

Friends of Hettie Loar Establishing Scholarship

Her many friends need to know that Hettie Loar passed away February 23, 1984, at the Norman Municipal Hospital. She was buried at Woodsfield, Ohio. Hettie was 86 years young and was only away from her girls and boys for ten days, which is the way she wanted it.

Hettie owned and operated a home for women students at 739 College for 52 years. She also furnished meals for men and women. Those of us in Norman who knew and loved her have established a scholarship in her name with the OU Foundation in memory of the love and care she extended to all who were privileged to know her.

The scholarship will be for any student in any college at OU who shows a sincere desire to complete a college education. I will serve on the selection committee along with appropriate people from the University.

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Editor's Note: Tom Morton was the first in a long and distinguished line of "kitchen boys" at the University community's most famous student boarding establishment. Inquiries about the Hettie Loar fund should be addressed to the OU Foundation, 100 Timberdell Road, Norman, OK 73019.

Goal Tending War Seems "Like Only Yesterday"

I just read the article in the *Sooner Magazine* . . . on Bruce Drake and the Goal Tending War. It's hard to believe it all took place almost 40 years ago as it seems like only yesterday. I considered Bruce a good friend, and even though he is no longer with us, he knew the respect his peers had for him. Coaching has not had many equals, and in my opinion the profession has a pressing need for men who exemplify the character of Bruce Drake.

Old athletes like me appreciate reading about their many friends like Bruce, Gerald Tucker, "Scooter"

Hinds, Ken Pryor and Bob Kurland. I know you must have sent a copy to Mr. Iba too, and I know he will enjoy reading about Bruce and his many talents.

Bob Fenimore
Stillwater, Oklahoma

P.S. I also wish today's sportswriters had the genius of Harold Keith and Otis Wile.

Editor's Note: Fenimore, a gridiron legend in orange and black when OSU was still A&M, is a Stillwater insurance agent. Otis Wile was Harold Keith's counterpart as the sports information director at Oklahoma A&M/State.

Drake Era Memories Fond

My *Sooner Magazine* arrived today, and I couldn't help but take a few minutes to write and thank you for the wonderful article on Bruce Drake. The article certainly brings back so many fond memories of my days at the University and working as the assistant trainer under Ted Owen. The names of Jap Haskell, John Jacobs, Phog Allen, Hank Iba, Snorter Luster all ring true and clear in my memory. It also makes me recall the days that we used to travel together into Kansas and Nebraska, Stillwater, etc., seeing football and basketball games and riding back home in the car, namely with Bruce driving. Yes, I remember little bespectacled Johnny (Keith) making his way around the games in the stadium trailing his dad by the coattails.

I recall many of us congregating at the home of the Drakes for a simple bull session or having Mrs. Drake fix us some sandwiches.

It hardly seems possible that this much time is behind us, and perhaps it's best that we remember Bruce and Harold Keith in our younger days. Yes, I even recall Harold doing a few laps around the track in the stadium.

I'll be looking for the new book on the Wilkinson years. He came a little after I had left the University but wherever I resided around the country, I was always tuned in and proud to be an Okie.

Since leaving the University, I completed my medical degree in

Oklahoma City and by the stimulation of Don O'Donaghue went on to complete my medical degree in orthopedic surgery which I now practice in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Thanks again for the excellent article and making the old feeble mind remember the great people who had some part in the fashioning of my own life.

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Coach Suitably Honored

A copy of the *Sooner Magazine*, Winter 1984 edition, was given to me. I thoroughly enjoyed Harold Keith's story on our friend Bruce ("Bruce Drake and the Goal Tending Wars"). Wayne Glasgow gave me a rundown on the recent get-together where Bruce was honored. The story, plus the report, convinced me that Bruce was properly recognized for being a true sportsman. He was one of those who understood the meaning of "the game is the thing."

Harold hasn't lost his touch with the printed word.

Bob Kurland
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Editor's Note: Like several other basketball greats - notably Sooners Bill Martin and Gerald Tucker - Kurland, the Aggie "giant" who precipitated Drake's war on goal tending, went from Phillips Petroleum's fine industrial basketball team to the company's executive ranks. The get-together mentioned here was a reunion of former Drake players climaxed at halftime of the OU-Nevada/Las Vegas game by presentation of a Joe Taylor bust of Drake to be displayed at Lloyd Noble Center alongside one of his predecessor and mentor, Hugh McDermott.

