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Midsummer Aggie Reunion Scheduled for Saturday, June 13

Varied Program Arranged For Returning Aggies

"The more we get together the happier are we" is the spirit in which alumni and students are looking forward to the summer reunion picnic.

Saturday, June 13, is the day on which they will gather from all parts of the state, and out of the state, at University Farm.

There will be an afternoon program featuring a kittenball game between the married men and the unmarried men.

Marlow Hallstrom is chairman of the program committee. The program will be held at 7:30 o'clock. Victor Christgau will speak. Supt. J. O. Christianson will preside. Other members of the program committee are Ernest Baughman, Jean Scott, Virginia Barwise, and Pauline Gibeau.

Paul Haven has enlisted Ben Hovland, John Marrs, Doris Axelson, Bernice Markuson, Bob Johnson, Hjalmar Hulin, Lucille Peters, Evelyn Lindstrom and Charrie Johnson to make the Gym beautiful for the dance which begins at 9:00 o'clock.

Graydon McCulley, chairman, Roy Stutsman, Gertrude Esteros, and Annette Wilkens are the reception and floor committee members.

Eleanor Holm chairmans the dance program and refreshment committee. Other members are Esther Bajari, Della Tronnes, Marion Picha, Goodwin Sonstegaard, Maurice Hoversten, Ten Stark, and Aelred Westra.

It is several years since the campus has been so lovely. Those students who have known it only in winter will be surprised to see such a transformation.

Reports of other Aggie reunions are being received. Not all dates have been selected so what follows is a progress report. The local and city papers will also report plans.

Le Sueur, Brown, Nicollet, Sibley, Watonwan and Blue Earth counties will meet at Hermansheut Park at New Ulm, June 7. Picnickers will bring noon lunches. Dr. W. E. Petersen will be the chief speaker. Dr. Henry Schwermann is president.

Melvin Linder, Dunnell, is president and Marlow Hallstrom is secretary of the Martin county Aggies. Marlow thinks the date set will be about the middle of July.

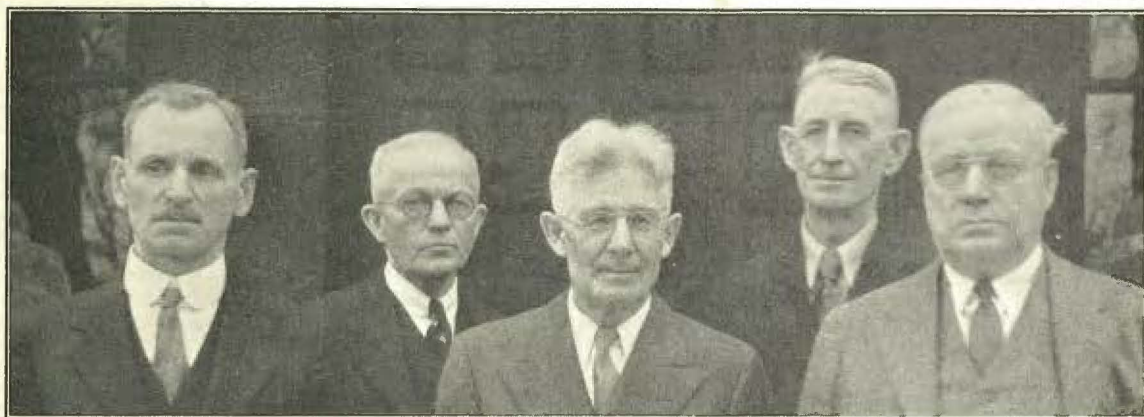
Max Hinds is president of the Jackson county Aggies. Charles Winzer says the date has been set tentatively for August.

The Southern Minnesota Aggie reunion picnic will be held on the third Sunday in July at Mineral Springs Park, Owatonna, reports the secretary, Mrs. Clarence Nitschke (nee Verna Brush) of Owatonna.

Chisago county Aggies will picnic July 19, says Ruth Mattson, secretary-treasurer of the association.

Houston county has reported no plans made yet. Oswald Myers is president and Oscar Gilbertson, secretary-treasurer.

