

## Clearing the Desk

*ALUMNI OFFICES* get a lot of mail—mostly from people wanting favors. That's all right. The Alumni Association is a service organization, and its "hired hands" are expected to give service.

But every once in a while along comes a letter so full of sincere interest in the welfare of the University that it offsets a dozen of the other kind of letters.

It is Doris Riley, school teacher and "amateur rancher" near Healdton, who writes "I am very glad to be a Life Member of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association."

"While attending college on the proverbial shoe string," she adds, "a great many of us had to make a choice between the several things that might be termed 'necessities of life.' Books and materials were necessities during college. Now that I am a graduate, membership in my University's alumni association is a necessity even on a shoe-string budget."

That's the kind of spirit that puts life-blood into an alumni organization.

*SOME PEOPLE* may question the value of a college education these days, but not a certain freshman who took the English placement test this fall.

"No matter whom you may be," he wrote, "whether you are poor or rich, smart or dumb, black or white, you should positively go to college and stay there as long as they will let you."

Sometimes it's hardly any.

*PLEASE EXCUSE* the slight odor of orchids in this department, but when alumni write commendatory letters to the Alumni Office, it takes more restraint that we happen to have at the moment to keep from printing them.

James D. Fellers, Oklahoma City attorney, writes Alumni Secretary Beard that "You and your fine alumni publication, *Sooner Magazine*, have won me over! Check covering first payment on one Life Membership is enclosed. I am only wondering why I have waited this long to start purchasing this life subscription for the magazine."

Mrs. Fellers (Margaret Ellen Rander-son, '36) is included in this new Life Membership.

"We realize that most of your work necessarily is done quietly but it is of great importance to the University," he wrote. "I am sure that we shall derive a great deal of satisfaction from joining the organized alumni and former students and from doing our part toward furthering the interests of the University. Incidentally we have already purchased our

season football tickets for this year and are looking forward to the games with eager anticipation."

*MODERN YOUTH* has a direct approach to problems that is sometimes a bit startling.

Take the case of a Norman co-ed who got to thinking that she has probably missed something by not going away to school where she would be on her own responsibility.

The difficulty wasn't insurmountable. She just got her mother to rent her room to some other students, while she moved out of her own home and rented a place in a student rooming house.

We don't know whether she sometimes telephones home, or just writes a letter.

*GOLF* is one of the few outdoor recreations that faculty members can indulge in. Instead of being a luxury sport in Norman, it's about the cheapest (greens fee 25 cents on any of three courses). You don't have to be in training, as for tennis or handball. And it's refreshing mental relaxation for an office or classroom worker.

However, there's one member of the University staff who has definitely given up golf.

He used to play regularly, with his wife as an opponent. But in spite of the fact that he is a former Sooner varsity athlete, his golf didn't seem to improve very fast, while his wife kept getting better.

One day he flung his clubs into a thicket of trees on the golf course and quit the game forever.

His wife had beaten him!

*STUDENT HELP* in the Alumni Office is something that we are very thankful to have, so don't get the wrong impression if we remark that we are sometimes less thankful than others.

Like the time recently when a student stenographer wrote a more or less routine letter thanking an alumna (woman graduate to you non-Latin readers) for filling in and returning a biographical information form.

Imagine your alumni secretary's consternation when the lady returned the letter with a note at the bottom remarking "What?—Did I really supply some inside information?"

The typist, instead of writing "biographical information," had typed it "biological."

*FORT HANCOCK*, New Jersey, is "like a little Oklahoma colony," writes

IMAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE  
ONLINE DUE TO COPYRIGHT  
RESTRICTIONS.

A paper copy of this  
issue is available at  
call number LH 1 .06S6 in  
Bizzell Memorial Library.

IMAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE  
ONLINE DUE TO COPYRIGHT  
RESTRICTIONS.

A paper copy of this  
issue is available at  
call number LH 1 .06S6  
in Bizzell Memorial  
Library.

Lieut. William L. Vogt, son of the former dean of the University Extension Division, since so many O. U. men have been stationed there recently.

*REMEMBERING* the intensity of feeling that followed the Sooner-Tennessee football game in the Orange Bowl a couple of years ago, O. U. students were surprised to find this fall that the new secretary of fraternity affairs at the University is Tom Smith, who played on the Tennessee team against the Sooners. Smith came to the University of Oklahoma to take law, as he plans to practice in this state after graduation.

*WOMEN'S COUNSELOR* Margaret Stephenson still gets a little jittery when she thinks about a letter she received from some one in Tulsa.