An Okie from Chengdu

The *Sooner Spotlight* on Han-Min Hsia in the Fall of 1983 magazine inspires me to send you a lead on another interesting Chinese alumni of ours.

I made a trip to the People's Republic of China in May 1982, with a group of ten independent oil men and

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their wives under the auspices of People to People, here in the United States, and under the sponsorship of the Chinese Association of Science and Technology in China. We were met at the airport in Chengdu by a group which included a Dr. Luo Zhe Tan. On the bus ride into town I decided to see if this fellow spoke English, and said something to him in English. He replied, "I am Okie". It developed that he was at Norman in 1949 and '50 — at the same time I was in school there, although I did not know him. As I understood him he had graduated with his geology degree in Shanghai before coming to Oklahoma, where he studied petroleum engineering. After leaving Oklahoma he went to the Colorado School of Mines and then to the University of Alberta. He still corresponds with Dr. John C. Calhoun, formerly with the petroleum engineering department, and I think Dr. Calhoun is presently located at Texas A&M. Dr. Luo serves the Chengdu College of Geology as vice-president.

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Keeping Up, Setting Pace

Congratulations on your Fall 1983 issue of the *Sooner Magazine*. It was delightful publication, especially the articles on Bart Conner and "Making Oreos Relevant" . . . It's good to know the Sooners are keeping up with the times and setting the pace, too. Keep up the good work.

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Praise from Cleta's Mom

I have just read the well-written article . . . in the Winter 1984 issue of your magazine regarding Cleta Deatherage, "An Exercise in Practical Politics." This was so interesting and such insight.

In fact, I enjoyed reading the entire magazine very much. It is so very well-written and such interesting de-

tail. Makes one proud to see the things that are done and to hear about them. The article about the escort service made me very proud of our young people and their caring.

As the mother of Cleta, I am very grateful to the University of Oklahoma for all it has meant to her, and the incentive it has given her . . . We always complain but very seldom do we take time to say how much something has meant to us. Reading this magazine, not just about my daughter, has made me feel better knowing there are people out there doing good things and that it is being told.

Modean L. Deatherage
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

From OU's Oldest Grad— For the Sake of History

I have just remembered some incidents at the turn of the century which, I think, would be of historical interest: Father Metter's gift to OU, religious atmosphere and Grace King.

At the turn of the century, the Roman Catholic Church was very active and enthusiastic over the establishment of its parochial schools, which all its children and as many Protestants as possible should attend on the grounds that the government schools were too secular to meet their spiritual needs. Protestants also feared the same.

My parents took me to Hargrove College, Ardmore, Indian Territory, by-passing Norman for that same reason, but after a year and a half, I went to Norman to OU. It was delightful to find that, under the leadership of President Boyd, the religious atmosphere was splendid. In Hargrove, students were required to attend chapel and to keep an attendance record. In OU, attendance was voluntary, I think, just for statistics.

Dr. Boyd presided at the chapel that was held every class day, and later the service was attended by some teachers and faculty members, and at other times, members of the faculty and visitors were called upon to deliver the address. The messages that were preached were non-denominational, but Biblical, moral, practical, educational and about sub-

jects of interest of the day. Often members of the faculty were also present. No complaints were heard from anyone. There was no opposition from Father Metter or the Catholic Church.

In the course of events, Father Metter gave a book to the OU library. As the dedicatory signature he wrote: CRESCAT (Name and Address). Unfortunately, we lost it in that first fire (Note: The University's only building was destroyed in 1903.) At that time, Dr. Boyd called the talented, young Miss Grace King to teach piano and start the School of Fine Arts. As I remember, she was only 19 years old at the time, but capable and well-prepared. She was more ecurianical than were those who attended Roman Catholic services. She was invited to sing. I am inclined to think that that had some influence with Father Metter.

In the course of time, James J. Maguire, a handsome man who had lost his wife, married Grace King. She then had a choice of two doors; one was to resign her post and go to private life or to stay and receive the heel of the boot, "fired." She chose to resign and go with our gratitude and friendship.

For the sake of history,
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Editor's Note: The University of Oklahoma's oldest living graduate at age 102, Rev. Long adds regularly to institutional history with informal reminiscences, both written and on tape.

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