Ed Jones is president of the Fari-



Members of '96 class who returned for Reunion
Leo Strunk, Frank Crippen, L. B. Bassett, A. D. Cross, J. V. Bailey

Honor Students Named

The School Scholarship Committee has announced its Honor Roll for the Fall and Winter terms of the past year. All the winners earned a B plus average or better. Those named for the Fall term are: Joseph Allen, Eugene Anderson, Chester Bamberg, George Boettcher, Arnold Brekke, Eleanor Bremer, Clarence Carpenter, Katherine Curtis, Claire Dubbles, Raymond Henschen, Joyce Hinds, Robert Johnston, Leonard Mattson, Roland McNab, A. Elroy Monson, Donald Sandager, Lucile Schumacher, Lester Skogberg, Signe Sorlie, Edward Steadman, Russell Stenberg and Howard West. Those named for the Winter term were: Merle Anderson, Sidney Avenson, Chester Bamberg, Irene Baer, Eleanor Bremer, Frank Croston, Katherine Curtis, Bernice Fecker, Marcus Guerber, Walter Gullickson, Vivian Gunderson, Raymond Henschen, Max Hinds, Christine Lee, Ferl Lindsay, Roland McNab, A. Elroy Monson, Edith Nelson, Norbert Riley, Donald Sandager, John Schell, Margaret Speers, Jack Steeves, George Thurnbeck and Mildred Coburn.

Hjalmar O. Anderson '21, former Houston county agent, is new economist with the Resettlement Administration in Washington, D.C. Until School is out his family will remain in St. Paul. Mr. Anderson had been taking graduate work in agricultural economics in the University up to his appointment since leaving Houston county. He received his Master's degree in 1935, and was working on his doctorate.

Stanley Doten is assistant county agent at Hallock.

bault county Aggies. Their reunion will be held the third Sunday in September.

The West Central reunion will be held June 21 at Sacred Heart; the Southwestern reunion at Worthington June 21, and Waseca, Steele, Mower and Freeborn counties will picnic on July 19. Victor Christgau will speak.

Agrarian Recognition

"I have just learned that the 1936 Agrarian was dedicated to me. I am highly honored by this recognition of the class. I should appreciate it if you would convey to the officers and the members of the class my sense of gratification.

(Signed) L. D. Coffman, President." So read the letter written to Lester Skogberg, Editor, 1936 Agrarian.

This recognition was also noted by "Minnesota Chats," a publication of the University for parents of students. It quoted from the tributes paid the President by Dean Coffey and Superintendent Christianson.

The 1936 Agrarian is a worthy successor to a long line of distinguished Agrarians. It is done in maroon and gold, the senior class colors. Except for photographs of individuals, all pictures are informal. Through the book, there is a running comment on class and student affairs in the form of a senior diary.

The book was issued on the last Thursday of the winter term and it is quite certain that it had no value except as an autograph album until each student was safely on his way home. It is quite safe to say that it has already become an irreplaceable possession of its owner.

The School News congratulates Miss Matson, faculty adviser, Lester Skogberg, Chief Editor, and the Agrarian Board on the production of so beautiful an Agrarian.

Gerrit Douwsma '32 was graduated from North Central College at Naperville, Illinois, June 8. Gerrit majored in political science and government. He was a member of the college debate team in his junior year and chairman of the Y.M.C.A. board during the past year.

Extension Director Frank W. Peck '08 will be a speaker at the American Institute of Cooperation, to be held at the University of Illinois, Urbana, about the middle of June. Mr. Peck's topic will be, "Preventive Medicine for Cooperatives," and will be delivered June 18.

Class Memorial

The Class of 1936 has seen to it that it will long be remembered on the campus. Following is the letter which the class officers, Paul Peterson, Myrtle Hoven, Norbert Riley and Ben Hovland, wrote to Dean Coffey:

"The 1936 graduating class of the School of Agriculture, wishing to leave a memorial to the institution in recognition of the opportunities which have been made available to us, presents a life-size portrait of President Coffman, which we wish to have hung in the library at University Farm. We also present smaller portraits of President Coffman, one for President and Mrs. Coffman in their home; one for yourself and one for Superintendent Christianson. This is in recognition of the services rendered to the School of Agriculture and the entire State of Minnesota through the sympathetic and courageous leadership of President Coffman, to whom the Class this year dedicated its annual, The Agrarian.

