

In the Mail . . .

Letters to the Alumni Secretary and the Magazine Editor

Sir:

So sorry that I seem to have gotten so far behind. Perhaps a brief bit of explanation would be in order. From January 1 until the last of March I was traveling over New York State giving of my best all to improve the educational opportunity for the "young." Upon my return I, much to my surprise—lost an appendix. Now that I am in circulation once more, please find enclosed check to cover my Alumni Membership. May I wish you continued success. I find the Magazine most interesting.

RUTH ABERNATHY
Albany, New York

Sir:

I have your mimeographed letter of April 28 referring to recent press comments on traditions at the University, and think that both Lowrey Harrell and you are exactly right in your attitude.

I cannot understand the current unjustified criticism of the University and of Dr. Bizzell. It seems to me that the graduates of the University now serving in the Legislature must be either disloyal or very incompetent to have permitted this situation to have arisen with reference to appropriations which now exists.

KENNETH ABERNATHY
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Sir:

We had a mighty nice visit in Wewoka on the night of May 18 with Dr. Bizzell. About twenty of our folks got together with him at the Aldridge Hotel and visited with him about an hour or so before he made the Commencement talk at the high school. It was an inspiration. While I did not get to hear him at the school, everybody that did said that he made a very scholarly and inspirational talk.

HICKS EPTON
Wewoka, Oklahoma

Sir:

On my return from three months during mid-season in New York I found a stack of mail on my desk . . . one letter reminding me of my past dues. As I was dumping a winter wardrobe for a spring suit and mousseline de soie evening dresses to leave by next day for a week in Hot Springs with friends from New York, I just punched my memory about a check to be mailed to you on my return home. But I returned home so giddy and garrulous about my gaiety at the Arlington Hotel and wild azaleas from the hollows of the Ozarks that Pleas (the poor fellow who married me) grabbed our swimming suits in one hand and me and my dog in the other hand . . . and Buick-ed our way to Galveston for a weekend. Then, on my desk when I returned once again to the address called home I found a second reminder of my dues delinquency . . . so Pleas wrote a check for me. It is enclosed if the maid and I can find where I carefully concealed it for safekeeping! Oh, yes . . . here it is.

Tell Roscoe Cates how much I enjoyed the latest *Sooner Magazine*. The article on Dean Holmberg turned me into a Niobe . . . and pulled my memories back to the years when I was a co-ed on O. U. campus. I loved Dean Holmberg, and I shall never forget the long moments that my heart lost its throbbing when I was told that he had started down that path whose end is somewhere beyond the horizon.

CULLOM S. WADLEY, '34ex
427 Ena Rd. Waikiki
Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii

Sir:

I call your attention to the fact that a number of candidates for public office over the State have declared that they favor having all "boards" of the state to expire with the term of the governor's office.

Perhaps they do not realize that the Board of Regents of the University comes in this category. If not, their attention should be directed to this fact. If they do so realize, then certainly such attitude should be called to the attention of the Alumni.

HICKS EPTON, '32law
Wewoka, Oklahoma

In a few weeks I plan to be in Oklahoma City for a few days . . . so I may drive down to Norman for a "How-do-you-do" and cocacola with you . . . also to give Mary Elizabeth Simpson the beau geste I extended through you to her several seasons ago. Although I'm on the uncomfortable and embarrassing side of the thirties, I should once again like to walk the oval and recapture, if possible, the self-assurance and determination of 1918-21.

LOUISE C. HARDWICK
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Sir:

To start at the beginning, I am a former student of O.U., attending school there in '33 and '35. Being somewhat of an amateur boxer I won the all-school lightweight championship those two years. Financial difficulties caused me to drop out of school, and seeking a little adventure and travel I joined the Navy in 1934.

During the first year I obtained four months' medical training at the Naval Hospital School and six months special course in dentistry. For the last two and a half years I have been assisting the naval dental officer. During this time I have kept close touch on the activities around O.U. through my sister who is soon to graduate there. (Incidentally, my mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Wadley, of Norman, attended the University in its earliest years.)

Having received and thoroughly read the February issue of the *Sooner Magazine*, I not only wish to tell how much I enjoyed this issue, but what a pleasant surprise it brought to both myself and to J. F. Harris of Honolulu.

Immediately after seeing the picture of Mr. Harris I took the magazine and paid him a visit. His February issue of the magazine had not arrived so he was very happy to see mine. I met Mr. Harris almost a year ago when my wife and I spent our honeymoon at his apartment hotel at Waikiki. During that time neither of us was aware that the other once attended O.U. Both of us thought it quite a coincidence that I should stop at his hotel when there are numerous others to choose from. During our conversation Mr. Harris mentioned that he used to be well acquainted with Professors DeBarr, Amos, Hadsell and several other "old timers."

No matter where one travels it seems he will always run into someone from the home town, or who knew someone you attended school with. And I think your magazine is a great help in keeping your memory fresh with the names of former acquaintances and schoolmates. During the last few years I have met several former O.U. students and it always gives me such a grand feeling.

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