

Under Cover

From cover to Roll Call, the March issue of the *Sooner Magazine* emphasizes the work of the Engineers. As has been the custom, many of the standing features take on an emerald hue. A special feature of this Engineers' issue is Dean W. H. Carson's report on the status of the College of Engineering.

Nowhere in the magazine may be found a summary of events for Engineers Week. There is no mention of the special edition of the *Oklahoma Daily*, the Engineers' show, the queen race or of the St. Pat selection. Nor is there a mention of Old Trusty and the LKOT. The reason of course is simple: The deadline for the magazine would not permit a rehash of this year's Engineers' celebration. A coverage will be made on the above points next month.

The staff did prepare an article that should be of interest to engineers and non-engineers alike. It's a feature story about the School of Geology. Probably more closely affiliated with the College of Engineering than any other school, the School of Geology will celebrate its 50th birthday in September.

March is a month when everyone remembers the Engineers of the world. It is not the only month when O.U. Engineers make their abilities add a bit to the prestige of their school and state, yet it is a good time to stop and pay a special debt of respect to the builders.

All roads lead toward Class Reunions. Plans for the Reunions June 3 are on the drafting board. The dates for the event are June 3 and 4. Classes holding reunions this year are the classes of '47, '46, '41, '36, '31, '26, '22, '21, '16, '11, '06. You will note that two additional years, '47 and '22, are added in addition to the regular 5-year rotating reunion plan. The new idea originated from an attempt to allow neighboring classes to meet together periodically. The motive is obvious. Many friendships were made between members of two classes. Next year two other sets of classes will meet together.

Special guests at Reunion time will be members of classes that graduated 50 or more years ago. They will become a member of the Honored Alumni club.

Another annual alumni event is coming up. April 4 Oklahomans will honor

five outstanding Sooners when the University Board of Regents and the Alumni Association jointly sponsor the fourth Achievement Day.

Distinguished Service Citations are made each year to Oklahomans and former O.U. students who have made unusual contributions to an Oklahoma community, the state, the United States or the United Nations. The honorees are selected by a secret committee appointed by the president of the University and the president of the Alumni Association. The achievement Day dinner will be held in the McFarlin Memorial Methodist Church in Norman. Tickets are available by sending \$1.50 per plate to the Alumni Office, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

John Wagoner, '51, Sooner feature editor, received a special commendation in February. Before a Journalism Day dinner gathering February 16, John received the Sigma Delta Chi award as the outstanding senior man in journalism. The award will probably not surprise alumni who have read much of the printed work John has produced since he joined the Sooner staff in January 1950.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wagoner of Claremore where he attended high school. Following a brief hitch of duty in the navy he enrolled at Northeastern A.&M. College at Miami in 1946 where he served as editor of the school paper. He matriculated at O.U. the following fall and spent a year here before accepting a job as news



JOHN WAGONER
... Outstanding

editor of the *Claremore Progress*. In January 1950 he returned to complete his degree requirements.

Paul Andres, '50journ, who preceded John as editorial assistant and feature editor, also received recognition for his work in February. Andres, an employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Oklahoma City, is serving as editor of the *Jaycee Builder*, house organ for the Oklahoma City Junior Chamber of Commerce. That organization awarded him their "Key Man" award for his work as editor and service to the group.

A Pox on Generalizations!

In a recent issue of *Sooner State Press*, weekly journal of things journalistic, reference was made to a letter submitted to Oklahoma Editors by the chairman of the legislative committee of the Oklahoma Press Association. The letter suggested that editors of Oklahoma refrain from a blanket criticism of the state legislature when only a few individual members of the legislature are at fault.

The letter carries an excellent suggestion. It should be apparent that the suggestion is the only way open to maintain the ethics and honesty of the press.

A similar letter should be submitted to the people for their consideration, and finally written into a personal constitution for everyone. For the hasty generalization is not a device used solely by publishers and

editors. It appears in quotable form every day and the author may be in any field of endeavor.

Alumni become directly involved because they, like every large organization, are easily spoken of as a group. It is difficult to pinpoint segments. A few recent news stories have helped demonstrate how easy it is to make silly generalizations. The stories in point were quotes concerning gambling among alumni. The inference was that all alumni are gamblers. It would be just as accurate to say all alumni are bigamists.

A little thought will prevent broad, sweeping verbal gestures. Then the components of any large group will be partially free from the criticism meant for a segment of the whole.

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