"We also present to the institution funds which we authorize Superintendent Christianson to use in purchasing lighting fixtures for the auditorium at University Farm, to replace the old light brackets on each of the outside walls. Already there are many pieces of equipment and furniture which have been left for use in this auditorium by School students. We wish to leave the lighting fixtures as a memorial in recognition of the fact that the heart of the School of Agriculture is in the School assembly programs and other group activities which are held in this auditorium."

Charles Worcester '33, now a junior in the College of Agriculture, was selected in May by the Danforth committee as winner of one of the 1936 Danforth foundation summer scholarships. Worcester will study 2 weeks in St. Louis, and take a 2-weeks course in leadership training at the American Youth Foundation, Camp Miniwanca, at Shelby, Montana. He is the only University of Minnesota student who receives the award.

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Tribute to Mr. Tucker

In a letter from Mrs. Frederick Tucker to Dean W. C. Coffey, she says in answer to his invitation to attend the 1936 alumni reunion: "We loved our three years at the School. There may be a few who remember us, after our over thirty years away from there.

The March issue of The School News made mention of the passing of Mr. Frederick Tucker on March 3 at his home in St. Louis. In the years following his resignation from the principalship of the School of Agriculture, he devoted most of his time to studies and research in the archeology of the Mississippi Valley. Mr. James Drew, who was a member of Mr. Tucker's faculty in the School, says of him:

Frederick D. Tucker, the third principal of the School of Agriculture, came to the School following the resignation of Dr. Henry W. Brewster in the year 1900. Dr. Brewster had been with the School from its beginning, first as instructor, then assistant principal, then principal. When he resigned the regents of the University were faced with the problem of finding to take his place, a man who should possess the necessary executive ability to manage the School, plus an understanding of and sympathy with the problems of the farm boy and girl. Such a man was found in the person of Frederick D. Tucker, and he was asked to take charge of the School.

Mr. Tucker was educated for the ministry, but had had farm experience in his youth, and was in full accord with the plan of education for farm youth as he found it in operation at the School of Agriculture. He was thus able to fill the place left vacant by Dr. Brewster, and the School went forward almost as though there had been no change. There was a decided increase in attendance at the School during his administration, and three new buildings were added to the group at University Farm.

Personally, Mr. Tucker was tall, straight as an arrow, and altogether a fine physical specimen. He was always pleasant and friendly. He was a ready speaker and a good story teller. All his students will remember him as one who could join with them in their play as well as their work and be one of them without in any way losing their respect. But, most of all they will remember him as a good teacher and a good friend.

Approximately 400 Alumni Return to Campus For 1936 Spring Reunion of Honor Classes

Sunday reunions of alumni of the honored classes occurred on the afternoon and evening of March 22. The two oldest classes met at Pendergast Hall and the others at the Girls' Dormitory. Dr. Haecker was guest of honor of the 1896 class. God-father Will Boss met with his adopted class of 1906, and Miss Nell Merrill and Mrs. William Wehrend, joint godmothers with the 1926-ers. Alumni secretary L. B. Bassett reports the activities of that group as follows: "The attendance of the class reunions this year was equal to, if not better, than previous years. The attendance of the forty-year class was 25 percent of the living members. The attendance of the thirty-year class was 55 percent of the living members, the total attendance of this class being 76. This included wives and children of the returning members. Approximately 30 percent of the twenty-year class attended the reunion, and about 10 percent of the ten-year class. These class reunions were all held Sunday afternoon. All the classes lunched together

connected with the institution as professor of agriculture in the year of 1880. A resolution of sympathy was also passed for Mr. John Thompson. A permanent standing committee on necrology was appointed by the Association, the committee consisting of Dr. H. C. H. Kernkamp, chairman; Mrs. Will Peck and Professor William Boss.

New Officers

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. H. Dankers, president; Norbert Riley, first vice-president; Nestor Anderson, second vice-president; Carl Morck, third vice-president; L. B. Bassett, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Harry Krum, member of the Executive Committee.

Banquet

The attendance at the banquet was unusually large, approximately 400 members of the Association being present. One of the features of the banquet program was the response of the various classes. Mr. L. B. Bassett



These are a few of the members of the '26 class who returned for Reunion

with the officers of the Alumni Association Sunday evening at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria, there being about 130 members in attendance at this luncheon. After the luncheon, the classes returned to the headquarters for an evening session.

