

In the Mail . . .

Letters to the Alumni Secretary and the Magazine Editor

Sir:

I very much appreciate the recent copy of your magazine which I read with much interest and pleasure and congratulate you on that fine Student Union Building.

REV. U. S. GORDON
Gainesville, Florida

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Sir:

I know that you are particularly alert to find anything which will add to the efficiency of the University. I have thought for some time that inasmuch as there is nobody from the teaching profession on the Board of Regents that there ought to be some representation there either directly or indirectly. Of course, now this is an impossibility. Some time, however, the education field should be recognized on that Board. You know that the teachers have more to do with the selection of the raw material which the University gets than anyone else. Actually, many times the teachers make the final decision in the mind of the student as to what school he shall elect to attend. All of this is just offered as an introduction.

The College of Education building at the University is pitiful. I do not see how any member of our profession can go to the University and look at that building without getting the impression that the College of Education certainly must be poor, entirely inadequate or regarded as of very little importance and a necessary evil. I never go to the campus at the University that I am not ashamed of the provision that is made in regard to the training of teachers. It certainly seems short-sighted that this impression should be so evident to every visitor on the campus. I have wondered if this does not terribly handicap our summer school.

You know right now is the time when some college is going to be outstanding in this State in the graduate field of education. The very first thing necessary is one of physical properties. If the University needs anything it needs a new building for the College of Education. You know I never think about this without being struck by the absurdity of the thing. When one comes to summer school at Norman he has to wander all over the campus to attend classes. The offices of the professors are just good jokes; little cubby-holes stuck around in the walls. The whole attitude seems to be that this is the least important college on the campus. I don't believe there is a college in the State that doesn't have better facilities than the University and is better equipped in the field of education. Imagine moving laboratory equipment to the Arts and Sciences building and then around to two or three other spots from hour to hour.

Sometime when you have time this summer talk to the men that are on the campus. I have been giving some thought recently to this matter and I am convinced that the next improvement and the most vital one on the campus down there would be an adequate building for this college. You know very often we judge things by the front that they present.

The first thing many of us know these Teachers Colleges will be offering work for master's degrees. The way to avoid that is to be properly equipped at the University. There ought to be a better building on the campus than the one that houses this college. Actually it's the most vital one insofar as the growth and development of the University is concerned. Sometime soon I'll be seeing you and I should like to talk with you about this matter. I also would be glad to talk to Dr. Bizzell about it if you would like for me to do it and to any members of the Board of

Regents. Actually I would be glad to appear before the Board because I feel that I can sell anybody on this proposition. I think that the reason we have not already had a building is that none of us did anything about it and there was nobody on the Board who particularly gave any thought to it.

GEORGE D. HANN, '36ED.M
Clinton, Oklahoma

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Sir:

The recent program given by the Glee Club of the University received the most favorable comments from all of the people that I have talked with. It has been a long time since an entertainment has been given in the City of Okmulgee where such a diversity of classes of people have gone.

As you no doubt know, the City of Okmulgee has always been more or less "Tulsa-minded" as far as football is concerned since Tulsa is such a short distance from Okmulgee. The thought has occurred to me that if some time in the next sixty days a meeting could be arranged where Stidham and McDermott and the rest of the coaches would come over to Okmulgee and have a dinner of some kind and also have a showing of the pictures that were made of the games at Norman this past year, I feel that it would be a great deal of help to the University. I might say in this connection that within the last year there has been more talk on the streets and among people of the town concerning the University than ever before.

CANNON B. McMAHAN, '29law
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

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Sir:

I received a letter yesterday from R. O. Morgan, the assistant secretary of Michigan University Alumni, concerning the class of my father at that school.

In it he spoke again of the Emeritus Club there, membership in which is granted after fifty years. The thought occurred to me that at Norman the Association might make forty years the time after graduation for such membership. Under Social Security and other rules now they figure a man's activity in many cases as forty years, and another advantage it would seem is that it would make men and women eligible during their sixties instead of seventies, when many of them have slowed up pretty much.

Another thing, I do not think that the Association has ever elected a woman as its president, and they certainly have been active enough in the years that one of the active ones should be thus honored after all of these years.

C. ROSS HUME, '98
Anadarko, Oklahoma

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Sir:

On several occasions I have expressed to Ted Beard my appreciation of the splendid work you are doing as editor of the Sooner Magazine. I thought from time to time that I would see you and be afforded the opportunity of making a statement to you personally. I regret that this opportunity has not presented itself in the past few months and I am, therefore, writing to tell you that in my judgment you are doing splendid work and should be complimented.

The information contained in the bulletin of April 6 concerning the awards made to you at Columbus, Ohio, reflects credit on the entire institution of which you and I are walking representatives. I am proud of this and want you to know it.

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