

Your Letters

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Summer issue delights some...

The summer issue of *Sooner Magazine* was fantastic! As a nutrition and dietetics graduate of OU, I was so excited about the work the Department of Nutritional Sciences students are doing under the direction Brian dela Cruz to help children learn about food and nutrition in the C.H.A.M.P. Camp each summer.

I also loved reading about the United World College and, particularly, the grants Darius Aruho has obtained to provide instruments for the band in Uganda as well as the retired OU band uniforms for them. The video of them playing and marching brought tears to my eyes. And finally, the article about Bird Runningwater was so inspiring. I am so very proud to be a Sooner and of all influence the university and its students are having on making the world a better place.

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This ["Scholars for Change"] is a great article. We have many friends who have been involved in Guatemala with the water efforts, stoves, and medical mission trips that I have forwarded this article to. It appears that the online version is missing a picture of OU Davis UWC Scholars Nosimito, Flavio and Neira that is in the paper article.

Thank you for writing about all the great efforts that the University of Oklahoma is involved with.

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This ["Scholars for Change"] was an awesome story. Thanks for sharing this fruit of OU's stellar leadership and student ambition. Just another reason you're making us all proud to be SOONERS!

I really enjoy reading *Sooner Magazine*. Living so far away, I miss being able to be more connected to the campus (especially football games, yes, even in seasons like this one). The magazine is a great way to see the highlights of what's happening. Keep up the good work!

*Kerry Moore
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... disappoints others

I was disappointed when I found your article regarding our NCAA National Championship Softball team on page 28.

Is your cover story, "The Road to Iowa" more important than a NCAA Championship? Don't championships bring thousands of dollars to the university? I do understand there is

much more than athletics at OU. However, the softball team won several hard-fought games to get that title.

They should have been on the cover, with the lead story!

*Kelly Condley
Norman, Okla.*

Bird Runningwater praised

As a very longtime attendee at Sundance (since 1976) I want to add that seeing Bird ["Sooner Nation," *Sooner Magazine*, Summer 2016] every year and seeing the Native American films inspiring other indigenous filmmakers has been a great and wonderful experience.

Bird deserves this honor [Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Arts and Sciences] and to OU I offer my gratitude for the education of him, his mother, and who knows how many others who will help our needy society come into its own as a nation of diversity.



Bird Runningwater

*Sydney Levine
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Mainstream bias?

With the heated election campaign going on I have wondered if the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication might be able to do an article on the nationwide perception regarding liberal media bias in reporting. In the early '60s, after leaving OU, I began to travel overseas and was astonished at the journalism bias that I encountered in countries such as England and Norway, as well as all over Africa. I thought how nice to not have that bias back home. But alas, over the last few years it appears we have become worse than what I encountered during my early overseas travel.

I have wished that journalism schools like OU and Missouri would fairly address this problem and explain why journalism schools are now apparently teaching their students that bias is to be expected and accepted in the mainstream media? Maybe it is not possible for journalism schools to fairly address their own bias, but I thought it was worth a note to you to see if this is an article worth addressing. Thanks.

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