Business Meeting

"The business meeting was held Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Engineering building and was well attended. In addition to the routine business, resolutions recognizing the services of Dr. Andrew Boss, Professor T. L. Haecker, Mr. James Drew and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brewster were passed by the Association. In addition to these resolutions, the chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented a resolution of regret and sympathy for the passing of Dr. F. D. Tucker, who for three years was principal of the School and who died in March, 1936. Another resolution of sympathy was passed by the Association on the untimely death of Mr. Ludwig Cederberg, who for many years was head herdsman at University Farm. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Christian Anderson, who retired last year after having served 25 years as custodian of buildings. The Secretary was also instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Professor C. Y. Lacy, who was the first agricultural professor of the institution, being

responded for the class of 1896; Mr. Harlow Murphy, president of the 1906 class, responded for that class; Mr. Nestor Anderson, president of the 1916 class, responded for that class; and Mr. Erhardt Bremer, president of the 1926 class, responded for that class. Mr. Bruce H. Bell of the Class of 1915, secretary of the YMCA, Mankato, acted as toastmaster and did an excellent job. In addition to the class recognition, Superintendent J. O. Christianson gave a five-minute talk on the School. President Dankers read a letter from Dean Coffey. Mr. and Mrs. Coffey were not able to attend because of Mr. Coffey's illness, this being the first alumni banquet he has missed since he was elected Dean of the Department of Agriculture some 15 years ago. The professional talent on the program was unusually good. Everybody enjoyed the Swedish folk dance staged by Miss Linnea Osman and her group. Another number that was especially good was the sleight of hand performance by Mr. White of WCCO. Mr. James Nankeville also presented a very unusual number consisting of piano with bones accompaniment.

The banquet program closed at 9 p.m. in time for the alumni ball in the gymnasium which was well attended.

E. B. Pierce, general alumni secretary for the University was a guest at the banquet. Of it, he said, "I certainly enjoyed meeting with the School of

Agriculture alumni at the dinner the other night and was delighted with your program."

Bruce Bell, toastmaster, wrote to Mr. Bassett: "I assure you I enjoyed beyond expression my fellowship and the opportunity to renew old friendships."

Dean's Letter

In Dean Coffey's letter, which was read at the banquet, he expressed these sentiments: "Through the years I have been repeatedly impressed by the spirit of the alumni of the School of Agriculture. I think it far surpasses the spirit of the alumni of most institutions. Being so marked, it has developed in me a profound respect for those who were instrumental in founding the School and for those who did yeoman service in establishing its objectives and standards. It has helped also to implant in me a conviction as to the worthiness of the School which conviction has been deepened by the upright, truly citizen-like achievements of the vast majority that has come under its influence. Like any other great industry, agriculture is ever changing. It is never static. Apparently we are now making a significant turn in our American agriculture. Until 1933 it was constantly expanding and up to that time expected changes were conceived in terms of expansion. Most of us would dearly like to feel that our cherished philosophy of expansion is still sound, practical and safe. But world-wide political upheavals, vast technological changes and a marked slowing down of the birth rate in most countries cause many to doubt if we can even maintain it on its present basis of development. My very deep conviction is that an urgent need in American agriculture is greatest stability of living on the land. We have been, we still are a shifting people. We seem to feel that we are of no credit to ourselves if we live for long in a given community. Our tenancy is based on a one-year lease system. Community solidarity, cooperation, the protection of the soil from depletion and many other things pertinent to sound and satisfactory rural life cannot occur unless something is done to bring about longer periods of residence by families on given farms. Our social, economic and technical policies should be shaped toward that end. Fortunately the policy of the School has been shaped with that end in view, for its outstanding objective always has been to train men and women for living on the farm."

Caleb Dorr Winners

The Caleb Dorr Scholarship committee announces the winners of cash prizes for the winter term. They are Donald Sandager, first; Katherine Curtis, second; Frank Croston, third; Vivian Gunderson, fourth; A. Elroy Monson, fifth; Raymond Henschen, sixth and Ferl Lindsay, seventh.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Myhre in February. Oswald was a member of the 1931 class.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Deters May 8. Edgar graduated in the class of '31 and Mrs. Deters, formerly Gladys Glissendorf, graduated in 1930.

