

# In the Mail . . .

Letters to the Alumni Secretary and the Magazine Editor

SIR:

I am at this late date carrying out an earlier good intention, and at the same time assuming that it is better to fulfill an obligation late than not at all.

While performing this belated obligation, I want to congratulate you for the good work that you are doing—a work that is essential to every educational institution.

The University of Oklahoma has suffered on account of the lack of an effective, determined Association such as you are organizing.

I am for you one hundred per cent, and I think that every alumnus and every person in any way connected with the University of Oklahoma should support you in every possible way. The University can never reach its highest attainment, its full fruition without an interested, loyal Alumni.

A. R. RAMEY,  
Department of English.

(Dr. R. P. Stoops, now of Oakland, California, graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1898. He was president of the Alumni Association during the years 1904 and 1905. He brings up ancient history in the following letter, the first the Alumni Office has had from him in several years.)

SIR:

I am in receipt of your letters of November 15th and January 17th and in accordance with your request I am enclosing my check for twelve months membership in the association. Will you kindly tell me why the name has been changed to its present form, also what became of the former publication *The Umpire* and when did the *Sooner* originate?

At various times I have heard that there was considerable discussion as to how the college yell originated. I am not a candidate for this honor but I do know the group of students who composed it.

In 1927 I gave my views on the subject. The person to whom the letter was addressed never acknowledged its receipt and I have been informed that the opinion expressed in my letter was suppressed in the interest of one of the candidates who claimed to have originated the yell. I talked the matter over with N. E. Butcher and with Professor Cole in 1917 and their opinions were substantially the same as mine. I believe that the proper procedure in this matter is to get the views of all the students who were present in the second and third sessions of the University. What do you think about it?

DR. R. P. STOOPS, '98,  
Oakland, California.

SIR:

Your letter with the list of alumni was duly received and I have been musing and amusing over it since. You know, I have always been a sucker for "thank you" jobs and an easy mark for all community tasks no one else would bother with and I guess it will always be so.

Anyhow, I just thought it would take only about a week of steady work to comb over this and since there are no clerks who would jump at the chance to earn some fifty cents an hour for such easy work, I might as well do it and rope in some of the others here.

It just happens that all I have to do is to earn a daily living at a rather small salary compared to what I received in Oklahoma, do the secretarial work for a Sunday School of 1,200 people, assist by second in command of a Boy Scout troop of 42 boys, and a good one, too, do duty as chairman of boys' work for a men's club and a director of that body and haul a bunch of elderly

people around who unfortunately do not have cars. After these chores I only amuse myself, read the daily papers, attend a show every month or so and grab what items I can out of the *Time* magazine and an article or so from *Harper's* and sleep a few hours each night. (Don't eat, just gulp a few meals.)

However, you can rest assured I will get it done in some fashion by the aid of other good-natured folk.

Our meeting on January 24 was not so well attended, whereas we had the stage set for the best time ever. In October nearly half of the fifty wanted to meet each month and vociferously requested such recurrence. After a close vote we decided to meet approximately quarterly. Lo, and behold, the lunarly inclined, enthusiastic ones were almost 100 per cent missing. However, at this last meeting we greatly improved the status by electing W. E. (Babe) Smith as the new president; Roy (Doll) Foster as vice-president, and I believe Mrs. Keith Miller as secretary, although I believe Miss Leeper did more than an enthusiastic job. We plan to meet in May or June; then expect the honorable Alumni Secretary to be with us on a wild picnic probably in August.

C. A. COOLEY, '17ex.,  
Los Angeles, California

SIR:

Will you kindly change my subscription address from South America to Gotebo, Oklahoma? My wife and I are leaving for the States March 12 on the Santa Rita and we want our *Sooner* as soon as we get there.

I have been working in the mine Suquitambo at an altitude of 17,000 feet. I am accountant and assistant mill man there and the work is very interesting. I will be glad to return to the States as there is no place like the good old U.S.A. in the world.

The *Sooner Magazine* is a great improvement over that of last year and I hope the good work keeps on.

A. ALBERT OTHICK, '36,  
Arequipa, Peru.

SIR:

In moving about during the last two months, I have failed to receive one or two issues of the Alumni Magazine, the January, 1938, number being the last one received by me. It will be greatly appreciated if you will have the missing numbers forwarded to me at 1107 West Broadway, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Up to the present time I have kept all copies of the magazine that have been issued, and if possible I want to keep my volumes complete. Then, too, I really enjoy the news items and interesting articles contained in each month's magazine and look forward to reading every one of them.

MAUD F. FANNIN, '23,  
Muskogee, Okla.

SIR:

I have heard, on every side, enthusiastic comments about your broadcast last Wednesday night—such statements as "The best thing of its kind I ever heard," "The finest thing the Alumni Association could do," "I hope it is done at least once a year or once a semester from hereon," being typical.

You are certainly to be congratulated on your fine work in promoting it and putting it on. I know it was a lot of work but you did it one hundred per cent as you always do.

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