

## Best Wishes to Wayman

Your spring 1985 "Prologue" is marvelous. With many people criticizing Wayman for choosing to forgo his senior year and wanting this extraordinary young man to do "more" for us, I appreciate your "saying thanks" for the joy he has already given OU and its fans. Thank you for acknowledging that in the short space of only three years, he has captured our affection and deserves our continuing support as he proceeds to live the rest of his life.

Roy M. Knapp, Director  
OU School of Petroleum  
and Geological Engineering

## "Jake" Brought to Life For Future Jacobs Kids

Harold Keith was kind enough to send us *Sooner* with his article about Dad. This is a wonderful summary of his tenure at OU and brings back many memories.

It was especially reminiscent for me as his son and also a member of his track team, as I saw firsthand many incidents mentioned in the article.

Thanks to *Sooner* and Harold, our family will have a wonderful remembrance of Dad to pass on to future generations of Jacobses.

Bill Jacobs, '51 B.B.A.  
Seattle, Washington

We are so pleased to read Harold Keith's excellent article on Dad, "The Dean of Pneumonia Downs." It was like having another chance to visit with him. Some of his grandchildren are old enough to remember him, others have only heard stories about him, and his great-grandchildren only remember him after he made his home near us in Waco. Now they can know this marvelous man through Harold Keith's story.

Dad was quite a man and reached the lives of so many young men, but, of course, I may be prejudiced since he had such direct influence on my husband, my brother-in-law and our three sons.

Beverly B. Jacobs (Mrs. John D.)  
Waco, Texas

I have just finished reading the Spring 1985 issue of the *Sooner Magazine*. It was the best issue yet.

"The Dean of Pneumonia Downs" amused me for my husband was a member of the track team in the early days. He had a job sweeping out a bank and learned to jump and run on dirt. I never knew that "Jake" was a high jumper and wondered if my husband, Ed Woods ('20 B.A., '24 B.S., '26 M.D.), broke his record. In 1914 he broke the record in high jump and held it until 1924 when he was a sophomore medical student. He also went to Kansas City and got third place. It was the first time he had jumped in an indoor gym and wasn't comfortable on a board floor!

Hazel C. Woods, '24 B.A.  
Chickasha, Oklahoma

## Corps Alumna Loves Pond

I would like to order a duck pond poster. My memories of OU revolve around picnics, quiet study, duck watching, touch football and swinging from those tree limbs collecting leaves for Botany I. It always seemed like there were the proverbial Heinz 57. It just wouldn't have been OU without that pond!

I especially enjoyed the article on fisheries . . . ("The Peace Corps: To Feed a Hungry World," Winter 1985) My husband and I both served three years in the Peace Corps in Honduras and Peru and have been involved in fisheries here in Alaska for nine years.

June Gibson Cherry, '63 B.A., '71 M.A.  
Dillingham, Alaska

## A Moms' Day Surprise

What a surprise we received when we opened our *Sooner Magazine* to your Mom's Day article ("Dear Mom, Glad You Were Here," Spring 1985) and found our picture! We were flattered that you chose us to represent the OU mothers and daughters. Bill and I are always proud to show off our girls, and we have received many nice comments about the article and picture.

Linda Rodgers, '61 B.S.  
Blackwell, Oklahoma

*Editor's Note: The Rodgerses are one of OU's most active alumni couples with Linda a member of the Alumni Association Advisory Board and Bill, '59 B.A., the current president of the OU Dads' Association.*

## Breakthrough Predicted

Ever notice how some problems have a way of solving themselves, or each other? I have a wild hunch that some of OU's may soon go that way.

From the pages of recent issues of *Sooner*, I am aware of three, one serious, the other two important but less critical:

(a) OU's declining revenues, the indirect result of the oil glut which seems a blessing to almost everyone but Oklahomans;

(b) what to name the new OU Energy Center; and

(c) what, following Dr. Cross' revelations, would be a suitable testimonial (now, alas, memorial) to President Joseph A. Brandt.

Virginia's hard-working Senator John Warner heads a Senate subcommittee studying the feasibility of again utilizing coal as a fuel for the nation's railroads. Oh, they won't go back to the old iron horse. Reciprocating steam engines are just too inefficient. The discussion is going two ways: either to process coal so that diesel or new-generation diesel engines can burn it; or adopt a whole new propulsion technology.

I happen to know that the Energy Center is on Senator Warner's mailing list. It seems likely that, if the subcommittee comes up with anything halfway promising, there are going to be some federal research and development contracts up for grabs.

Oklahoma and its University have always been closely associated with the petroleum industry. Important, groundbreaking research in coal would be the *last* thing anybody expected. (Wasn't the Brandt presidency the last thing anybody expected?)

The oil industry will recover; it must. And oil money will return to OU as before. But I suspect OU will have diversified somewhat by then.

If there is breakthrough, and if the Energy Center grabs one or more important research contracts, the undreamed-of will have produced the devoutly-wished-for, and the Energy Center, far from consuming funds needed for more traditional activities, will (or may) be producing income beyond its own needs!

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