

# Campus Notes

## news and commentary

### Social Sciences Looking Up

The Social Science Center (see photo), the newest addition to the campus, is nearly completed and will be open for use by the fall semester. The multimillion-dollar center, located on the South Oval next to Copeland Hall (the journalism building) at the corner of Lindsey and Elm, is composed of two buildings, one for classrooms and laboratories and the other for professors' offices. The departments of history, political science, sociology, psychology, geography, and philosophy, which have been packed somehow into bulging old Gittinger Hall, will move to the new quarters. Gittinger will receive a spillover from Kaufman Hall, particularly from the English department which has needed more room for some time.

The classroom building of the center has a basement level and two floors above ground. Four large classrooms, accommodating 250-400 students, are contained in the building, as well as smaller, more conventional sized rooms and geography labs, housed in the basement. The 9-story office building is the fifth of campus "high-rise" buildings, joining the three 12-story housing complexes and the 9-story Botany-Microbiology Building.

### Feeling the Draft

Somehow, as hard as many college people—students and professors and administrators—try to forget and ignore it, the subject of Vietnam keeps raising its dreadful head and spoiling all the easy, pleasant business of education. Something happened recently which forced higher education to confront the war in Southeast Asia from another perspective. A decision by the administration to lift deferments for many graduate students threatens to disrupt the nation's graduate schools.

Dr. Ed Blick, assistant dean of the Graduate College at OU, says that he expects about 670 of the fall's graduate enrollment to be eligible for the draft, a potential loss of 16 percent of the students. A good percentage, says Blick, would be teaching assistants, and their loss would severely damage the graduate program. Two college presidents, Kingman Brewster of Yale

and Fred Harrington of Wisconsin, spoke against the new policy. They said exposing graduate students to a sudden mass induction would not be in the interests of the nation, the colleges, or the students.

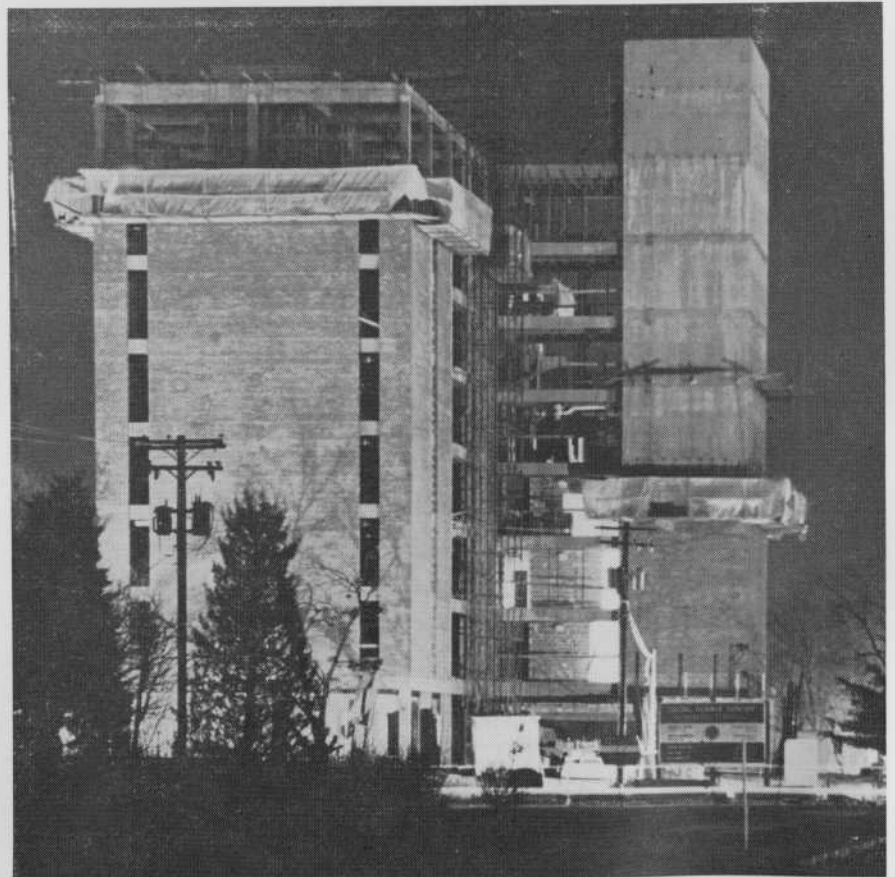
All that will be in graduate school in fall 1968, says Nathan Pusey, president of Harvard, will be the lame, the halt, the blind, and the female. Brewster favors abolition of all student deferments, including undergraduates, which would at least result in a stable and more equitable situation. Under the confusion that now exists, he says, neither schools nor students

can count on being able to complete a course once it is started.