Lambert Erickson '31 is now in charge of barberry work in Houston county.

George Lindgren is farming about 1,000 acres southwest of Hallock and is prominent in community activities.

Prize Winners Announced

Following is a list of the awards made to students for their work during the Winter term:

Wrestling

English "A" to: Albert Flesland, Raymond Furan, Harold Goltz, Leland Holmberg, Winton Madsen, Sidney Nelson, Norbert Riley, Fred Sather, Stanley Sather, John Sullivan, George Thurnbeck; Block "A" to: Henry Coudron, Thomas Fogarty, Walter Gulickson, Dale Hinds, Donald Sonstegaard, Alvin Starz, Peter Van Santen and Herman Vosson.

Basketball

English "A" to: Martin Annexstad, Orin Bjorklund, Oscar Olson, Donald Oothoudt, John Paschke, Lawrence Thurnbeck and Roy Wassom; Block "A" to Walton Bjorklund, Marvin Bolland, Frank Crosston, William Hinds, Winfield Olson, Joe Patchin, Ivar Peterson, David Zimmerman, Albert Ditrach, Manager; Olaf Sethre and Joseph Sharkey.

Fall Term (1935) Scholarships—

1st—Howard West, \$17, Gold Medal.
2nd—Katherine Curtis, \$15, Silver Medal.
3rd—Russell Stenberg, \$12, Bronze Medal.
4th—Elroy Monson, \$10, Bronze Medal.
5th—Chester Bamberg, \$7, Bronze Medal.
6th—Lester Skogberg, \$5, Bronze Medal.
7th—Eleanor Bremer, \$5, Bronze Medal.

Gideon Memorial Awards (For Horticultural Summer Projects)—

1st—Myrtle Mattson, \$10.
2nd—Vivian Dose, \$7.50.
3rd—Irene Baer, \$7.50.

Community Bettement Awards—

1st—Myrna Ballinger, \$10, Gold Medal.
2nd—Cloy Knodt, \$8, Silver Medal.
3rd—Eleanor Holm, \$6, Bronze Medal.
4th—Alvin Warncke, \$5, Bronze Medal.
5th—Winton Madsen, \$5, Bronze Medal.

Senior Essay Awards—

1st—Margaret E. Erickson, \$8, Gold Medal.
2nd—Benjamin B. Stewig, \$7, Silver Medal.
3rd—Catherine Doran, \$5, Bronze Medal.

Summer Project Awards—

Animal Husbandry—Stanley George, Gold Medal.
Dairy Husbandry—Dale Hansberger, Gold Medal.
Poultry—Charles Miller, Gold Medal.
Entomology—Mabel Hagelin, Gold Medal.
Soils—Telford Hovland, Gold Medal.
Agronomy—Aelred Westra, Gold Medal.

Members of '16 Class Who Returned for Reunion



Engineering—Lester Skogberg, Gold Medal.

Plant Pathology—Waldo Luedtke, Gold Medal.

Oratorical Contest Awards—

1st—Raymond Crowley, \$7, Gold Medal.

2nd—Bertel Jensen, \$5, Silver Medal.

Humorous Reading Contest

Awards—

1st—Katherine Lind, \$7, Gold Medal.

2nd—Richard Pengilly, \$5, Silver Medal.

Dramatic Reading Contest

Awards—

1st—Elizabeth Jonk, \$7, Gold Medal.

2nd—Coletta Tibbodeaux, \$5, Gold Medal.

Grand Old Man

At ninety years of age, Dr. T. L. Haecker said, "I read and study. I don't believe I will ever grow tired of learning how things go around." The occasion that called for this remark was the celebration of his ninetieth birthday which was celebrated in May.

When asked what thing he looked back on most with pride, he promptly said, "Bringing the gospel of cooperation to Minnesota farmers." Another gospel which he successfully preached to the farmers of Minnesota was co-education at the School of Agriculture. Maybe he looked upon that, too, as cooperation.

Dr. Haecker served as a member of the Dairy Division from 1893 to 1917. It is for him that Hacker Hall is named.

