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Drs. Max Chambers, '21ba, '29ms, and Charles Spencer, '29ma, have recently been selected to head Central State College, Edmond, and East Central State College, Ada, respectively.

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# Riding the Sooner Range

BY DAVID BURR  
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Some twelve hours after (on this a.m. of July 20) the Range Rider had galloped over the trails of The Red Red Rose on O.U. campus with more than 600 alumni school administrators—he's off on another run with law alumni. The special bulletin quoted below will picture this alumni activity in the making while he continues Riding the Sooner Range!

"Some seventy-two hours ago, a special committee of law alumni of the University of Oklahoma contacted the executive office of the Alumni Association and submitted a list of some fifty names to whom we are addressing this special communication for the law alumni of O.U.

"On this special committee, in addition to others, were Attorney Hicks Epton, '32Law, of Wewoka, Thomas R. Benedum, '28Law, of Norman, Jack Luttrell, '38ba, '41Law, of Norman and Robert H. Harry (president of the senior law class that graduated in June 1949). These gentlemen desire, after giving us the selected list of names, to extend a special invitation to the attorney addressed and his wife to join them in a small informal dinner in honor of Dean and Mrs. Page Keeton at the Oklahoma Biltmore, Sunday evening, July 24, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

"It is the feeling of O.U. Alumni that Dean Keeton has made one of the finest contributions in the past three years of any administrative offi-

cial that we have had at the University through the years. It is the committee's desire that we have this "dutch dinner" and present to Dean Keeton a suitable gift on the part of the University of Oklahoma alumni. He will have this momento down through the years to know of the appreciation of hundreds of citizens of this state, of the fine contribution he has made to the law school, and our alumni.

"Your alumni association is co-operating in this project and the only "non-barristers" that will be present at the special dinner honoring Dean and Mrs. Keeton will be President and Mrs. George Cross as well as Ted and Katheryn Beaird. All others will be attorneys and wives.

"The charge for the dinner will be \$2.50 per plate and we ask that each attorney contribute an additional dollar to apply on the gift we propose to present Dean Keeton. It is necessary that we have checks covering reservations in our hands not later than Saturday 5:00 p.m. Will you please make your check payable to the Oklahoma Biltmore, Oklahoma City and mail directly to this office in order that we may place reservations for the proper number of plates.

(Signed) Ted Beaird.

(By the time this issue of *Sooner Magazine* finds its way into alumni hands, this event will have been staged—D. B.)

## Across The Editor's Desk

The American Alumni Council's annual magazine contest in which 387 alumni magazines competed was completed July 14 in Williamsburg, Virginia, at the Council's conclave.

The *Sooner Magazine* was awarded three honorable mentions. The awards were for Covers and General Illustrations, Reporting, and for the President Speaks, a monthly article written by President George L. Cross.

Only first place and honorable mentions were awarded. The *Sooner* was the only alumni publication of any of the Big Seven schools to receive such recognition.

We were and are exceptionally pleased with the results as the total competing magazines have increased in number and quality.

We are by no means satisfied with the results. Indicative of our determination to better our rating and thereby improve our magazine for our readers is the change of covers as of this issue. We believe it will help move us to the fore in alumni publications.

On the opposite page you will see the Alumni Club Directory. We believe this is a service long overdue. We are trying to increase, through careful editing, the volume of news and decrease, by the same means, the amount of errors.

Lastly, but most important, none of us on the staff of *Sooner Magazine* are forgetting what the real mission of our job is—that of producing news about alumni for alumni in the best possible showcase. We hope that this meets with your approval.

David Burr  
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