### Breaking Up That Old Gang

In ten years the percentage of married students enrolled in the University has increased from ten to twenty-eight. And Dr. Dorothy Truex, dean of women, says that more wives are remaining in school after they are married.

Figures were not available for single women students who are seeking husbands, but most assume that the percentage has



Office Building of Social Science Center  
*Ready in September for the Gittinger people*

remained constant at one hundred through the decade.

### There's Little Business Like . . .

If you wondered, there's little chance of an OU student being afflicted with a sufeit of entertainment. That is, entertainment other than listening to the Union jukebox or watching the classes change on the South Oval. The University Theater presents varied, usually marvelously polished productions, but as far as outside stuff, Norman is close to an entertainment ghetto.

Motion picture offerings have a high banality index. The Boomer Theater has reluctantly spoon-fed the campus community over the past two years, after prodding from professors and clergy, with an "Art and Foreign Film Series," which featured a good movie usually, generally foreign, and invariably aged. This concession to intellectual hunger was on Wednesdays only, and it has just been canceled. Those with a taste for something more provocative than *Valley of the Dolls*, Dean Martin, and Disney flicks must drive to a couple of oases in Oklahoma City. The Union Activities Board offers movies also, but they are old, often undistinguished American movies which are playing the late show on television at the same time.

Live entertainment is a trickle, not a torrent. The UAB through the Popular Series sponsors a half-dozen relatively big-name groups each year. This spring they are The Association, Simon & Garfunkel, and John Gary. Carlos Montoya was here in March to play flamenco guitar, also under the auspices of the UAB. About the only really enjoyable live entertainment is again in Oklahoma City. But the legislature is about to adjourn.

### Alumni Youngi

Alumni associations at colleges and universities have discovered their alumni are younger than ever. OU's records illustrate this. In its 75 years of operation the University has granted some 76,000 degrees; more than half have been awarded since 1950.

### Covering the Magazine

This month's cover is the last to be designed by Jim Billingsley, associate art editor of the University of Oklahoma Press. Billingsley, who has designed every Sooner Magazine cover, with the exception of the March 1967 issue, since November 1964, is leaving to take a position as art director of the University of Tennessee Press. At the OU Press, Billingsley directed the design and layout of books and their jackets; his work with the magazine was a special consideration, one for which we are grateful.

Billingsley's place will be taken by OU alumnus Bill Cason, who has been assistant art editor and who designed four books from the OU Press honored recently in the Southern Library Association Competition. The books were among 23 which won awards for excellence in design, printing, and binding. Joining the press will be another OU alumnus, Mike Dirham, who has been art director of Burke and Associates,

Norman advertising firm. Dirham did the art work of the hippie on the November 1967 cover and drew the cartoon with the article by Dr. J. R. Morris in this issue.

### The Green Menace?

Reports from Poland tell of university students in more than one city who are causing authorities anxiety by disruptive demonstrations affirming the right of academic freedom and calling for an unrestricted press. Do you suppose some people there will blame outside agitators and say the whole thing is part of the international capitalist conspiracy?

### And Don't Throw Oranges This Time

The All Sports race in the Big Eight is shaping up into a two-team affair, with Kansas and Oklahoma battling for the trophy awarded to the school with the best all-around intercollegiate program. This is determined by totaling the finishes of a school's teams in the eleven sports and giving the championship to the school with the lowest score. OU has won 25 of 39 awards; Kansas is second with four. Oklahoma won in 1966 and 1967 (edging KU 41-42½), but the Jayhawks were victorious in 1964 and 1965. So far this year Oklahoma has a first in football (1), a fourth in cross country (4), a second in indoor track (2), a three-way tie for third in basketball (4), a first-place tie in wrestling (1½), a third in swimming (3). Kansas has a second-place tie in football (2½), firsts in swimming (1) and indoor track (1), a third in cross country (3), a second in basketball (2), and an eighth in wrestling (8). (For some reason, KU doesn't have a team). At this point the score is OU 15½ and Kansas 17½. Gymnastics should be close between the two schools, as should baseball and tennis. OU should beat the Jayhawks in golf, but Kansas has track to itself. It'll be close. And if we win, please don't throw oranges.

