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The Cover

A view of the Administration Building from the clock tower of the Oklahoma Memorial Union.

This issue of the Magazine is the first in Volume XI, and an editor can hardly resist the temptation to make a few changes as the new year begins—changes that he hopes will be received as improvements.

For one thing, the full page of editorial comment that has been published all during the last year has been reduced to slightly less than half a page. This is done to save space; to emphasize the editorial comment by concentrating on one or two subjects instead of discussing three or four; and to avoid boring readers with too much more or less heavy material. This change is in line with the general trend in American alumni magazines.

It is with pleasure that the Magazine announces addition of Dr. S.R. Hadsell, '04, professor of English, to the regular staff. Dr. Hadsell has kindly consented to take time to write a page of faculty news and personal items for each issue. His wide acquaintance with faculty members and alumni down through the years, and his genial slant on life, make him an ideal skipper for the faculty page.

We have a call for "more items about the Class of '18." Does anyone know any?

Even while August sun was blazing, the Alumni Office staff began thinking about the annual trip to Dallas for the Sooner-Texas game October 8, and Homecoming events November 12.

The Adolphus Hotel again will be Sooner Headquarters at Dallas on Friday night October 7, and Saturday morning, October 8. Parlor space on the mezzanine floor will be a rallying point for Sooners wanting to see each other. Sooners in Dallas have been showing signs of renewed life recently, an Advisory Council is being set up, and it is possible that some kind of social rally will be arranged on Friday night before the game, or on Saturday noon.

—R.C.

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Educated Leadership

For the first time, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma is to occupy the office of governor of the State. Indications are that a record number of O.U. alumni and former students will be members of the next legislature.

In a sense, higher education will be on trial. It is an unprecedented opportunity for the educated leadership of Oklahoma—the doctors and lawyers and school men and engineers and journalists and others graduated from O.U.—to encourage and cooperate with the governor to raise the general standards of government in Oklahoma to a higher level.

Leon "Red" Phillips, former Sooner football star, graduate of the O.U. law school, married to an O.U. alumna, has a background of higher education in his native state that none of the previous governors—good, bad and indifferent—has had. He is in a better position to recruit the assistance and counsel of educated leadership in reducing patronage evils, in seeking economy in government, in protecting the schools from political attacks, and in fulfilling other promises made in his campaign platform.

Oklahoma's patronage grabbers are bold. The firing of two outstanding presidents of teachers colleges—John Moseley, '16ma, at Edmond, and W. W. Isle, '15, at Weatherford, was narrowly averted last month although neutral observers have characterized both as high type educators who were appointed on their merits and not for political reasons.

An aura of politics continues to hang over A. and M. College, and one of the most constructive projects that O.U. alumni could support would be an amendment to the State Constitution that would place A. and M. under a non-political board of regents instead of the politically motivated State Board of Agriculture.

Here's a golden opportunity. Let's see if O.U. alumni and other educated citizens of the State can work together with the governor and the educated leadership in the Legislature to give State Government in Oklahoma some of the efficiency and common sense that it has needed so badly.

The governor of the State faces many difficult problems in trying to secure the co-operation of the legislature without giving up too much of his own program. The governor can be thoroughly successful as chief executive only with the co-operation and assistance of a considerable number of the State's leading citizens.

If the Oklahomans who have had their training in citizenship at the University of Oklahoma fail to lend the weight of their opinions and actions to the new governor, in the constructive measures he proposes, then they will in a considerable measure have only themselves to blame if the new administration slips into the old, familiar picture of constant and fruitless political bickering between the governor and legislature.

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