

LETTERS

Death Report Premature

In the Vol. 15, No. 1, Fall 1994, on Page 26 ("Life in the Stadium Penthouse") is a group picture of former co-op members and their wives. One of the men is Thomas G. Bowie, and I am the fellow co-op member Charles Frayser who ran out to his plane when he made a forced landing in Burma. Later in the war I was told that Tom had met an untimely end when his plane spun out of control while he was having gunnery practice over the Bay of Bengal. Tom and I were good friends at OU, in fact close friends, so I was indeed surprised to see his picture and to find out that he is still with us.

Charles Frayser, '39
Vinita, Oklahoma

Editor's Note: Sooner Magazine and the U.S. Postal Service were pleased to facilitate a long-delayed "reunion."

No Regent Is "Higher"

The article, "The Wit of George Lynn Cross" by Dr. David Levy in the Winter 1995 issue of *Sooner Magazine*, brought a rush of fond memories featuring David Burr, J. R. Morris, Ron Green, Jodie Smith, Don Robinson, Elton Davis, Charles Evans, Margaret Beard, Polly James and others. These were from the early '60s when all of us were young; exactly where we wanted to be; and working for the University which employed us, nurtured us and made us proud to be doing what we were doing.

Please allow me to add a favorite anecdote to your file on President Cross. It was July 1963, and I was a new director of financial aids, following in the huge footprints of Emil Kraettli and Ron Green, when the meeting of the University Student Aid Association was held in the meeting room of President Cross. This was the first formal meeting of my new career. To say that I was overawed in the presence of Dr. Cross, three vice presidents, the dean of student affairs, the comptroller, the University business manager and the legendary Emil Kraettli would be an understatement.

By virtue of my position, I was

secretary of the association and as such was charged with reporting to the group on matters involving the association. The first item on the agenda was a request from the Office of the Regents for Higher Education for extensive information about students who were being assisted by programs of the association.

In the course of the discussion, I made several references to the "Higher Regents." Finally, Dr. Cross stopped me and said, "Mr. Secretary, I realize that this is your first meeting with us, and so, may I request that in the future you state—and make sure that your minutes reflect—that the organization to which you refer is the Regents for Higher Education because my Board of Regents do not accept that any group is 'HIGHER' than they."

For some reason the hearty laugh which followed broke the tension for me, and I was able to complete my report and to continue to serve for three more years in that position. George Cross became my personal hero and has continued as such to this day.

Charles R. Galbraith
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What? No "h" in Pittsburg?

I want you to congratulate you on a fine winter edition of the *Sooner Magazine*, and especially your article on my long-time friends, Julian Rothbaum and George Nigh. I, too, am a native of Pittsburg County and with my wife and two children are graduates of OU.

There was some embarrassment for me that a fine publication would misspell one of our great Oklahoma counties. Apparently neither you nor any of your staff were aware that Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, does *not* have an "h" at the end—that's Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

A glance at any Oklahoma map would have avoided this error. Still, it was a fine edition, and I applaud you for it.

M. W. Priddy Jr., '34 B.S.
McAlester, Oklahoma

A Sooner in Romania

I greatly enjoyed the Fall edition article "Nurture the Little Children" reporting on the unique group of Sooner professionals devoting their talents and energies for the improvement of the lives of the orphans in Romania.

This past October, my wife and I had the occasion to visit Romania to attend the wedding of Obie Moore, a former Sooner athlete who holds both undergraduate and law degrees ('78 B.B.A., '81 J.D.) from OU. He currently is serving as managing director for the Romanian American Enterprise Fund, a U.S. government-backed effort to provide seed money for capitalistic endeavors within Romania. I believe that this unique individual, who epitomizes the very best of Sooner graduates, would make an interesting piece in one of your future editions.

R. Kennan Golemon, '61 B.S.
Austin, Texas

Editor's Note: Outstanding achievement is nothing new for Moore, who lettered at linebacker for Switzer's teams of 1973-75-76-77, which won a national championship and four Big 8 titles—two outright and two by ties. In his stellar junior season Moore was Sports Illustrated's defensive player of the week in the 28-10 victory over Kansas, setting an OU single-game record for three recovered fumbles; he also had 15 tackles against Texas and 19 against OSU—and, oh yes, was first team Academic All Big 8.

Bennie & Bud Stadium?

Unless corporate, political or contractual considerations exist that make it impractical, I certainly support the other suggestions that something be established to commemorate Bud Wilkinson's contribution to the University and the state. He and the stage play-film ("Oklahoma!") created a gangbuster combination!

Adding his name to the identity of the stadium would be most appropriate, and I'm sure Bennie (Owen) would be pleased.

Dudley Tichenor, '32-'35
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