In a life measured by nine decades, Dr. Haecker has enjoyed a wide range of activities. Shortly after entering the University of Wisconsin, he answered President Lincoln's call to the colors and served in the 37th Wisconsin infantry until the end of the war. He established the first dairy farm in Iowa. He acted as executive secretary for four Iowa governors, a total

of seventeen years. He again entered the University of Wisconsin to study, but was made assistant instructor to the first American Dairy School. The next year he accepted Governor Nelson's invitation to join the faculty of the Department of Agriculture at University Farm. Its walls did not confine him and Minnesota became his campus.

The School News congratulates Dr. Haecker on his birthday and wishes him many years in which to satisfy his curiosity of "how things go around." We know he will share his discoveries with us.

From Our Reporters

Early in May, Superintendent J. O. Christianson sent letters to new and former county reporters asking for news of interest about Aggies in their communities. Below is the response given to these requests. Those which are received too late for this issue will appear in a later one.

"I enjoy reading the School News, because it brings back many fond memories," writes P. O. Tvedt '12 of Ada. He reports from Norman county that he occasionally sees the Ingeberg brothers at Hendrum, Elmer Strand at Ada, and George Henderson at Holstad.

Verna Brush (Nitschke) of Owatonna writes, "I am raising chickens, and my husband is employed by the Josten Jewellers. We are making our home with my parents. Clifford Brush operates the farm."

A. R. Liggett writes that A. D. Anderson is secretary of the Todd County Debt Adjustment committee. Mr. Liggett is Todd county Rural Rehabilitation supervisor, with headquarters at Long Prairie.

Joseph Houska '11 of Crookston reports that he "owns and operates the Houska Funeral Home at Crookston. My wife was Jennie Nelson '12. E. A.

Raymond farms near Crookston. Olaf Peterson is employed as field man in the real estate department of the Metropolitan Insurance Company at Sioux Falls, S. D."

Syd Viken '13 and his wife, nee Ethel Meck '09, operate a fine farm near Holstad. George Henderson '04 farms near Holstad. Edson Washburn '04 operates an insurance agency at Crookston.

Genevieve Stike Magnan '26 (Mrs. Rene Magnan) of Fort Ripley, writes, "Abe Gibson '28 was married last summer and is farming near Fort Ripley. Ruth Gibson, ex '29 and '30, is working in Brainerd and expects to enter Midway Hospital in August to take up nurse's training. Ovide Dubois, ex '28, is working in the Montgomery Ward store in Brainerd. I am helping my husband run a 240-acre farm."

Recognition Assembly

At the College of Agriculture Recognition Assembly, held in the Auditorium Wednesday evening, May 13, two Aggies received Caleb Dorr awards. Bradford Croston received the Caleb Dorr Sophomore Scholarship of \$100 in recognition of excellent work. He also received the Special Caleb Dorr prize for scholarship, a book, "The Birds of America," by the Science Society. Bradford is employed in a nursery near Minneapolis.

The Caleb Dorr senior Gold Medal for girls for the highest scholarship in the Senior class was given to Gertrude Esteros '31. She also received the Special Caleb Dorr prize for scholarship, a copy of "Wild Flowers" by Homer D. Hause. Besides holding membership in the College 4-H Club, Y.W.C.A. and Home Economics, Gertrude's scholarship and ability have been recognized by election to such honorary societies as Phi Upsilon Omicron, Pi Lambda Theta and Omicron Nu.

George Wilkins '33 was installed as president of the College of Agriculture Y.M.C.A. at the first meeting in the spring term. At the same time, Charles Worcester took office as treasurer. Graydon McCulley and Ernest Baughman are members of the Y.M.C.A. cabinet for the coming year.

Arthur Johnson '24 is in partnership with two brothers. They are operating about 1,200 acres. Mr. Johnson is also Assistant County R.R. Supervisor.

The Midsummer Aggie reunion for Waseca, Steele, Mower and Freeborn counties will be held July 19 at Mineral Springs Park, Owatonna. Mr. Nelson of Ellendale is president; Oscar Amely of New Richland vice-president and Mrs. Clarence Nitschke of Owatonna, secretary-treasurer.

Members of '06 Class Who Returned for Reunion



