

LETTERS

Father Was a Freshman

I have enjoyed the "Treasures from the Archives" articles by David W. Levy very much, in particular the one in the Spring 1994 issue. The young prospective student inquiring about the possibility of employment at the rate of \$1.50 per week to help defray his college living expenses was my father.

I can recall his telling that the only other financial assistance he received to defray his expenses was a gift of a hog from his mother. I (believe) the price he received from the sale of the hog was \$60, but I am not sure of that figure.

He graduated from OU majoring in geology. My mother was also a student at the University. She was the (sister-in-law of) Charles N. Gould, head of the Geology Department. My father was a founder of the American Association of Geologists and active in the field until the 1960s. My older brother, Dan, is also an engineering graduate of OU in 1938. I have been on the part-time faculty of the OU Health Sciences Center since 1949.

*Richard E. Carpenter, M.D.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Memories of Wilkinson

Your article on Bud Wilkinson was outstanding. I can't recall a better presentation of one's impact on an institution or generation of Oklahomans.

In my opinion, it is extremely difficult to achieve the proper balance between sincerity and adulation. However, you achieved just the proper balance in writing not only about a man but about a period in time which we all look back upon with a great deal of fondness.

*Gerald R. Marshall, '57 B.B.A.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

I was interested to read Bill Connors' account of Bud and Bear Bryant at the 1963 Orange Bowl. Readers might like to know that Bear's respect for Bud went back a good bit further.

In his 1974 autobiography, *BEAR: The Hard Life and Good Times of Alabama's Coach Bryant*, which Bear co-authored with John Underwood, the

Great Reading Room Chairs Project Completed

The following list completes the honorees whose names will be inscribed on small, brass plaques attached to the chairs in the newly renovated Great Reading Room of Bizzell Memorial Library. (The first 145 names appeared in the Spring 1994 *Sooner Magazine*.) Although the project's initial goal was to restore only the 128 chairs most in

need of repair, reader response enabled all 224 chairs in the room to be refinished and decked out in new, dark red upholstery. Only the honoree's name appears here; however, the complete inscription requested by the donor appears on the plaque. Several individuals were recognized with more than one chair, and several chairs were given anonymously.

IN MEMORY OF:

Harry Alley
Thomas R. Benedum
Dorothea Ruth Blackert
Joseph A. Brandt
Leslie Lynn Conner
Connie S. Downs
R. Boyd Gunning
Elizabeth Halbert
H. O. "Bud" Harder
Eva Joe Hopkins
Lester Lane
Helen F. Lauterer
Mary Hays Marable
JoAnn Martin
T. Howard McCasland, Sr.
Ward S. Merrick, Sr.
Lloyd Noble
Loie A. Pascoe III

Alice Jeanne Petty
Fanny Simpson Rader
Jesse Lee Rader
Guy Merwin Steele, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Stillwell

IN HONOR OF:

David L. Boren
Molly Shi Boren
Cleo S. Cross
George L. Cross
Suzanne Arnote Holloway
Ernest G. Hotze
James K. Howard
Dorothy Meeks Johnson
Savoie Lottinville
Skeet and Julia Meaders
and their family

Jim K. Murphree
Richard Smith Norville
Dr. Lou Ann Pilkington
Walter Roy Quanstrom
C. L. Robberson
Howard L. Sacher, M.D.
Jeanne Pilkington Steele
Elizabeth Douglass White
Donna Lee Wilson

A GIFT OF:

Leslie L. Conner, Jr.
Nancy Newblock Conner
Fred E. Hopkins
Joseph Kelly
Julia Mitchell Norlin
& John Edward Norlin
Richard A. Schultz

Bama coaching legend recalled his Kentucky team's 13-7 victory over Bud's Sooners in the 1951 Sugar Bowl.

As Bryant recalled, "... Bud Wilkinson taught me something that day. He showed me the class I wish I had. He came into our dressing room afterward and shook hands with me and as many of the players as he could reach. I had never done that before, or seen it done. But I've done it since."

The two men became friends, and long after Bud had retired from coaching, he would come to Tuscaloosa on visits and talk football with the Bear. Too bad there aren't videos of those conversations.

*Edgar L. Frost, '61 B.A., '67 M.A.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama*

Loved the little piece you wrote about Bud Wilkinson in the spring issue. Somehow it reminds me of the days you and I were at *The Oklahoma Daily* . . . and didn't (perhaps) fully realize how great a man was passing our way!

*Jerry L. Cornelius, '60 B.A.
Tulsa, Oklahoma*

More about the Chairs

As displaced Sooners, Bartley and I look forward to receiving each issue of *Sooner Magazine*. The contest is to see who gets to read it first!

We were especially delighted to read about the restoration of the Great Reading Room. We both spent many hours studying at the library during the pursuit of various degree programs.

The article sent me back to my student days and my frequent library trips for research and study. No matter where in the library I had to look for the reference materials I needed, I always found myself going to the Reading Room to work on them. From a practical sense, it was a good place to study because it was quiet, removed as it was from the noise and activity of the modern wings of the library. But more than that, it always filled me with a feeling of wonder—a churchlike atmosphere of dignity and peace that perhaps I hoped would inspire me to greater scholarly thoughts (and better grades).

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