Letters to the Editor

ON THE ART OF EDITING

Judgment Questioned

Dear Editor:

In the article, "The 1954 Election and the Eisenhower Administration" (July issue of the Sooner Magazine, pp. 19, 20, 21, 32), Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing divests himself of any claim to scholarly detachment in viewing the political scene. The force of his relatively few true statements is dissipated by the constant injections of biased opinions and untrue statements.

I shall cite briefly, as indicative of Dr. Ewing's bias, such opinions as:

(a) branding Nixon, McCarthy, and Reece as a "careless breed" with "distorted perspectives."

(b) deriding the fear of Communism as a "bogey" and "nightmare."

(c) labeling our Pentagon military personnel as "those made gentlemen by act of Congress."

(d) calling Nixon the "enfant terrible."

(e) praising Edward G. Robinson's "immaculate artistry."

(f) saying, "President Eisenhower followed the doctor's prescription."

(g) characterizing Senator McCarthy as a Little Caesar, brazen, callous, refusing to be bound by any rules of decent behavior, an egomaniac, a gangster, and one who smites little people.

Dr. Ewing must be following his own gem of wisdom, "Presidents must cultivate the art of patience, rather than Mr. Jefferson's "art of being honest," for I find the following portions of his article incongruous with the truth:

DR. EWING'S BRAND OF SAGACITY

"... as in 1952, for no tangible reason (for the 1952 change of administration) other than the desire for new faces on the Washington scene ... ."

FACTS

The country was sick of the New Deal with its corruption in government, Communists in official positions, galloping socialism, deficit financing, plain treason in U. S. and Yalta and Potsdam, and the betrayal of Chiang Kai Shek, etc., so the people voted the New Deal out in 1952.

DR. EWING

Confuses the issue in discussing Congressional committee's "right to demand the dismissal of any foreign-service officer."
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within the next fifteen months or that the national economy would suffer a noticeable decline” hits a new low in political science guidance.

It is quite discouraging to realize that Oklahoma University finds it desirable to employ such a Professor and that the University of Oklahoma Association is willing to lend itself to the printing and propagation of thoughts of this man who sees fit to point out no wrongs of Communist and Socialist trends while greatly exerting himself to condemn things and people non-Marxist.

Yours for the exercise of better editorial judgment in the selection of Sooner Magazine material.

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(Editor’s Note: It is possible that phrases or sentences taken from context may not reflect the author’s true meaning. The reader may wish to draw his own conclusions. If so, he is referred to Professor Ewing’s complete article, Sooner Magazine, July, 1955. Also, the word “facts” that appears prominently in the letter is the writer’s word and does not imply the editor’s acquiescence.)

Judgment Upheld

Dear Editor:

I read Dr. Ewing’s Article in Sooner Magazine. Hats off to him. It’s one of the best “things” of its type I’ve ever read. You’ve no idea how much I enjoyed it . . .

It’s an evidence of fine writing and the logic delighted me too. My most sincere congratulations on the article. Dr. Ewing should be commended for the fine scholarship he brings our University . . .

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Superintendent of Ardmore Schools

(Editor’s Note: Expressions of opinion are welcomed by the magazine. Letters, in the future, should not be more than 250 words to be considered and the editor reserves the right to edit letters if space requirements dictate. Letters should be addressed to the Editor, Sooner Magazine, University of Oklahoma, Norman.)

1952 DAD’S DAY WINNERS REPORT
From Honolulu

Dear Editor:

. . . have been living in Honolulu for the past year enjoying the terrific weather—85 degrees all year round, swimming ev-