

THE OKLAHOMA U. - WHIRLWIND

Once upon a time there was a *Whirlwind* on the OU campus. It spun out in the pre-twenties years and lasted into the daze of the deep-depression. (Surely it was writing like this that killed it.)

Now lying splendidly in the Phillips Collection in Bizzell Memorial Library, *The Whirlwind*, one of several defunct campus humor magazines, was riddled with puns and Henny Youngman type jokes.

Son: "Pop, what is the mother tongue?"

Pop: "It's the deadliest weapon in any household, my son."

Some of OU's most outstanding alumni overcame this sort of beginning and succeeded anyway. Presumably, some didn't. Without reflecting on anyone's literary abilities, the people at the library are looking for copies of *The Whirlwind* to complete their collection. The earliest issue in the lot is June 1923, which the editors called Volume Four, Number 6, yet inside the editor states that the magazine was born just two years before. Can someone clear that up? The last issue in the collection is December 1934. Arthur McAnally, director of libraries, would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows more about *Whirlwind* and receiving copies from any of you who still possess them.

On the following pages are excerpts from the best (or worst) of *Whirlwind*. In future issues of *Sooner Magazine* we'll take a look at some of *Whirlwind's* sister publications of recent and not-so-recent vintage (unless someone hauls us away for resurrecting this batch.)—CBR



The first night I caught her in my arms. The next night I caught her in my pockets.

