the class will be notified this week about the scholarship program. It is the hope of this committee that the recipient of this honor will be recognized as the most promising entering freshman at the University of Oklahoma each fall. Eleanor Tracy made a very interesting report on the class activities at the reunion dinner and other members of the class who contributed to the program of the day were Richard D. Mason, '29eng, '31ba, Chicago, Ill.; Vival Hooper Barber, '29ed, Oklahoma City; Granny Norris, '29ba, Muskogee; Weldon Ferris, '27ba, '28ba, '29pharm, '32med, Norma; Mary Tappan Garrison, '34ba, '35ma, El Reno; Mrs. Lucille Bell Butts, Jr., '34, Kilgore, Texas; Carl T. Addington, '34, Yukon; Paul M. Peters, '34eng, Wichita Falls, Texas; John R. Wallace, '34Law, Miami; Lillie Duvall Henshaw, '34ba, '35ma, Arcadia; W. N. Floyd, '34eng, Houston, Texas.

Class of 1939. Addie Lee Pickard Barker, '39ba, Norman and Jack Wilson, '39bus, '42Law, Oklahoma City, were co-chairmen. Members of the class committee included William W. Talley, '37ba, '39Law, Hobart; Max Cook, '39ba, '41Law, Clinton; Andrew Crosby Jr., '39ba, '41Law, Lawton; Paul D. Flippin, '39ba, Altus; Ben Floyd, '39bs, '40m.bus, Tulsa; Sam Najeeh, '39eng, '49m.eng, Borger, Texas; Clyde T. Patrick, '39ba, '39Law, Sapulpa; Dwight Tolle, '39Law, Okemah. Also present were George H. Hunt, '39ed, '49med, McAlester, Jacquita Surber Talley, '39ba, Hobart; Maurice B. Giles, '39ba, Bristow; Maurine Shields Wilson, '39bs, Oklahoma City; W. M. Pitchford, '39ba, McAllen, Texas; Charles R. Peno, '39bs, Anadarko.

Class of 1944. Betty Abbott Mahone, '44bus, Hobart; and Marvin D. Petty, '44bus, Oklahoma City, were co-chairmen. Also present were Vergona Simpson Smith, '44ba, Oklahoma City; Martin Pettigrew, '44bus, Norman; Elizabeth Cox Wright, '44ba, El Reno; Marilyn Steen Branham, '44ba, Plainview, Texas; Donald R. Cathey, '44ba, Houston, Texas; Jack M. Dempsey, '44bs, Englewood, Colorado; Miss Margaret Powell, '44ba, Oklahoma City; Betty Roberts Quinlan, '44ba, Oklahoma City; John Leake, '44ba, Marionville, Missouri; John Caldwell, '44Law, Oklahoma City. Betty Abbott Mahone made a very interesting report for this '44 class that only graduated 396.

Class of 1949. Co-chairmen were Christtie Dougherty Furlow, '49ba, Norman; Dan Schusterman, '49geol, Tulsa; and Clee Fitzgerald, '49ba, '51Law, Stillwater. This post-war class of 2,700 members was one of the largest ever to graduate at O.U. Those present for their first class reunion included Ellen Rowe Brillhart Phillips, '49ba, Madill; Sudie Grantham Sholer, '49ba, Oklahoma City; Joe B. Woodson, '49bus, Kansas City, Mo.; K. W. Lagrone, '49eng, Wichita Falls, Texas; Andrew Girgis, '49ba, Somerville, N.J.; Oliver Winn Starr, '49ba, '53med, Drumright; Jack E. Black, '49ba, Norman; Charles Ned Hockman, '49ed, Norman; Richard James, '49Law, Stroud; James M. Babcock, '49ba, Norman; Jean Temple Babcock, '49ba, Norman; Bill Christian, '49Law, Broken Bow; Louis C. de Stwoolinski, '49bus, '52m.bus, Norman; Frances Lillie Cozby, '49ba, Wichita Falls, Texas; Louis Cozby, '49ba, '51ma, Wichita Falls, Texas; Thomas Darling, '49ba, Wichita Falls, Texas; Kenneth A. Clem, '49bus, Norman.

The meetings were a great success and many interesting stories, some quite unique in 1954, were told by class members on one another. The activities were culminated with a big reunion dinner in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Ballroom at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday and Commencement followed at 7:30. The 1,500 members of the Class of '54 included the largest groups of Ph.D, D.Ed and Medical School graduates ever to graduate in a single class at O.U. Many of the men graduating this year look forward to a year or two of military service before beginning their regular careers. We shall know more about the quality of the class when they return in 1979 for their 25th anniversary. Of course, that seems like an interminable period for the Class of '54 but not nearly so long to the Class of '29 which held its silver anniversary this spring.