

Banowsky Statements Get High Marks from Readers

President Banowsky:

Please accept my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for your statement to the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma in support of equal opportunity goals for the University. ("Sooner Topics" Spring 1983)

Your statement cogently outlined the historical evolution of the treatment of members of minority groups at this University and forcefully articulated the University's objective of attaining true social equality for all. Your vigorous leadership in this area provides the impetus for realizing that objective as a reality with force.

Terre E. Foster
Associate Professor of Law
OU Faculty Senate

This weekend I enjoyed reading President Banowsky's article "High Tech to Inherit the Future" in the *Sooner Magazine*. He said so much of significance so well.

Congratulations to him for his gift to think thoughts of good philosophy tempered with reality. His skills as a communicator and leader enable him to work as a great president of our university. This concise article lets me observe that he has set goals and plans for the university very professionally.

It seems to me in my fifty-fifth year that man's work is as important to his well being as his nutrition or his philosophy or his religion. President Banowsky has clearly described where the opportunities will be. I am grateful for his making a part of it happen in Oklahoma for me, for my children and all citizens of Oklahoma.

John C. Westervelt, '50 BS
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Editor's Column Gets C-

In your "Prologue" column in the Spring 1983 issue of *Sooner Magazine*, you cited the role of the University president, the Faculty Senate and Student Congress in speaking out concerning the institution's current financial situation. Their efforts are indeed commendable.

However, you neglected to mention the role played by the University's Employee Executive Council, which represents some 3,000 staff on the

Norman Campus. The EEC's executive committee worked long and hard in formulating budget recommendations which were sent both to Dr. Banowsky and the Budget Council (another organization which deserves credit for its leadership in this area).

The Employee Executive Council is proud of the contributions which it makes to the University of Oklahoma and is entitled to recognition for its contributions.

Katie Pursley
Administrative Coordinator
OU Employee Executive Council

Added Ingredient Creates Gooey Mess for Gourmets

In the current issue of *Sooner* that carried among other recipes one for Fiesta Pie, there is an error in James Beard's Cuisinart recipe for the pie crust. The printed recipe calls for one cup of ice water, when in fact the actual recipe calls for no water at all. This was no error on the part of *Sooner Magazine*, but somehow mysteriously crept into the translation en route to you. The only useful purpose the ice water could serve is to quench the thirst of the cook. It will certainly spoil the *pâte brisée*. Sorry for any gooey messes that might have resulted.

J. R. Morris, '60 MS
Norman, Oklahoma

Editor's Note: It seems that gourmet cooks abound on the campus - except in the Sooner Magazine office, where a really competent editor/cook would have detected the potential for a gooey mess in Provost Morris' pie crust. Such an error would never have occurred in World Literature Today, for instance, where editor Ivar Ivask has protested the omission of his associate William Riggan (see Page 26) from "Real Men Don't Make Quiche" in our last issue. Even the dean of fine arts (see Page 20) is an acknowledged master of the culinary art and claims the same for his entire faculty. The editor wishes to point out, however, that of all the extravagant claims being made for various campus master chefs, only Provost Morris has thus far demonstrated his considerable abilities with edible evidence for the Sooner staff - which may be why he received top billing in our article. A great man once advised those on the public payroll never to accept gifts that could not be eaten or drunk, which still leaves ample room for negotiation.

Sooner Welcome in Virginia

Your magazine is certainly appreciated out here. I am very happy to find that it reports on all sorts of Oklahoma news centered around the University. My ancestors are the Cherokee and many of the stories in *Sooner* are close-to-home for me.

Andrew C. Taylor, '81 BS
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Former BA Editor Dies

With great sadness we learned in early July of the death of former *Books Abroad* editor Ernst Erich Noth. He died of leukemia on 15 January 1983 in Bensheim, West Germany, at the age of 73. Noth was not only a respected journalist and literary critic but was also the author of several well-received novels in French and German. He assumed the editorship of BA in 1949 from the hand of Founding Editor Roy Temple House himself and held the reins for a full decade before leaving to resume his writing and teaching career elsewhere.

Ivar Ivask
Norman, Oklahoma

Three-Degree Sooner Earns Honor as Texas Aggie

The 1983 Palladium medal, presented jointly by the National Audubon Society and the American Association of Engineering Societies to an outstanding engineer, was awarded to Dr. Roy W. Hann, Jr.

Roy Hann is a "three degree" Sooner — B.S. 1956; M.C.E. 1957; Ph.D. 1963 — and a proud son of Oklahoma.

Dr. Hann is an outstanding engineer, educator and professional. His interest in our environment is far-reaching and he is striving to make our future more secure. His achievements have made him a former student in which the University of Oklahoma can be proud.

Barbara J. Bryant, Ph.D.
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Editor's Note: Dr. Hann is an 18-year member of the Texas A&M faculty, currently heading his department's environmental engineering division. He is an internationally recognized expert on oil spill clean-up and oil pollution abatement.