

Sooner Magazine Takes Slow Boat to India

I was getting anxious to see the issue of *Sooner Magazine*, as just about everybody from Oklahoma had been writing to me saying that they had seen my article ("It's a Small World After All," Spring 1982) . . . I finally received the copies last week.

I am much settled in Bangalore, India, now. I have a job with a national English language magazine called *Society*. I am their correspondent for South India. I enjoy my job as it involves meeting a lot of colorful personalities. I also write for the local paper here in Bangalore. I have written one on education/campus life in America, which when published I shall send you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my teachers at OU, especially at the journalism school and all my friends at the Norman Rotary club, who made my stay in Norman a wonderful learning experience.

Thank you for letting me write for your magazine. I enjoyed writing the article more than anything else I did.

Ratna Shekar, '82
Bangalore, India

I am writing to you for two reasons. First, to congratulate you as Editor of the *Sooner Magazine*. The new edition is far superior to previous publications to the alumni because it succinctly communicates the progress and accomplishments of the University. I have found it particularly useful when visiting with high school students and their parents concerning the choice of a University.

The second reason, is to request a copy of the article that you featured last year about the Ballet Department. I have given mine away, and would like to refer it to a student who may be considering the University.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and best wishes for continued success.

Owen M. Hewett, '60 BS
San Antonio, Texas

The last issue of *Sooner* was so lovely that I just had to write some much overdue words of praise. I've been reading *Sooner* for a hundred years, of course, but it has been such a delight since you took it over and wonderful to read from cover to cover. It's even pretty!

Ann Taylor
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

English Comp Response Caught Us by Surprise

At the beginning of the summer an article from *Sooner* entitled "What Do Writers Do?" was brought to my attention. I found it most interesting. There was to be a follow-up article in the next edition. Could you please forward a copy of this article to me? Many thanks.

Dr. Marilyn Cash
Associate Professor of English
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Editor's Note: The struggle to get words on paper must be epidemic among our readers. Michael Flanigan's two-parter on college composition has elicited more response than any other articles we've printed in the Sooner Magazine.

OU Senior Societies To Honor Crosses

Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board and Pe-Et Alumnae:

Dr. George Lynn Cross, President Emeritus, and his wife, Cleo, will be the honored guests at a banquet given March 5, 1983, at 6:30 p.m. in Dining Rooms 1 and 2 in the Oklahoma Memorial Union. The senior honor societies Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board and Pe-Et are sponsoring this event.

We are extending an invitation to attend to the alumnae of these three honor societies. For banquet reservations, please call (405) 325-6873. The cost of the dinner is \$12.50 per person. Checks should be made payable to Omicron Delta Kappa, and should be sent to:

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Please tell us the year and to which organization you were a member. We certainly look forward to meeting you. We hope you will share with us in honoring Dr. Cross. Thank you.

Mark Teed, President
Omicron Delta Kappa

Steve Tomlinson, President
Mortar Board

John Wynne, President
Pe-Et

Shades of the '50s! Miss OU Contest Revived



Dena Parham
Miss OU 1983

Amid cries of protest from local feminists, the University of Oklahoma has crowned its first Miss OU since the competition died from lack of interest in the mid-70s.

McAlester junior Dena Parham walked away with the 1983 title, a \$250 scholarship and the right to represent OU in the Miss Oklahoma pageant in June.

The reinstatement of Miss OU stirred some alumni memories of the glory days of campus beauty contests, when Miss OU 1955, Ann Campbell became Miss Football, Miss Oklahoma and fourth runner-up to Miss America; Donna Sue Cason was Miss OU 1956, Miss Football and Miss Oklahoma; Nancy Denner was Miss Oklahoma 1957 and second runner-up to Miss America; and Billie Kaye Smith was Miss Oklahoma 1962.