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Of course the answer to that question is "Yes." Any teacher who is worth her salt is eager to learn and keep improving herself.

That's why so many teachers and school administrators are included among the subscribers to *The Sooner Magazine*. They like to keep up with the developments in higher education as explained in articles in the magazine. They like to hear about the numerous services that are offered through the Extension Division and the Alumni Office to graduates of the University and others in the teaching field.

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SENATOR JOSH LEE has been sadly disillusioned as to the sense of humor possessed by certain newspapermen and part of the general public. A joke he used in a Senate speech turned up in a newspaper story in such a way that some persons saw it as a crack at O.U.

Senator Lee wrote the following letter to Alumni Secretary Beard to keep the record straight:

I was probably more surprised than you were when I saw the article in the paper that put me in the light of disloyalty to the University of Oklahoma.

What I said in regard to the University of Oklahoma and the asylum was a joke very much at my own expense, since I explained that I had been with the University. The article in the paper was inaccurate both by omitting part of my statement and by adding to it, as the *Congressional Record* will bear out.

When I read the article in the paper, it certainly did have a different meaning from the one I had in mind as I intended to make myself the butt of a facetious remark, but certainly had no intention of reflecting unfavorably upon the University.

I yield to no one in my loyalty and allegiance to the University of Oklahoma. I am proud of it, and boost it on every occasion. It was a privilege to have a small part in helping to secure Federal aid for some of the buildings that have been constructed on the University campus since I have been in Congress.

It is my hope that you will express my feelings in this matter to others if you hear the subject mentioned.

The joke in question was the one explaining the difference between the University and the State Hospital—"You have to show some improvement to get out of the Hospital."

An aggressive attack on members of the last legislature who "knifed the University in the back" is urged by Errett R. Newby, '07, Oklahoma City.

Says Mr. Newby:

"Please put me down as one of those who was anything but satisfied with the docile, lamb-like editorial comment in the *Sooner Magazine* for November to the effect that 'we duly express thanks for what the last legislature saw fit to appropriate for the University.'

"There were some members of the Legislature who did all they could for the University appropriations but the majority, including a number of O.U. grads and former students, knifed the institution in the back. They deserve no thanks, either for their action or for the motives that led them to scuttle fair treatment for the University.

"It seemed to me that this was a good time to let the alumni know what went on during the closing hours of the Legislature. When will there be a better time!

"Rather than the editorial mentioned it seems to me it would have been better to publish a study showing the serious lack of floor space, laboratories, etc., at O.U. compared with these other schools where the Legislature spent the money that needed to be spent at O.U."

An article somewhat along the line Mr. Newby suggests has been scheduled by the Magazine, for an early issue. As for printing the full story of how the University's appropriations fared in the last Legislature, and exposing who wielded the "knife in the back," we would certainly like to do it, but there are many angles to be considered.

Appreciative of both the Alumni Association and the Teachers Placement Bureau which is operated in the Alumni Office is Alumnus Alfred A. Crowell, '29, '34ma, now of Elgin, Illinois.

Writing to Alumni Secretary Ted Beard, he comments:

"I believe in the association of which you are executive secretary. I wish I could become a life member and help contribute to the strength of the association, for it means a lot to me in a practical way, as well as to the University of which I think so much.

"Especially helpful to me has been the work of Mrs. Mary Turnbull. Because of her contacts and office work, I was able to get two teaching jobs in Oklahoma; also, she assisted me in obtaining this position in Elgin, Illinois. I owe a great deal to her and your office. Any future changes that I may want to make will be aided by Mrs. Turnbull's co-operation."

The voice of Secretary Beard going out over the NBC radio chain as chairman of a demonstration radio debate held at Chicago by the National University Extension Association brought a letter from Harold McCollum, '34, former program director of WNAD.

"I just happened to tune in as you were talking, and recognized your voice," Alumnus McCollum writes.

"Juanita and I are getting along fine. Working hard but happy—and that seems to be the main thing. We were out to visit with Nadine and Herbert Smith the other evening and who should be there but Bryan Cole and his wife the former Dorothea Love. Bryan has been out here about four months and seems to be getting along.

"Julius Einhorn is out here too! However, I haven't seen him. And Paul Barnett, although I'm not sure you knew him."