

# Your Letters

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## **Boren leaves mark on OU**

My great-grandfather, Stratton Brooks, was convinced to leave Boston for Norman in 1912 by the argument, “You have said you want to build a great university. Well, Oklahoma is the only state that can support a great university that doesn’t have one yet.” Brooks made great strides before he left in 1923. With contributions from all the presidents since 1923, President Boren has certainly accomplished Brooks’ hope of OU becoming a great university. He will be missed.

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## **OU golfers noted**

Talking about “Earning His Masters,” [Sooner Magazine, Spring 2017] Craig Lurie, an OU graduate, Class of 2005, was a two-time letterman and Academic All-American. Mentioned in the article are two of his teammates: Anthony Kim, a three-time winner on the PGA Tour, and Martin Flores, currently on the PGA Tour.

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## **Engineer appreciates Research Campus growth**

As an engineer I was glad to get the update on the OU Research Campus in the Spring 2018 *Sooner Magazine*. At age 90 I am tethered to the campus of Oklahoma Methodist Manor in Tulsa so I depend on you to keep me abreast of my university’s growth. The last time I was on the grounds of what was the Naval Air Technology Center on the South Base was the spring of 1947 for an Engineering Dance in the Navy Gymnasium. Every building on the South Base was all-wooden construction. Sounds like OU is using those grounds to provide knowledge that serves all mankind.

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## **Alumnus discovers 74-year-old Sooner Magazine**

When I was looking through a trunk owned by my late uncle, Cornelius Kenneth Gregory, I came across a 1944 issue of *Sooner Magazine*. He had kept the magazine all those years. My uncle’s name was listed inside with other OU students serving in World War II. My dad’s side of the family are Euchees, who are members of the Creek Nation, and we have generations of proud OU graduates in our family. My dad, Pache Lamar Gregory, received his master’s degree in education from OU. I went to OU on a track scholarship and also received my U.S. Army officer commission through the OU ROTC program. Others in the family with OU degrees include my brother Bobby Lamar Gregory, his two children, Patrick Lamar Gregory and Shelley Suzanne Gregory, and my son Hunter Tiger Gregory.

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