



# LETTERS

## And a Seminole Debater Besides

Loved Lynette Lobban's article in your Spring 2014 edition ["Native American Art Returns to Its Roots"]. Ms. Lobban was able to describe many of Mary Jo Watson's accomplishments, but she failed to mention the fact that Mary Jo was an outstanding high school debater at Seminole. She, like President David Boren, former University General Counsel Fred A. Gipson, and former Regent Ronald H. White, M.D., was a debate student for H. B. Mitchell, who has been recognized as one of the most outstanding debate coaches in the nation.

*Don A. Smith, '58 bba, '60 law  
Fort Smith, Arkansas*

## Old Haunts Have Disappeared

I enjoyed the map "Guide to OU" in the recent issue of the *Sooner Magazine*. The place certainly has changed since my tour in the early '50s. The building where I spent many "fun" hours in the School of Chemical Engineering, over by the water tower, is now a warehouse, and the cement block home away from home, Woodrow Wilson Center, is now a parking lot. Oh, well, progress.

*Don Foster, '54 bs chem engr  
Norman, Oklahoma*

## Finally, a Good Reason to Care

This issue of the magazine is the best yet, at least for me. I loved the Visitor Center article, the splendid maps, and your look back at the Logan Apartments, much of which I was unfamiliar before. This in spite of having known Kuyk [Logan] well and Duke [Logan] and his family more than well—we were close to them for years in Vinita.

But your column "Should We Care?" was the greatest. I'm sure it struck the same chord with most readers, most alumni, and maybe even the older they are, the more it struck. For years now I've

wondered, maybe even felt a little guilty, about feeling strongly about my college teams—especially football, naturally—more than a half-century after graduation.

No longer! I will proudly quote from your wonderful column when I need to. I'm also sending a scanned copy of it around to friends, family and fellow Sooners.

*John C. Campbell, '58 journ  
Washington, D.C.*

## A Very Special Garden

I recently received my Winter 2014 issue of the *Sooner Magazine* "A Visitor's Guide to OU" and had a comment. In the article about the main OU campus, a map was included which highlighted the various buildings in addition to showing the location of the numerous Parks, Gardens and Fountains located on campus. One Garden that I'm aware of was not mentioned, and I would like to let you know of its existence as it is very special to me and my family. The Garden in



The Amy Elizabeth Boe Garden

question is the Amy Elizabeth Boe Garden located just south and adjacent to the Fine Arts Center on Elm Street.

I have attached a couple of pictures of the Garden and plaque dedicated to

Amy. If it's possible, I would like to have the map updated so that if it's used in future articles or publications for the University, the Garden and its location is available for our campus visitors.

*Richard C. Greer, '79 bba  
Houston, Texas*

*Editor's Note: This garden honors the courage and tenaciousness of Amy Boe, a talented OU drama student, who returned for her sophomore year in 2008 despite a diagnosis of cancer that would soon take her life. Her amazing performance in The Anatomy of Gray that year mirrored the challenges she was facing and the personal strength and wisdom she exhibited, which remain an inspiration for generations of drama students.*

## Logan Apartments Honeymoon

Thanks for a great story on Logan Apartments. My husband and I were married in June 1957 after I graduated from OU. We lived in the apartments for summer school 1957 until his graduation in January 1958.

I'm sure you will have many stories about Logan. We had great friends, great times, many memories (even walking up three flights of stairs 2-3 times a day). That little apartment—living room, kitchen, bath/closet—was a great place for a honeymoon! We have been married almost 57 years! It was our first home.

One weekend that 1957 summer, my mother-in-law came for a visit, bringing her 3-year-old grandson, my husband's nephew, Rick. When she arrived, we were not home, but the milk door was unlocked. She opened the door, and Rick squeezed through. He bravely went through the kitchen and the dark living room to open the door for his grandmother. She definitely had second thoughts about sending him in alone.

We are so thankful for the thoughtful [Logan] family. It certainly allowed my husband to continue at OU and graduate as we had little income. Maybe some-

one in the family would like to have this story!

Final note—that 3-year-old nephew Rick is Rick Dickson, athletic director at Tulane University.

