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For once it didn't rain Commencement weekend, and everybody involved was pretty well worn down by the time the official ceremonies ended the night of May 16. This issue of the Sooner is almost entirely devoted to the things that make Commencement weekend a major event at the University: class reunions, the awarding of the Distinguished Service Citations and, of course, the granting of degrees.

Our cover this month deserves special mention. It is, of course, of Dr. McCarter, the man who has had the trying and rather thankless task of keeping the University on balance between the resignation of one president and the arrival of the next. It has been a calmish year, for which Dr. McCarter is most certainly grateful. It has been a year of little change, which was intentional. Mostly, we guess, it has been something of a "family" year, a time to look within ourselves and prepare for what is to come.

The pace is already beginning to quicken with the anticipated arrival of Dr. Paul Sharp from Drake University, and in August we will have entered a new era in the institution's governance.

Leaving the president's office, Dr. McCarter returns to his post as provost, chief academic officer of the University.

The next issue of the Sooner will be the special Honor Roll report from the Alumni Development Fund. Look for it in September. —CBR.

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Cover — On August 16 Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter ends his term as interim president of the University, almost a full year after taking the post. OU Publications Office director Bill Williams sought to capture Dr. McCarter's warmth and wit in this month's Sooner cover.

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