Hats Off to

Lucia Loomis Ferguson, ex-'07, because she is one of the best known and most talented women syndicated writers in the United States, and because she has aided the cultural advancement of Oklahoma by wise interest in worthwhile organizations. Mrs. Ferguson is the wife of Walter Ferguson, vice-president of the Exchange National bank of Tulsa, and herself a former student of the university. She is a native Oklahoman, having been born at Boggy Depot, an historic center in the Choctaw nation. She attended the university from 1904 to 1907, receiving a diploma in piano from the school of fine arts. She was a member of the university orchestra, of the old Z. Z. Z. club, and of Eta Beta Pi, a local fraternity, which later became a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, of which Mrs. Ferguson is a member. She married Walter Ferguson in 1908 and both settled in Cherokee, Oklahoma, where they owned and edited the Cherokee Republican. She began a column, “Prom Oklahoma’s Point of View,” her first real newspaper venture. When she moved to Oklahoma City, G. B. Parker, ’07 arts-sc., asked her to write a column for the Oklahoma News, and now, “A Woman’s Viewpoint” is syndicated by the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance from Washington as a daily feature. Mrs. Ferguson finds time to share her interesting viewpoint with many worthwhile organizations in the state, and at the same time, devote herself to her home. A son, Benton, is a junior in the university. Her home now is in Tulsa, at 1601 South Carson avenue.

Dr. Mell A. Nash, ’19 arts-sc. (M.A.’27), because he has attained to a college presidency, that of the Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, and because he has held innumerable offices of prominence in state educational circles, not the least of which were his two terms as state superintendent of public instruction. Doctor Nash came from Georgia in 1902 to the Sooner state where he has attended the public schools, and later the Central State Teachers’ college at Edmond, prior to his enrollment at the University of Oklahoma. He has done some work also at the University of Michigan, and holds an L.L.D. degree from the Oklahoma Baptist university. Since the beginning of his career as an Oklahoma educator in 1908 he has taught rural schools, been high school principal, city superintendent, state high school inspector, editor of the Oklahoma Teacher, secretary and president of the State Teachers’ association, and college teacher. Doctor Nash is a member of Phi Gamma Delta, and also of Phi Delta Kappa, educational fraternity. He has headed the women’s college at Chickasha since 1927.

John Rogers, ’14 law, because of his high position in the legal profession, because of his friendly interest in the university both as an alumnus and as a member of the board of regents. He was twice a member of the Oklahoma-Kansas intercollegiate debating team while in the university and acted as secretary to the law school dean. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi. Commissioned at Camp Logan H. Roots as a lieutenant, Mr. Rogers was quickly promoted to captain and became personnel adjutant of the 348th infantry, 87th division, for overseas service, and served with the A. E. F. from August, 1917, to March, 1918. Mr. Rogers is attorney and vice-president of the McMan Oil & Gas Co., he is vice president of the University of Oklahoma board of regents and a vice-president of the Association of Governing Boards of State Universities, comprising about twenty-five of the higher institutions of learning in the United States. He is a teacher of the men’s class of the First Christian church of Tulsa, one of the largest churches of that denomination in the United States. Mr. Rogers was married on February 1, 1921, to Miss Hazel Beattie, ’17 arts-sc., a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Beta Phi fraternities. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have a son, John Rogers, jr., aged five. As a regent, Mr. Rogers has consistently worked for the advancement of his Alma Mater.