

In the mail . . .

(Letters of general interest received by Alumni Secretary Ted Beaird and by the editors of the magazine.)

Not acting, heaven forbid!

For your information, and for the files, I should like to inform you that I have joined the production force of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and am now located in Los Angeles.

I am in the production end of pictures, and am not as some people have been led to believe, attempting to act. Heaven forbid.

H. C. Dick Wilson, '35ex, Los Angeles

Howdy spirit is recalled

Was delighted to get your short but much appreciated letter of "Howdy Greetings" this week. I remember and I guess you do also, the old custom of saying "Howdy" to anyone met during the day regardless of the number of times you passed them or whether or not you were acquainted with them. It struck me as a fine practice of hospitality and cheerful greetings. At first it seemed a bit awkward to me to do it but after a time I enjoyed it very much. It gave a touch of friendliness to life. Well, your letter reminded me of old times and the "Howdy Spirit."

G. M. Harrel, '27, Ada.

Help on life membership

I believe that I will be able to sell one or more of our local fellows on the idea of Life Memberships if you will provide me with some information as to the setup of this club. Kindly let me know how the money is invested and who passes on the investments purchased, together with any other information of a casual nature that you think would be of value and interest.

With the kindest of personal regards and best wishes for you and the organization, I am

O. F. Muldrow, Ardmore

He likes the magazine

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the December issue of The Sooner Magazine. I certainly like "The Sooner." It certainly puts the Missouri and Kansas alumni magazines in the shade.

I have not been in Norman since November 1920 when I attended a national convention of Sigma Delta Chi as a delegate from the Kansas chapter. I fully realize that there have been many buildings built on the Oklahoma campus and that it presents a different picture from what it did 16 years ago.

Paul E. Flagg, Kansas City

Pleased to see memorial item

One of the first things that caught my eye in the December issue of the Sooner Magazine was my calling the Class of 1917 together to establish a suitable memorial to leave behind us on the University campus, which I am glad to say was done.

I have talked several times recently with Frank Cleckler, your predecessor, as to tentative plans for the twenty-year reunion of our class this spring. I also have secured addresses of all former members of this class and I wish to meet and talk with you some time soon in regard to our plans and tentative schedules for our meeting, and to secure your advice and assistance.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish you the greatest success in your new undertaking as our executive secretary and I know that you will obtain fine co-operation from the alumni of the University, because the ground-work of such co-operation has been most excellently laid by our mutual friend Frank, who preceded you in this office. I am enclosing my check for \$3 to cover my dues for 1937.

I hope that 1937 may be a banner year and here is sending you best wishes for it.

Albert S. Clinkscapes, Oklahoma City

First secretary to last

Following are excerpts from two letters from C. Ross Hume, '98, to Secretary Ted Beaird.

As the first secretary of the association to the last, let me extend to you my hearty congratulations for the success of your administration. In the succession of this office I have noted continued growth, development and increased efficiency; and am sure that this record will be true in your case.

Last May when Dr. Bizzell came to the high school commencement
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IN THE MAIL

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at Anadarko we had a dinner with about forty present, and later many asked why we did not have these gatherings often.

The problem of how to contact our legislators on behalf of the University will soon be before us and I offer the following suggestion.

Why not have a Homecoming meeting in each district or group during one or two days of the holiday season? Hosts would be alumni, former students, their husbands and wives, parents and students, and the guests would be the local state senators and representatives. The purposes would be to renew old friendships and form new ones, and to tell the legislators the needs of the University and who are the home folks who will support them in supplying these needs.

The program could consist of dinner, pep songs, talks by representatives of this association, the Dads' association, the Mothers' association, present students, a guest speaker from the faculty or Board of Regents, possibly a WNAD broadcast with Dr. Bizzell addressing all the groups simultaneously, and talks by legislator guests.

The state could be divided into six divisions with one alumni gathering in each division. What about a grouping such as Northwest, West Central, Southwest, Northeast, East Central and Southwest, something like the groupings of the district teachers associations?

C. Ross Hume, Anadarko

The plan suggested by Mr. Hume was approved by the alumni board, but when a special session of the legislature was called, it was agreed that the project had better be attempted at some later date. The letter is printed here as a worthy idea for future use.

Vision is complimented

I was glad indeed to get your memorandum of December 19 to the Board of Trustees of the Stadium-Union Fund. I want to congratulate you on the vision that you have in completing the Union building.

In 1922, when the Student-Union movement was first started, the object that the students had in mind was an organization of, for, and by the students (excuse the quotation). At that time, the fraternity house building program was going strong and it was felt that there was a need for a student organization for non-fraternity men that would give them a home equivalent to the expensive fraternity houses.

The danger for any movement is for it to get a building, because then the building becomes the end and not the means. I have felt all these years that the biggest need that we have at Norman is for an active undergraduate organization developing leadership, fostering active student interest and University affairs, and submitting and retaining the early Sooner Spirit of democracy. In the struggle to build the Union building and to equip it, that has had to be the thing. I hope that when this is done, it will be possible to develop the student angle.

Sometime when you are not too busy, I should like to tell you the story of how the Student-Union movement was started and what the students had in mind in 1922 when we started on a trail that seemed almost impossible. As far as I know, that story has never been told.

B. S. Graham, Oklahoma City

Whose degree was first?

About two years ago the President of Tulsa university wrote stating that their school was the first to confer the degree of bachelor of arts in the state of Oklahoma.

The answer never satisfied me because when Roy P. Stoops and I received this degree June 8, 1898, at the sixth commencement, the *Oklahoman*, the *Wichita Eagle* and the *Norman Transcript* stated that this was the first time that a college degree had been granted in Oklahoma.

About two weeks ago I was in the Historical Society building and made an effort to search the Muskogee newspaper files, but found nothing. Mr. Grant Foreman suggested that I write to Miss Winifred M. Clark, Works Progress Administration supervisor at the Federal building and ask her to search the newspaper files there.

She very kindly searched the file and sent the following:

Muskogee Phoenix

1898, June 2, p. 8, column 1-5

Schools: Henry Kendall college closing program. This is third annual commencement exercise.

Twin Territories

1899, May, p. 125, column 1

Schools: Henry Kendall college. Mr. Harrison, Choctaw Indian, first student at Henry Kendall college, Muskogee, to receive the degree of A.B. Delivers oration at commencement exercises, "Funeral of a Nation."

Schools: Henry Kendall college. Miss Louise Elizabeth George, first young lady to receive a B.S. degree from Henry Kendall college Muskogee.

From the current files of the newspapers, it is seen that the University conferred the degree of A.B. about eleven months before Henry Kendall college did, and that the latter was the first to confer the degree of B.S.

Carleton Ross Hume, '98, Anadarko

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