Absent Alumna Makes Plans

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student assistant, first editor, and finally as editor of the magazine "chose" to become Mrs. Ted Helley and move to Philadelphia. The assistant to Miss Walker, Miss Elaine Larcy, was promptly promoted and performed editor of SOONER MAGAZINE until an officer of the U. S. Army on military leave now in Manila or Tokyo is able to complete his services as an essential officer of the Army and return to the position of managing editor of the publication. Miss Hunt's letter continues:

"Well, to get down to the point, don't you think a lot of alumni would agree with me that an expanded magazine would be valuable and popular?

"Maybe others wouldn't agree with some other things I would like, but anyway, here they are:

"A more personal slant to the whole magazine—like you give in the View. I've heard real interest in it. It always sounds like you are bursting with enthusiasm and good will for every Sooner. The rest of the magazine, on the other hand, is rather rather rather too general. I read the old friends but I hardly recognize them in the midst of titles, degrees, addresses, and all the other detail.

"And lastly the most important to me—I would like to read more about what is going on at the University, written by some one with the viewpoint of an alum. Not just facts about events, but some description of the campus, the students, the professors, and the activities compared with how they used to be before the war, or in 1935, or in 1930—rather an interpretation of new things in an old setting; if you got the idea. Howard Hunt and his does that type of writing, in anything he does.

"I am sure I would never have had any urge to write this sort of letter during the long period I lived in Norman. I knew so much about the University and its news then that I could not have imagined the viewpoint of an absent Sooner. But I sure have that viewpoint now and my ideal article would be one that was edited with the absent person in mind.

"Did you happen to read the short story in Collier's a few weeks ago by Harry Hanford? It was quite fascinating. I kicked off from it simply because it had an illustration of the Union Tower, and some references to campus scenes—especially the elevator key in Union.

"Saw Francis Stilley Sunday on his way from Oklahoma City to New York AP, and got a little current news from him. Joy and young Brenn are staying here for a while, and are with her parents just one block from me in Kaywood Gardens. Don't you think, Mr. Beard, that the School of Journalism has turned out a tremendous number of people who have made good in AP, UP and on newspapers, etc.? Same way through the whole University.

"Do come back to Washington and make another speech. You really went over last year. I overlooked saying this the last time I read your mind—that the military news in the magazine throughout the war has been remarkable, I think the staff performed a real service in gathering and printing all those thousands of items and we are all grateful in service. During the war that was the No. 1 need. I doubt if any other alumni magazine delivered like Oklahoma on that type of news. All my marks earlier in June last for postwar, of course."

Sincerely yours,

Frances Hunt

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Dear Mr. Beard:

It is such a treat to be receiving the Sooner and to catch up on all the news—

In answer to your request—Roy '34ba, '44aw, '40med, is now sailing the high seas to Europe to become a part of the Army of Occupation there. He has been in Fort Ord, California, until recently when he was transferred to Fort Sill and from there to Europe. John, '38ba, is working in the Separation Center at Camp Bowie, Texas—he says he takes care of everyone's discharge except his own.

As for my own status, I have been seeing the country quite a deal and have given me a valuable opportunity to observe a lot of angles of war training. At first I was stationed in Wilmington, Illinois, where we served the war plant workers—they then were in many of them over at Chicago. Altogether we lived in Oklahoma City... then in Rolla, Missouri, where the 70th Infantry Division was training at Fort Leonard Wood to ship overseas (we played Christmas cards by radio). The division is by no means the only that is on the move; our military news in the magazine and elsewhere from the Navy, reports for duty at Norman Decem-

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they have the capacity for self-education within them.

(2) Our co-operation with the University and the student. We accept our responsibility for co-operation with the University in their educational facilities and interest in the welfare of the University, as well as what we say and do, may be a tremendous influence in determining the attitude of our younger towards toward the University and acquaint them with those who instruct our children will lead to a better mutual understanding. Our interest in both the curricular and social activities of our children may be too quick to judge and criticize when other interests, especially social activities, cause our younger to fail to meet standard educational requirements.

(3) Our influence on public opinion. We accept our responsibility to promote the welfare of the University, particularly in our local communities. To do this, we should be well informed concerning its functions, its objectives, its plans and its needs, that we may be able to present them to our fellow citizens. Facts about how many boys and girls are working their way through school will contradict malicious statements that O. U. is a school for rich men's sons and daughters. Similarly, I believe, refute statements that O. U. is a snobbish school or that the instructors are commercial in their tendencies and athletic in their teachings of students. All that I have said may be an expression of personal opinion, gathered thus I believe you will see from the Data Sheet that the Association, and to the purposes named above I commend the utmost effort, thought and loyalty of this Association."