

McGrew will go back to England July 17, with Penny to follow in a few weeks. Then they'll move to the University of Edinburgh, where he will complete his last year of research on his doctoral studies.

"I think the hardest part of going to England was adjusting to the very great differences between academic systems," says McGrew. "Graduate work at Oxford is very unstructured; they're more or less interested only in the end product, the piece of knowledge which you produce from research and study. They're much more in-

terested only in the end product, the price a specific curriculum. I haven't taken any course work at all since I've been at Oxford."

Changing from zoology to his graduate field of experimental psychology and human ethology in an American school would have meant taking several courses in behavioral psychology as part of graduate requirements. Says McGrew, "At Oxford, the burden was on me to get this for myself. This forces you to work out your own ideas, to evaluate your own work. Never

before did I have to depend on myself so much."

He spent his first year at Oxford working under Professor Niko Tinbergen, a famous ethologist, "to get methodology, to get the basics down." Then he began work in the Institute of Experimental Psychology in human ethology, studying evolution of human behavior, relationship between human beings and other living things, "anything we can learn from our nearest relatives. Ethology is an effort to look at human behavior in a biological way."

Letters to the Editor

Toward a Wider Viewpoint

Sirs:

Especially in recent issues *Sooner Magazine* has performed an interesting job of interpretative reporting on the nature of student unrest and the present social psychology of the student body. Several issues ago there was an engaging article on the lack of acceptance of Negroes on the campus in a social, communicative nature. The gist of what was said about the campus in Norman is true throughout the fabric of our society—in North, South, East, and West. In this and other articles there appears a tendency toward sympathy for change to more involvement and more communication—with which this writer agrees.

However, the unrest in society is not only from the student "liberal" side but also from the "conservative" or "right." Anyone who has made even a cursory study of the society knows that for every "extremist" on one end of the socio-political pendulum, there is usually a counterpart at the opposite. Alumni, I think, would be equally interested to hear about the distress of the so-called conservative right. Alienation in American society does not affect just blacks or militant students—or even just students in general. Fortunately, however, our society has managed to thrive on diversity. In spite of the fears of those who are fearful that differences of opinion are a great evil, the same is one indelible element of American life.

For example, the hippies, whatever they may be, are an attempt not so much to be destructive in society as they are representative of a segment of this generation of young Americans seeking to be expressive. The problem is whether they are existing for existence's sake or are able to make a significant contribution to the development of not only a free but a healthy one from all reasonable points of perspective.

Unquestionably the university student generally is critical of the world. He observes the problems and gropes for solutions. Perhaps his or her attention to "ideals" is more clearly defined than is the case among those who are more exposed to surviving in this American-type "civilization."

Sooner Magazine should continue to raise the issues and the causes which are the center of campus and student attention

and thought. An effort must be made to submit for consideration as wide a viewpoint about problems as possible.

If the magazine will concentrate on raising issues for thought to include those of as widely divergent philosophy within a given subject matter, it will in the long run receive greater readership from alumni and be of great assistance to most of us in understanding what is "with" each new generation of students.

Might we suggest that the bright and dynamic editor of *Sooner Magazine* be given space for editorial comment based on the reportorial matter in the magazine. An "editor's commentary" would be an opportunity for his analysis and thought which could be more easily differentiated from factual reporting and might lead to interesting and relative response from alumni on the issues included in the publication. Having said this, let me offer congratulations to those responsible for making *Sooner Magazine* a lively publication directed toward giving alumni greater insight into that world which we have now left behind in body but not entirely, we hope, in mind, the University of Oklahoma.

Larry R. Wade, '61
Elk City, Oklahoma

Underestimating Intelligence?

Sirs:

I give your magazine credit for not trying to conceal from the alumni the sorry state of affairs into which the University has let preoccupation with its primary function carry it. But that's the only thing.

It seems to me that you should reconsider your judgment of the intelligence of the Oklahoma taxpayer in the field of higher education, especially as it concerns voting the additional money which the faculty and administration want. I wouldn't want to put my money into an institution which, judging from the recent trend of articles in *Sooner Magazine*, is moving toward the equivalent of letting the inmates run the looney bin.

Budge V. Lee, '38
Fort Worth, Texas

More Power to Us

Sirs:

I am impressed and refreshed by each issue of *Sooner Magazine*. I find your approach and coverage of all the subjects

you deal with to be sensitive, stimulating, intelligent, and open-minded. Needless to say, this type of approach is provocative and will invite much criticism—particularly from those members of the Alumni Association who prefer simpler and more traditional treatment.

In the May issue, I especially enjoyed coverage and comment on Malcolm Boyd at the Conference on Religion. Finally, I am also an avid fan of OU athletics, and I enjoy your regular coverage in this area. More power to you!

James P. Murphy, '65
St. Joseph, Mo.

Loyalty

Sirs:

Though I am not an alumna of the University of Oklahoma, I receive *Sooner Magazine* and think it is the finest publication I have ever read. I can find absolutely nothing wrong with it. It's simply perfect.

Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, Sr.
Little Rock, Ark.

Thanks, mother. You might ask Aunt Polly to write something, also.—Editor

Dropping Out

Sirs:

There is little doubt in my mind but what I owe the University of Oklahoma a tremendous debt for the education I obtained there. This could certainly be paid in part by monetary donations to ADF or volunteering time to write letters to classmates urging their support of ADF. However, I also owe the University an obligation to help maintain its standards and its greatness.

My principal contact with OU is now through *Sooner Magazine*. This past year I have been very disappointed in the decidedly leftist trend predominating in that magazine and my implication in the University itself. In many matters it has appeared that OSU (the cow college up at Stillwater) was taking a much more reasonable approach. I refer specifically to speaker bans, SDS, and student "power" and "freedom" in general. I cannot but believe that OSU will surge ahead of OU unless my school develops a little sterner discipline and turns firmly away from the leftist ideas now seeming to prevail on campus.

Thus, for the immediate future I believe that I can best serve the University by declining to work as an ADF volunteer and by making known why I am declining.

Archie M. Skov, '56
Midwest City, Oklahoma