With this issue Sooner Magazine is establishing a letters-to-the-editor department, making its debut in this column but subsequently appearing in a separate section. We invite you to correspond. Your opinions and suggestions about the University, alumni publications, the association, or whatever we are welcome. We hope to improve our communications with you through such dialogue.

Three-Legged Stool

SIRS:

Reading the January issue has put a burr under my tail—so I thought it best to drop you a note. For some time it has been evident that there is a growing problem at my favorite school—a problem of student unrest, of faculty dissatisfaction, and of poor public support from the legislature. Having some roots yet in the past and two children in other schools in Oklahoma plus a niece at OU, I have a certain amount of feedback information and some understanding of the problems involved. I have tried to do my part by participating in the ADF drives—knowing the history of the state legislature. But now I have formed the opinion that your magazine is probably responsible for at least part of the attitude of the legislature. Being alumni, they read your publication and resent the sarcasm and one-sided student-faculty viewpoint you print.

Maybe that is too harsh, but it is apparent that all concerned with such a school have responsibilities that demand a reasoned, cooperative approach. A University really is like a three-legged stool. One leg is the students, the second is the faculty (and administration), and the third is the financial supporter (legislature, etc.). With cooperation, the stool functions; if one group withdraws, the stool tumbles. Maybe the legislature is simply deciding not to support a stool where students and/or faculty have decided they alone should run the school.

I do agree with you that being 50th in something on the subject. I do agree with you that being 50th in something on higher education you choose to submit. Your suggestion that the Campus Notes section be signed or discontinued is perfectly reasonable. Since we don't choose the incumbent editor is unwilling to go along with this suggestion, perhaps he would consent to placing a by-line on the column.

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Your suggestion that the Campus Notes section be signed or discontinued is perfectly reasonable. Since we don't choose to do the latter, we'll acknowledge the writer at the close of the section.

We Like This One

SIRS:

The Sooner has always been a highly regarded publication, and I believe you are continuing that tradition, even though you may be slandering others. I am sure many alumni are shocked to discover that the magazine rightfully reflects the university rather than the alumni, and no one connected with a university these days can doubt they are changing.

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