The Sooner Salutes

L. N. Morgan

The Sooner has a very special reason for saluting L. N. Morgan this month. For a special supplement appearing at the back of the magazine was gathered and edited by Morgan.

Universally known as "Fess," Morgan is editor of University publications and professor of English. An established authority on 18th century drama restoration, he's in charge of such major publications as the University Bulletin which includes the annual catalog issue and special issues for several schools.

Morgan likes a practical joke and one that proved his sense of humor found him on the receiving end. To commemorate the birth of his son, Lawrence, in 1937, fifty copies of the Oklahoma Daily (one of the few publications on campus that is not either supervised or advised by Morgan) were especially printed. Smack dab on the top of page one was a picture of Morgan's back yard complete with a clothesline festooned with "little" things. Fess stood the good-natured torment for three days before he discovered the affair was a hoax.

When Sooner Magazine decided to offer alumni a special supplement intended to provide informative and intelligent writings of interest to Oklahoma University alumni, Morgan was asked to help organize and edit the supplement. The results are in for the first issue (it will appear quarterly). Hence the 21-gun salute.

Bob Witty

Some students have more time than they know what to do with, then there's the editor of the Oklahoma Daily.

Piloting the student newspaper this fall is Bob Witty, Oklahoma City senior. Bob climbed the ladder to the chief editorial slot by cutting his typewriter keys on the Daily staff as a reporter, staff writer, news editor and managing editor.

Stating the paper's policy in his column, "Witty-cisms," Bob said:

"Many students have asked what is the Daily's policy. Without answering Republican or Democrat, social or anti-social, wet or dry (we're just damp) we hope to have an independent paper that will satisfy the student body."

While in summer ROTC camp at Fort Sill, Bob was hospitalized with the heart disease myocarditis. Practically leaving his hospital bed one day to take over the editor's desk the next, he had the first paper safely tucked in bed only two days after being discharged from the hospital.

Savio Lottinville

When you're on the receiving end of a good break, pass it along, for that's a sure-fire method of helping others receive some of the same.

This piece of advice is as sound as an old fashioned cracker barrel, and one who is practicing this philosophy is Savio Lottinville, '29ba, director of the University Press.

Lottinville and his wife, the former Rita Higgins, '28ba, established a $250 prize to be presented yearly to an outstanding O.U. freshman. The successful director of the University Press, which has received high praise both here and abroad, was a recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship in 1929-32.

He received a B.A. from Oxford in 1932 and an M.A. from the same institution in 1939. A scholar who is fond of boxing, Lottinville, was a member of the Oxford boxing team and was also a member of Heros boxing club in Berlin.

When he took over his duties as assistant editor of the University Press in 1932 it wasn't the first editorial position he had held at O.U. While a student here, he edited the Oklahoma Daily. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.