"I understand," said this questioner, "that you have some kind of publication rating the sorority chapters on the basis of social prestige, wealth and size, and I would like to get a copy."

The printing of any such list would start a battle royal which, in Miss Stephenson's considered opinion, would very likely overshadow the fracas in Europe.

*FRANK ROBERSON*, '10, now living in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was back on the campus for his class reunion in June.

Walking around the campus, he encountered Dean Gittinger, whom he had not seen for twenty-two years.

He spoke to the dean, and started to introduce himself. But before he could give his name, Dean Gittinger said "Hello Roberson, how are you?"

Who can beat that for a feat of memory?

*BOTH PLEASED* and surprised was the *Anadarko Daily News* when it discovered that the dignified director of the University Extension Division has a "past."

The *News*, which is published by Joe W. McBride, '28bus, commented editorially that "Herbert Scott, director of the Extension Division at the University of Oklahoma, a dignified, capable and scholarly man, surprised us yesterday with the tale of a hobo trip he made with our local Dr. John Miles during college days."

"It seems," the *News* explained, "that the two rode the rods and blinds all over the west back in the days when police spent much of their time keeping the 'beats' off the rails. We are glad to learn these fellows were typical as younger men and their early expression for adventure is perhaps the theme that makes them leaders in their respective careers today. In our youth, freight train rides were on a much more limited basis, ranging from five to one hundred miles. These fellows are reported to have been on the 'rods' for as long as twenty-two hours at a stretch without food or drink. We

# The University of Oklahoma Association

Independent Organization of Alumni and Former Students  
Offices in the Memorial Union Building, Norman

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**—Norman Brillhart, Madill, president; Mrs. Kitty Shanklin Rountree, Oklahoma City, first vice president; Lewis Morris, Oklahoma City, second vice president; J. C. Karcher, Dallas, honorary vice president for Texas; Mrs. Elizabeth Ann McMurray Ellegood, Dallas, honorary secretary for Texas; Ted Beaird, Norman, executive secretary.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD—Members-at-large:** Frank Cleckler, Muskogee; Norman Brillhart, Madill; Cy Ellinger, Purcell; Elmer Fraker, Mangum; Mrs. Jewell Risinger Ditmars, Muskogee; Charles H. Fawks, Jr., Snyder; **District representatives:** Mrs. Dollie Radler Hall, Tulsa, *First*; W. Max Chambers, Okmulgee, *Second*; O. Fisher Muldrow, Ardmore, *Third*; Hicks Epton, Wewoka, *Fourth*; Hal Muldrow, Norman, *Fifth*; Dr. John B. Miles, Anadarko, *Sixth*; Finley McLauray, Snyder, *Seventh*; Carl S. Ford, Enid, *Eighth*; E. H. Black, Bristow, *Ninth*.

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**—Kenneth H. Abernathy, Shawnee, '31; Herbert L. Branam, Muskogee, '32; Neil Keller, Norman, '33; Joe Fred Gibson, Oklahoma City, '34; J. Bruce Wiley, Norman, '35; James C. Hamill, Oklahoma City, '36; William H. Miley, Oklahoma City, '37; Earl Westmoreland, Jr., Evansville, Indiana, '38; Kenneth Harris, Norman, '39; Alfred Naifeh, Norman, '40.

**TRUSTEES, O.U. LIFE MEMBERSHIP TRUST**—Ertett R. Newby, Oklahoma City; Tom F. Carey, Oklahoma City; Neil R. Johnson, Norman.

**ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVES ON UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COUNCIL**—Neil R. Johnson, Norman; Paul Reed, Sulphur; William R. Wolfe, Muskogee.

