

## Pre-WWI Campus Recalled

I literally grew up on the OU campus, as my family lived close by, and four of my older brothers attended the University. I remember quite vividly the way it was from 1914 to World War I days. The only paved road was brick-paved Boyd, and later University Boulevard. Asp was not paved until around 1918. The North Oval (unpaved) had the Administration Building (on the site of the first two which had burned), and on the east the original Library, then the Law Building (Monnet Hall). On the west the old Science Hall and the Chemistry Building, DeBarr Hall. It is regrettable that his name was removed, for his contribution in the early days of OU was second only to the founder, Dr. Boyd. The Engineering Building, east side of Asp, was built in 1912, shortly before the Law and Chemistry buildings and south of it was the old Boyd Field, framed by a long hedge of Bois d'Arc trees. The Library, now Jacobson Hall, the Geology Building and the Fine Arts Building (Holmberg) were started early in 1918 and stood half finished until after the war. The other buildings were originally wood frame structures, the gymnasium between the present location of the Student Union Building and Adams Hall, and the two medical buildings, west of the Administration Building. They were razed to make room for the Women's Building, later razed to make room for the west addition to Bizzell Library.

I enrolled in the School of Fine Arts in the fall of 1926. In 1929 and 1930, I was student assistant to art director Oscar B. Jacobson in all history of art courses. I was elected King of the El Modjii Art Ball in 1930, and was art editor of *The University of Oklahoma Magazine* in 1930 and was art editor of the 1931 Sooner yearbook. Interestingly, my older brother Ralph was art editor of the 1915 Sooner. I was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity—the fifth member of my family in Beta Eta chapter of KA. Carl Albert and I graduated the same year, and I believe we are the only surviving KAs of that period.

In 1934 I painted four large murals for Dr. Paul Sears, head of the Botany Department, depicting the entire

scope of plant life. Dr. George Goodman and botany assistant Glenn Couch helped me in the research required. During that period I became acquainted with a new botany professor, George L. Cross. I believe three of these murals survive in the present botany building.

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## Fan Mail for Lynn

I have just finished reading the Spring-Summer 1990 issue of your magazine. It is superb. The articles are fascinating and gave me greater insight into my University. As an alumnus both of the Norman campus and the Health Sciences Center, I am delighted to be able to read of all the great things going on within the University.

I was particularly impressed by the article by Lynn Grigsby. I do not know her address, but I have enclosed a letter that I have written to her in the hopes that you could mail it on.

Thanks again for doing such a great job. I commend you and look forward to future issues.

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: Sooner Magazine is always pleased to act as forwarding agent for Lynn's fan mail (see below), especially from an alumnus as distinguished as Dean Brandt, whose return to OU after such an illustrious career in medicine merits a future article in itself.*

## Lynn on Cortez Ewing

Many years ago, the late John Fischer paid tribute to his former professor, Cortez A. M. Ewing, in *Harper's* magazine: "He never schemed to become a college president, or even a dean . . . His only discernible ambition was shockingly unfashionable: he liked to teach. And odder yet, he liked students."

Largely through the efforts of two of Ewing's former students, Marcus Cohn, chairman of the Ewing Foundation and a prominent Washington, D. C. attorney, and the Honorable Carl Albert, former Speaker of the U.S.

House of Representatives, students like me have benefited from the fellowships established to honor the qualities with which Ewing was so richly endowed.

Since 1971, the Ewing Foundation has enabled 97 University of Oklahoma students to participate in a 10-week summer internship program in congressional and governmental agency offices in our nation's capital. For many of us, this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity provides what Cohn originally had hoped for in establishing the foundation: "an opportunity to gain a clear respect for the political process, how it works, and most of all, to understand that it does work, with great nobility." Because the experience proves so positive, many former Ewing interns return to the capital to pursue careers in public service.

I am the eldest of seven children. Without the aid of such a remarkable program, I might not have been able to afford the cost of living in Washington for 10 weeks. Not only does the Ewing program provide a scholarship, but it also allows the recipients to interact closely with members of the Oklahoma congressional delegation, all of whom provide staunch backing to the program.

Few experiences impact our lives as the Ewing internship does. Few things are so lasting and rewarding. To the people who have made this program possible and to all those who continue to support it, I speak for many former Ewing interns in saying thank you for the lifelong memories and the chance to broaden our perspectives on life.

In 1991, the Ewing Fellowship program celebrates its 20th anniversary. The Carl Albert Center is striving to enhance and expand the Ewing program by increasing the fellowship stipend and allowing students from all economic backgrounds to compete for the scholarship. A five-year commitment allowing the Carl Albert Center to match private funds with federal dollars ends soon. Those wishing to assist in securing these funds can send checks payable to the OU Foundation, to Professor Allen Hertzke, Political Science Department, 630 Parrington Oval, Norman, OK 73019.

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