*Diana Carter Dickson, '57 bbe  
Hubert (Hugh) Dickson, '58 bspe  
Basque Farms, New Mexico*

### A Newsmen's Newsmen

All who had the pleasure to work with or know Kuyk Logan (August 19, 1933-July 11, 2014) will join in celebrating his life. It is an honor to offer a tribute to Kuyk, one of the finest graduates of the OU School of Journalism.

Kuyk believed in a newspaper's role to gather, write, edit and publish news untainted by prejudice, stupidity or corruption. Kuyk was clever, funny, genial, quick, absolutely a straight arrow. He was a newspaperman's newspaperman. Kuyk looked at a story and wanted to know: Is it accurate? Is it fair? Is it complete? Is it intelligent?

As recounted in a Winter 2014 *Sooner Magazine* article about Logan Apartments, Kuyk was a part of a distinguished Norman and OU family. A bright, curious, energetic youngster, he earned his reporting chops early with a neighborhood newspaper, *The Petite Press*, when he was 11.

Growing up, Kuyk also had a newspaper route and swept out at the local radio station and several print shops. The smell of ink and paper kindled his love of letterpress printing, which later in life afforded Kuyk and his wife, Dianne, with hours of fun and fascination. They collected antique presses and equipment in their hobby print shop called Prints Charming Ink. Friends received their elegant and beautiful hand printed Christmas cards.

Kuyk's long news career included the *San Angelo Texas Standard-Times*, United Press International in Oklahoma City, the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Oklahoma City Times*. He was city editor of *The*

*Oklahoman* when the Hobby family persuaded him in 1969 to become assistant managing editor of *The Houston Post*. He became managing editor in 1976, a job he held until the paper was sold in 1983. Kuyk then served as managing editor for news for the Houston CBS affiliate, KHOU-TV. In 1987 he joined the faculty at the University of Texas Medical School as its first dean of community affairs.



M. Kuyk Logan

In 1992, he joined the medical school's teaching hospital, Hermann, as vice president. In 1997, he became vice president of corporate communications at the merger of Hermann and Memorial healthcare system, a post he held until his retirement in July 2002.

Throughout his career, he shared his knowledge with students, at various times teaching journalism part time at OU, Oklahoma City University, University of Central Oklahoma and University of Houston/Downtown. One of his last career assignments was to serve three years as a distinguished professor of journalism at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, where he was named the Philip G. Warner Endowed Chair in Journalism in 2002.

Kuyk is survived by his wife, Dianne, and grandson Brian J. Rung and wife Amanda of Austin, Texas. He was prede-

ceased by his son, Robert Tyler Logan. Those wishing to honor Kuyk may make a memorial donation to the Robert Tyler Logan Memorial Music Scholarship, University of Oklahoma Foundation, Inc, 100 Timberdell Rd., Norman, OK 73019.

Farewell, Kuyk, husband, father, newspaperman, friend, inspiration. In his honor, may we all try as hard as Kuyk to be good, honest, decent and honorable.

*Carolyn Gimpel Hart, '58 journ  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

### Best Seat in the House

On Friday, April 10 of this year, I had the pleasure of participating in the OClub reunion as a former letterman in golf. My foursome consisted of Guy Patton [from the OU Foundation] and Carl Higgins, my dear friend and former OU All American in golf who went on to golf stardom, coming so close to winning the British Open in 1976 and who played in four U.S. Open championships, and who held the course record at the OU golf course (62) before the course got a redo and the name changed to the Jimmy Austin.

All that said, the fourth was former OU football legend, Zac Henderson, who played for two national championship teams and was a two-time All American at OU and whose picture hangs in the [Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium] along with former OU greats.

A story worth sharing with OU family and friends is when Mr. Henderson complimented Mr. Higgins and myself for executing golf shots with extraordinary skills. I quipped right back to Mr. Henderson that we were the lucky ones having the honor to meet the "great one." He replied, "Shoot, it was nothing. I had the best seat in the house, standing 15 yards behind the Selmon brothers and linebackers Rod Shoate and Darryl Hunt."

*David Lurie, '71 ba history  
Austin, Texas*