## County Advisory Council Chairmen

Adair—Joe H. Carson, Stilwell.  
Alfalfa—Webster Wilder, Jr., Cherokee.  
Atoka—R. G. Cates, Atoka.  
Beaver—M. Eleanor Tracy, Beaver.  
Beckham—Neville Gillum, Sayre.  
Blaine—H. G. Creekmore, Hitchcock.  
Bryan—James W. Batchelor, Durant.  
Caddo—R. L. McLean, Anadarko.  
Canadian—Lucius Babcock, Jr., El Reno.  
Carter—George D. Hann, Ardmore.  
Cherokee—J. L. Robinson, Tahlequah.  
Choctaw—O. A. Brewer, Hugo.  
Cimarron—Brooks Lewis, Boise City.  
Cleveland—Thomas Richard Benedum, Norman.  
Coal—Mrs. G. T. Ralls, Coalgate.  
Comanche—Russell Jones, Lawton.  
Craig—Dr. J. M. McMillan, Vinita.  
Creek—Richard M. Caldwell, Sapulpa.  
Custer—Denver Meacham, Clinton.  
Delaware—L. Keith Smith, Jay.  
Dewey—Tom L. Ruble, Taloga.  
Ellis—William F. Funk, Arnett.  
Garfield—Ed Fleming, Enid.  
Garvin—Roger T. Blake, Pauls Valley.  
Grady—Mrs. Jessie Lone Clarkson Gilkey, Chickasha.  
Grant—Ellis W. Eddy, Medford.  
Greer—Lem H. Tittle, Mangum.  
Harmon—Richard F. Dudley, Hollis.  
Harper—Murray Holcomb, Buffalo.  
Haskell—W. G. Stigler, Stigler.  
Hughes—Charles L. Orr, Holdenville.  
Jackson—Paul F. Pearson, Altus.  
Jefferson—Mrs. Ethel N. Anderson, Waurika.  
Johnston—Stanley Cunningham, Tishomingo.  
Kay—Dr. Laile G. Neal, Ponca City.  
Kingfisher—Carl J. Thompson, Kingfisher.  
Kiowa—R. Place Montgomery, Hobart.  
Latimer—Miss Florence G. Miller, Wilburton.  
LeFlore—Elbert L. Costner, Panama.  
Lincoln—Dr. Ned Burleson, Prague.  
Logan—Merle G. Smith, Guthrie.  
Love—Crawford W. Cameron, Marietta.  
Major—H. L. Gasaway, Fairview.  
Marshall—A. B. Bray, Madill.  
Mayes—Ernest R. Brown, Pryor.  
McClain—Cy Ellinger, Purcell.  
McCurtain—Walter Scott, Idabel.  
McIntosh—Otho Green, Eufaula.  
Murray—Ewing Sadler, Sulphur.  
Muskogee—A. Camp Bonds, Muskogee.  
Noble—Al T. Singletary, Perry.  
Nowata—James A. Strickland, Nowata.  
Okfuskee—Cecil E. Oakes, Okemah.  
Oklahoma—Lee B. Thompson, Oklahoma City.  
Okmulgee—A. N. (Jack) Boatman, Okmulgee.  
Osage—Dr. Roscoe Walker, Pawhuska.  
Ottawa—M. R. Tidwell, Jr., Miami.  
Pawnee—S. J. Bryant, Pawnee.  
Payne—George R. Taylor, Stillwater.  
Pittsburg—W. S. Horton, McAlester.  
Pontotoc—Oscar Hatcher, Ada.  
Pottawatomie—James B. Miller, Shawnee.  
Pushmataha—John W. Amend, Antlers.  
Roger Mills—L. W. Kitchens, Cheyenne.  
Rogers—H. Tom Kight, Jr., Claremore.  
Seminole—Harry Simmons, Wewoka.  
Sequoyah—J. Fred Green, Sallisaw.  
Stephens—N. L. George, Duncan.  
Texas—Vincent Dale, Guymon.  
Tillman—Harrison Roe, Frederick.  
Tulsa—C. C. Ingle, Tulsa.  
Wagoner—C. Gordon Watts, Wagoner.  
Washington—  
Washita—Mrs. Alta Loomis Carder, Cordell.  
Woods—Brette M. Tanner, Alva.

