

## ***OKLAHOMA POLITICS, TEN YEARS ON***

Anniversaries are arbitrary interruptions in the flow of time, and yet their undeniable meaning derives from the significance of the milestones they commemorate. It has been ten years since the Oklahoma Political Science Association (OPSA) launched *Oklahoma Politics* as an exclusive outlet for political science research about the Sooner State. Like so many other initiatives in Oklahoma higher education, this one operates on a shoestring. Its sheer persistence testifies to OPSA's commitment to sustaining a community of Oklahoma scholars. For editorial leadership, it has relied over the years upon the dedication of particular individuals such as Bob Darcy and Greg Scott. Yet if it is possible for a journal to have a beating "heart," then this would have to take the form of Sandra Mace, *Oklahoma Politics*' business manager. The reliability and skill with which she has shepherded issues to their completion has also served to unite us all.

But above all, a journal like *Oklahoma Politics* exists only through the loyalty of its readers and the dedication of its contributors, many of whom must take time out from their busy teaching schedules for their research and writing. Turn to the index included with this volume and you will get a glimpse of a scholarly chronicle of Oklahoma politics that appears no where else. This is an important record which deserves to exist. With the continued commitment of both its contributors and readers, this record—and its future commemorations—can only grow in their meaning.

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