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Coach Tom Stidham keeps his eyes intent on the action in a critical moment of a football game, while Backfield Coach Snorter Luster keeps a telephone glued to his ear to consult with Observer Jap Haskell in the Press Box, Photo by Tacker.

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During the three weeks that have elapsed since the Medical Alumni Directory went into the mail, only three errors have been called to the attention of the editor. One of these, however, was the unforgivable mistake of listing a man as deceased when he is still very much alive.

Dr. Silas A. Lang, '32med, of Nowata, was listed as deceased in the Class List for 1932. His name was carried correctly in the alphabetical and geographical lists. Our apologies to Dr. Lang and our thanks for his noble restraint in calling the error to our attention without the use of the strong words that might have been used.

Dr. LeRoy Long, Jr., '15ex, of Oklahoma City, should have been listed as Dr. LeRoy D. Long, and the fact that he received his M. D. degree from the Harvard Medical School was inadvertantly omitted.

Similarly, the Directory failed to show that Dr. Wendell M. Long, '22 B. A., Oklahoma City, received his M. D. degree from Harvard.

This issue begins the twelfth year of Sooner Magazine. It's a temptation to talk about our plans for the new year and how we hope to improve the magazine.

Probably it will be best not to make any predictions and

just let the readers judge.

We admit, however, a touch of pride over the fact that there are 425 alumni personal items in the Roll Call section of this issue. That's probably an all-time record for the magazine. So if it's personal items you want—and most readers say it is—turn to the Roll Call section and start reading!—R. C.

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Alumni Viewpoint on the Presidency

As this is written in late August, the summer's crop of rumors and predictions of the imminent summary removal of Dr. W. B. Bizzell as president of the University seem to have faded and died.

But the published reports aroused widespread interest among alumni, and resulted in informal conferences and visits back and forth across the state among alumni leaders who take a serious interest in the welfare of O. U.

No official action of any kind was taken, as it was decided that none was called for. Nevertheless, the unofficial conferences and correspondence and visits crystallized sentiment among the better informed alumni.

It can be said that this sentiment is substantially as follows:

- 1. The great majority of alumni feel affection and respect for President Bizzell and believe that he has made an outstanding record in developing the University and raising its standards.
- 2. Alumni leaders feel that sole responsibility for retaining Dr. Bizzell as president or appointing a new president rests with the Board of Regents and that it would be improper for the organized alumni to make any suggestions or recommendations in a situation like the present, unless invited by the regents to counsel with them.
- 3. The alumni are very definitely opposed to any change in the presidency that would involve the University in state politics, or in factionalism within state school circles. Any such move would be fought strenuously by alumni.
- 4. Alumni leaders believe that when the time comes that Dr. Bizzell desires to retire from the presidency (which he has indicated he would like to do before many more years as his present responsibilities are a serious burden on his health), the entire nation should be carefully surveyed to secure an outstanding educator and administrator who as president of the University could continue to build and improve the institution entirely free of the handicap of local political or factional affiliations.

This description of alumni sentiment is unofficial, but it is based on a representative cross-section of opinions from alumni leaders in various professions, in various parts of the state, in different age groups, and in different political camps. The non-political administration of the University is an issue on which they can get together regardless of how different their opinions might be in other walks of life.

Alumni leaders have not let themselves be stampeded by unconfirmed rumors.

But the published reports, along with the wholesale changes made in state college presidents, have made University alumni increasingly vigilant. They are working quietly, but no one should make the mistake of assuming that they would stand idly by when any threat is made against the University's hard-won reputation for staying out of politics.