## Out-of-State Council Chairmen

Arizona—Tucson, A. O. Johnson.  
Arkansas—Fort Smith, Jay W. Anderson.  
California—Long Beach, Manning S. Moore; Los Angeles, Wilson E. Smith; San Diego, Jewel-dean Brodie; San Francisco, Dr. Adena C. Dutton.  
Colorado—Denver, Frank Keller.  
Connecticut—Hartford, Ellis H. Clarkson; New Haven, Jackson P. Sickels.  
District of Columbia—Paul A. Walker.  
Illinois—Chicago, Wesley I. Nunn; Effingham, Clarence E. Brehm; Evanston, John H. Bass; Mattoon, Mrs. Paul Duffield; Olney, F. A. Calvert, Jr.  
Indiana—Evansville, Earl Westmoreland, Jr.  
Iowa—Des Moines, William B. Cram; Iowa City, John Wesley Kitchens.  
Kansas—Arkansas City, Reuben R. McCornack; Kansas City, Paul N. Campbell; Topeka, Dr. Albert H. Marshall; Wichita, John A. Paynter.  
Kentucky—Louisville, John Jacob Hamilton.  
Louisiana—New Orleans, Floyd Lee Zimmerman; Shreveport, George H. Weber.  
Maryland—Baltimore, Franklin D. Martin.  
Massachusetts—Boston, Mrs. Theodore Halperin.  
Michigan—Detroit, Ray H. Haun.  
Minnesota—Minneapolis, Don Castleberry; St. Paul, Dr. Curry Bell.  
Missouri—Jefferson City, Lawrence H. Armstrong; Kansas City, E. H. Skinner; St. Louis, Robert M. Sayre.  
New Mexico—Albuquerque, Violet Jahn; Carlsbad, Barney T. Burns; Hobbs, Mary Alice Murray; Roswell, A. B. Carpenter; Santa Fe, Mrs. Arteola B. Daniel.  
New York—New York City, Hughes B. Davis.  
Oregon—Portland, Mrs. Inez Lacey Evans.  
Pennsylvania—Philadelphia, Dr. John Hervey; Pittsburgh, George L. Yates.  
Tennessee—Memphis, Walter L. Berry.  
Texas—Amarillo, L. R. Hagy; Austin, Paul Bolton; Bonham, Mrs. O. L. Couch; Dallas, Carl D. McWade; El Paso, Baxter Polk; Fort Worth, Fritz L. Aurin; Gladewater, Dr. A. R. Hancock; Houston, W. Dow Hamm; Lubbock, Parker Prouty; Fort Arthur, Mrs. Eleanor Stewart Metcalfe; San Antonio, Robert N. Kolm; Shamrock, Albert Cooper; Tyler, A. C. Wright; Wichita Falls and Electra, Charles P. McGaha.  
Utah—Salt Lake City, Egbert Henderson.  
Virginia—Norfolk, Jackson Floy Scovel.  
Washington—Seattle, Dr. Richard D. Roys.  
Wisconsin—Milwaukee, Carl Taylor.  
Alaska—Fairbanks, Noel C. Ross.  
Antarctic—Byrd Expedition, Arnold Court.  
British West Indies—San Fernando, Trinidad, Oakley M. Woodward, Jr.  
Canada—Vancouver, British Columbia, Dr. Roy W. Anderson; Winnipeg, Manitoba, Gerald M. Hechter.  
Panama Canal Zone—Balboa, Subert Turbyfill.  
Cuba—Cristo Oriente Province, David St. Clair; Havana, Mrs. Dorothy Cansler Geis.  
Hawaii—Honolulu, James Hamilton Tabor.  
Japan—Kyoto, Winburn T. Thomas; Tokyo, Thomas Lester Blakemore, Jr.  
Mexico—Mexico City, Betty Kirk.  
Venezuela—Barcelona, C. H. Neff; Caripito, Woodrow Huddleston; Maracaibo, Earl T. Warren.

would say they were bullheaded for destination."

Proving once more a point which often is overlooked—that college professors are almost human.

*WHENEVER* there's a serious need, you can depend upon some loyal Sooner to rise to the occasion.

The Alumni Office has been searching for six months for a copy of the 1905 *Mistletoe*, the first regular student yearbook ever published at the University. This particular copy was needed to complete the file of yearbooks in the Alumni Office which ran straight on through to 1940 except for that very first issue.

Last month, just as this magazine was going to press, a copy of the long-sought *Mistletoe* was brought to the Alumni Office with the compliments of John A. Merkle, '06, now a farmer living near Norman.

Through Mr. Merkle's kindness in putting his copy of this yearbook on permanent loan, the Alumni Office now has the only complete file of Sooner Yearbooks in existence anywhere.

The file is frequently consulted for information about early-day students and bits of University history not available elsewhere. The amazing increase in the number and range of student interests during the period 1905 to 1940, as shown in the parade of yearbooks, is an important chapter in the history of the institution.

If you want to see how remarkably odd you and your best friends looked twenty or thirty years ago, drop by and take a look into the old yearbooks.

*WE WERE* much relieved to find that the censors decided *Sooner Magazine* was not trying to conduct espionage through its Engineer Alumni Directory.

A request for a copy of the directory was received from Abbas S. Siahpoosh, '36eng, '37geol, Teheran, Iran, who has been connected with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company but more recently on army duty. The envelope bore a label "Opened by Censor" and was stamped "Passed—Censor."

It took about two months for the letter to reach Norman.

*BRISK* winds are tumbling yellow leaves across the campus in bright fall sunlight. Freshmen are wandering around the campus, a little bewildered but tremendously eager. Football is being talked. Classes are settling down to regular work. Another school year has started. Some six thousand young people are busily and seriously engaged in learning all they can about truth and beauty and how to get along with other people. That's about what a college education boils down to.

Somehow we can't seem to recall any dictator or tyrant who was a college graduate.

—R. C.