

## High Praise for "High Road"

Thank you for publishing Lloyd P. Williams' eloquent essay, "Taking the High Road in the Educational Debate." My husband brought the article to my attention just as he has been doing since the days when he was the professor and I was the graduate student!

I am so pleased that a truly thoughtful person has defined the nature of excellence in education, a concept which has been widely discussed and just as widely misunderstood. I also applaud his courage in cautioning us that achieving excellence will be hard, that there are absolute requirements, and that discipline and "a steady and sometimes onerous application of mind to books" will be necessary to achieve the goal. Professor Williams' message should prove unsettling to those in our state who believed we could achieve excellence by passing a series of laws and then declaring victory. The legislative reform package was but the initial step in the long and rigorous journey that lies ahead.

I found the article so thought provoking that I have shared it with my fellow State Regents, and I hope that everyone who reads it will pass it along to a concerned parent, educator or legislator.

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I read with much pleasure the piece by Lloyd Williams in your winter 1992 issue of the *Sooner Magazine*. Retirement surely has not dulled Lloyd's penetrating insight and humane spirit.

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The article in the winter 1992 *Sooner Magazine* by Lloyd P. Williams entitled "Taking the High Road in the Educational Debate" expressed many of the thoughts and feelings of those of us who live in the scattered towns and communities of Oklahoma. We are pleased someone is able to articulate these standards and goals Professor Williams emphasized.

Professor Williams is applauded for

his very timely and excellent article.

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## A Hit and a Miss

I just returned from a 10-day tour of Guatemala and was delighted to read "Mission of Mercy," not only for the wonderful work done by many Oklahomans for José Sosof, but for the insight into Guatemala's problems. On my tour I kept trying to get answers and didn't get answers as clearly as in *Sooner*.

As usual, the entire issue was great. However, someone must be *furious* not to have caught the *spurious* typo in the last paragraph of "Taking the High Road." I was *curious* when I found there a word (*purious*) I'd never heard before. I know—after ruminating—that Dr. Williams meant *spurious*. Right?

*James A. Long, '37 B.A.  
Naples, Florida*

*Editor's Note: Just when you think you are sending out an endless stream of words into some black void, unread and unheeded, along comes an eagle-eye like Jim Long to prove there is no such thing as the perfect proofreader.*

## Louise Beard Moore

I was one of the hundreds at the student newspaper to whom Louise Beard Moore ministered as advisor, mentor, instructor, cajoler and inspirer. Her death on June 5 saddened me greatly, but I prefer to concentrate on celebrating Mrs. Moore rather than mourning her.

I will not deny that I felt like I had special privileges, since when she was my instructor she was also an old family friend. My family was a newspaper family, so they ran in the same circles. It was sort of like a family reunion when my brother and then I showed up as J students at OU under her tutelage. But family friend or not, I still had to do the work.

She taught me a great deal about writing. I still remember a number of her lessons, which were equally enjoyable and profitable, something I value and envy now as a professor myself. As I write this, I find myself mentally checking my spelling, lest her spirit come back to haunt me—the lady did

insist on accuracy, in spelling and other matters.

It was because of Mrs. Moore that this rabid OU fan got to meet Bud Wilkinson back in the magical fifties. She let me tag along one day to one of his press conferences when I certainly wasn't needed, but because she knew it would thrill me, and because it would be good experience, I suspect. I, of course, will never forget that day.

She was one of those feel-good people whom it was just fun to be around. She also kept you on your toes, always questioning and making you think—she never stopped interviewing, like the newspaperwoman she was.

Friends I hadn't heard from in years surfaced and sent me clippings when she died. She will be missed, but it will be a long time before she is forgotten. If there has been some kind of memorial fund established in her name, a lot of J-schoolers would like to participate.

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*Editor's Note: LBM's friends and former students may contribute to the Louise Beard Moore Fellowship Fund by sending checks payable to the OU Foundation, 100 Timberdell Road, Norman, OK 73019.*

## Aloha, Earnie!

*Sooner Magazine* is a well-read publication. I can guarantee that.

Since the 1992 winter edition came out, I have received many letters and telephone calls from OU alumni who read the flattering article on me that was written by Michael Waters.

Not only did I hear from former classmates in the School of Journalism but also from persons who were members of the OU Alumni Club in Hawaii.

I am seeking the names and addresses of all those who were in the OU alumni organization in Aloha-land.

I plan on holding a reunion of these Sooners in my home here in Watonga.

Mail will reach me at P.O. Box 368, Watonga, OK 73772. If you were in that group, or know of anyone who was in it, please write me.

Aloha.

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