

Under Cover

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THIS IS THE TIME when gifts are stuffed into stockings or placed beneath a tree. These are some of the presents I would like to distribute to the University faculty this Christmas.

1. My best gift would go to the faculty of the University. I would give them \$500 bonuses and a similar increase in pay. I would give them a student body of dedicated scholars—young men and women who know the value of an education and want it more than a degree. I would give them a student body who does not know what an excuse is. I would give them each a camera and tape-recorder so they might be able to prove the foregoing.

2. To the students I would give a handy packet of free cuts that could be used much in the manner of theater tickets. I would give them a campus where pop quizzes, term papers and white buck shoes are outlawed. I would provide them a faculty sympathetic to the more obvious needs of youth on a warm spring day. Grades would be abolished and only social graces would determine who would graduate. I would quietly offer them a moratorium on tuition fees—it would be done quietly so same could be secured from family for more beneficial uses.

3. To the administration I would give a pound of praise at least once a day. I would stretch the campus to care for double the present enrollment. I would people the campus with people who did not need rules and regulations. I would give the administration a faculty and a student body who understood the task of administration as well as both units expect the administration to understand them.

4. To the campus itself I would give enough parking space to make parking meters unnecessary. I would add a classroom a year for the next five years. I would give the Drama School a "Little Theater"; the campus a larger auditorium; the technical teaching areas better and more equipment; the researchers the money and equipment to seek out additions to knowledge; the students enough scholarship aid to make some financial assistance available to one out of ten.

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5. To the Athletic Department I would give a new Field House and a completed stadium bowl, and to the track coach, better indoor track facilities would be granted. Beyond these physical gifts, I would offer one other—an Orange Bowl victory over Maryland.

6. To alumni of the University I would give tickets to all O.U. athletic events in the number requested. I would give them lifetime relief from being accused of bringing pressure on any University agency. I would give them an awareness of O.U.'s academic program and how they can assist in building their University. I would give them success in their jobs and security in their homes.

These are some of the things I would like to give this Christmas. Some of them are serious gifts, some are half-serious, and some are frivolous. It will not take a practiced eye to determine which category each fits. It is regrettable that I am unable to provide any of them. I am sure if all of them could be bestowed in the appropriate stocking this year, this would be the best Christmas the University family ever enjoyed.

All I can offer is the wish that this Christmas is the finest you and your family have ever enjoyed and the hope that this will be a year of achievement for you.

IT WILL BE only a few days before Oklahoma meets Maryland in the Orange Bowl. Television sets in many Sooner homes will be adjusted, and comfortable viewing chairs in place well in advance of kickoff.

In keeping with the bowl fever, the *Sooner Magazine* offers its first bowl issue. It is hoped that those Sooners who do not go to the Miami game will find it useful and informative reading and an easy guide for television identification.

IN THE September issue of the magazine, an invitation was tendered to all alumni to submit letters to the editor for publication. It was mentioned that letters touching on any phase of University or alumni activity would be considered carefully for publication. I would like to reissue the invitation. Write about anything from football tickets to the cost of education, but write. Let us have your opinions on matters that please and displease you. Address your letters to the Editor, *Sooner Magazine*, University of Oklahoma, Norman. It would be helpful if you kept letters brief. Please indicate in letter that you give your permission for the letter to be published.

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