

# The Last Page

## Depends on How You Look at It

Editor:

There have been some outstanding issues in the past, but the December issue, in my opinion, is tops in eggheadism. The poorly written, self-contradicting article by Louis West (is that his real name?) would merit an award by the Ford Foundation. I am one O.U. graduate who does not approve.

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Editor:

Our December issue of the *Sooner Magazine* came today and after reading the excellent article, "The Act of Violence," by Dr. Louis West, I would like to order an extra copy to send to a friend. In my humble opinion, this is the finest article I have seen among all the writings that have appeared in periodicals in the past weeks.

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## Like that Edison Fellow

Dr. Glenn Couch, dean of University College, tells of a freshman who, when asked what he wished to major in, replied: "Dean, I want to learn how to be an inventor."

## An Irreplaceable Man

Dr. John M. Raines, respected and beloved David Ross Boyd professor of English, has resigned from the faculty because of poor health. In September Dr. Raines suffered a severe stroke which paralyzed one side. He is making slow but encouraging progress in a Norman nursing home. (He may be written at Holiday Heights Nursing Home, 301 E. Dale, Norman.)

This month's *Sooner News-Makers* carries details of a fund which has been established to help defray cost of Dr. Raines' treatment. You should read the *News-Makers* or write to the John M. Raines Fund, Department of English, University of Oklahoma, for information.

A man of Dr. Raines' stature cannot be replaced, only missed. Hundreds of students have been influenced and enlightened by his enthusiasm, his warmth, his humor and his intellect.

Two sentences Ben Jonson once wrote about Sir Francis Bacon seem appropriate: *He seemed to me ever by his work one of*

*the greatest men, and most worthy of admiration. In his adversity I ever prayed that God would give him strength; for greatness he could not want.*

## On Mobs and Maturity

Several times during home basketball games this season, officials have had to halt play while they and the players removed debris thrown from the stands. Chunks of paper, coins and ice have been hurled at the referees after unfavorable calls against the Sooners. Shrieking and booing while an opposing player shoots a key free throw is common here. After the OSU game in Norman, it was necessary for two lettermen to escort the officials to their dressing room to prevent any incidents.

Abuse of the officials and unsportsmanlike conduct toward the visiting team is worse than childish; it's sick.

John Waldorf, supervisor of officials for the Big Eight, believes sportsmanship begins at home: "It's up to the responsible leadership of the campus to see that fans are a credit to a school rather than an embarrassment." Waldorf, who would like to see a sportsmanship award created for the conference, feels that in general the situation is improving at most places in the conference. Our conference has been fortunate in that no player or referee has been hurt by objects thrown by fans. There have been injuries at other places. "Basketball is a fast, and exciting game," says Waldorf, "and we certainly don't want to discourage yelling. It's possible, however, to watch a fast, exciting athletic event without becoming abusive and overtly belligerent."

Poor sportsmanship is a disease which if can't be cured can certainly be arrested. Campus police should eject those who throw things. Announcements on the public address system asking for cooperation from the crowd should be made regularly. Players, coaches and more mature spectators should set an example for our weaker fellows.

Athletics at the University of Oklahoma should not be sullied by behavior on the part of spectators, coaches or players which is less than sportsmanlike. The spirit of sport is undermined by unsportsmanlike conduct. "But how you played the game" is still important.

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