### Good Campaign for Chuck

You know college football is big when a press conference is called in the Parisian Room of the Starlight Motel in Abilene, Tex., to announce that a high-school boy from that city has decided to attend the University of Oklahoma. But it should become even clearer when you see that newsmen and television people actually show up.

This happened in February when Jack Mildren, a teenager who plays quarterback, signed some application forms to enroll at Norman. Mildren was probably the best high-school quarterback in the Lone Star state, which always has a number of them. The sportswriters there voted him the top college prospect of the whole territory, and most were sorely displeased to see him choose Oklahoma. Many wept over their typewriters, and some became bitter and mean toward Chuck Fairbanks and his staff. Mildren, you see, was not alone in picking OU. This year Texas produced an unusually large group of discerning young men who play football well and who were able to see the distinct advantages of an Oklahoma education. Fairbanks



Randy Brown and Fairbanks

*The 1971 team looks tough*

now ranks right up there in popularity in Texas with Santa Anna, and some would say the state hasn't taken a beating since the Alamo. Some of the grumbling was because Southwest Conference coaches are limited to two visits to each prospect while Oklahoma and all other non-conference schools are not. One can understand that it would take a coach from the Southwest loop a long time and many visits to convince a lad to go to TCU or Texas A&M or Austin.

OU signed many fine football prospects this winter. It's the best in many years, maybe ever. The list includes six strapping youngsters from the Houston area (whop); Mildren (blap); Mike Howpe (biff), White Deer, Tex., all-everything linebacker (OU has had two other players from White Deer—Jim Weatherall and Carl McAdams, both All-Americans); Jon Harrison (swak), Mildren's chief target; Steve Aycock (bam), Midland linebacker; Mike Mullen (zap), Dallas linebacker; Phil Jordan (bash), Amarillo tackle; Bill Holden (zing), Ft. Worth tackle; Jim Gilmore (bop), Jacksboro all-everything linebacker; Glen King, (crash), Jacksboro all-everything halfback (5-8, 185, 64 TDs, 6,000 yds. rushing in 4 yrs.) Also attracted to the banks of the South Canadian were Arkansas' top college prospect, lineman David Garen of Ft. Smith, and an outstanding tackle, Ken Jones, from Omaha, Neb.

On March 20 one of the biggest recruiting coups of the year was made when OU announced that Roy Bell, unanimous selection as Oklahoma's high-school player of the year, signed a letter of intent to play for Fairbanks. Bell gained 1,842 yards and scored 276 points as a halfback for state 1967 Class A champion Clinton.

The list of Oklahoma recruits is impressive. One of the most talented Oklahomans is Randy Brown (see photo), son of Guy Brown, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, who was a great foot-

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# Far from the Maddening Crowd

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from each team compete in each event, and their performances are graded on a one-to-ten scale, as in diving, by four judges. The two middle scores are kept for each contestant, and the three highest from each team are totaled for each event. The seven are added for the final team score.

Gymnastics audiences are quiet, applauding only at the conclusion of each performance. Unfortunately, they have also been small at OU, averaging about 250 this season, but interest is building gradually.

"Education is the most important aspect in improving our gymnastics program," says Porterfield. "The problem is there just aren't enough

people familiar with the sport. I think it will eventually draw as well as basketball and wrestling. We just need to introduce more people to it.

"The biggest difference between gymnastics and, for instance, basketball or track is that most people have either run a race or shot a basketball but few have ever tried any gymnastics routines. They aren't able, therefore, to appreciate what our young men are doing. They can compare experiences with other sports, but it's difficult for them to identify with a gymnast.

"As for as having small crowds for our home meets, it doesn't help our boys any. Big, vociferous crowds supply a lot of incentive. The greater

compassion we feel from the audience the better we perform."

What's the most important thing about gymnastics? "For me," says Porterfield, "it's that it gives an individual a chance to excel, and independently. An example is Tom Sexton. We don't have a tremendous team, but Tom still is able to perform excellently. Gymnastics, though a team sport in many ways, is still largely an individual effort, which is directed toward a team showing."

The crowds should grow, for the sport is exciting and dazzling to watch. The performers, V-shaped in the upper torso, are thrilling in their strength and control. Oklahomans have missed a lot these past fifty years; Russ Porterfield and his youngsters, however, are trying to bring them up to date in a hurry.

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ball fan anyway. Now, he's really hooked. Randy played middle guard for Norman High and was an all-state selection. An incomplete roll of Oklahoma signees follows:

Larry Newton, lineman of the year from Eufala; Rick Worley, all-state QB from Putnam City; Charles Zink, all-state tackle from OC Northeast; Lindy Pearson (son of Lindell), all-state lineman from Putnam City; Mark Driscoll, all-state LB from Ponca City; Frank Cramer, all-state tackle from Tulsa Hale; Bob Jensen, all-state lineman from Yukon; Mike Jones, all-state QB from Crooked Oak; Lindell Shoemaker, all-state FB from Lindsay; Mark Box, all-state end from Altus; Ronnie Duke, all-state QB from Carnegie; John Shelley, OC Casady back; Marco DiGuisti, back-linebacker from OC McGuiness; Bruce Deloney, OC Douglas split end; Darrell Emert, Tulsa Hale guard; Steve Scranton, Tulsa McLain tackle; Max Dayton, Tulsa Kelly QB; Bill McClard, Norman kicker; Don Kelin, Anadarko QB; Jeep Dewberry, Clinton lineman; Steve Shotts (brother of Ron), Weatherford QB.

### People

**DR. WILLIAM B. RAGAN**, David Ross Boyd professor emeritus of education, and **DR. JOHN W. RENNER**, professor of education and chairman of science at the University School, are authors of *Teaching Science in the Elementary School*, a textbook published in January by Harper and Row, New York. Much of the material in the book was developed from research the men have conducted since 1964 at University School and in the Norman school system.

**TURNER C. BLOUNT** is the new coordinator of international exchange at OU. In his position Blount advises international students (460 from 62 countries) as well as American students who are interested in studying at institutions abroad. He works with immigration papers, acts as admin-

istrative officers at OU for the Exchange-Visitor program, and coordinates international banquets, programs, and special celebrations. Blount also serves as coordinator for seven international student clubs, Franklin International House, and the Host Family Program; he is the University's Peace Corps liaison officer and is an administrator for the Cuban refugee Loan program.

For the last 15 years Blount has served as chief administrative officer for the Summer Institute of Linguistics, held annually at OU, a job which permitted him to meet students from many countries. He moves to Norman from Santa Cruz, Calif., with his wife Helen and son Stephen, a freshman at Biola College in Los Angeles.

**DR. BRUCE I. GRANGER**, professor of English, has been selected Fulbright lecturer in American drama at the University of Vienna for 1968-69. A member of the University faculty since 1953, Granger will teach a 3-hour course and a 2-hour seminar on "20th Century American Theater and Drama" with emphasis on Eugene O'Neill in the university's department of theater arts. Granger will be accompanied to Austria by his wife Rosemary and their younger son Adam, a freshman at OU, who will study at the university.

**DR. ED F. CRIM**, professor of economics, was named an assistant dean of the Graduate College by the Board of Regents in January. Crim joined the OU faculty as an assistant professor of business statistics in 1955 and became an associate professor in 1959. He was named a professor of economics in 1965.

### Wrestling: Still Great

To say that Oklahoma had another successful wrestling season is to be redundant. Oklahoma wrestling connotes the best in the collegiate sport, and the 1967-68 season was no exception. The team finished 13-2 in duals, tied for the Big Eight championship with archrival Oklahoma State, 91-91, in the loop tournament at Boulder March 8-9, and were tuning up for another contest with the Cowboys March 21-23, this time for the national crown, as the magazine went to press.

There were two milestones of particular note this season. On Feb. 24 at Norman against Colorado the Sooners turned in their 100th dual victory under Coach Tommy Evans, now in his eighth season. ("If the second hundred come as hard, I'll never make it," said Evans.) A young man who wrestled in 42 of those first hundred wins, senior Wayne Wells, runner-up at 152 pounds in the nationals last year and the favorite this year, became the winningest OU wrestler in history, beating his 55th opponent in the Adams State match at Norman in January and moving out of a three-way tie with Bill Lam and Roger Mickish. Wells personifies the Oklahoma wrestler with his aggressiveness and instinct for the fall, and fans gave him a resounding, standing ovation on his record-breaking performance.

The two losses were to Iowa State and Oklahoma State and were halves of splits with the only two teams which have consistently been in the same class with Oklahoma in the past decade. The rise of the Big Ten is a fact now, however, and Oklahoma's trip through the Midwest is no longer a sight-seeing tour. The Sooners edged last year's national champion Michigan State at East Lansing this year, and





Wayne Wells and Evans  
Milestones for each in '68

also beat national runner-up Michigan at Ann Arbor on the same trek. Neither will likely finish ahead of OU this year in the NCAA meeting. Only the Cowboys and the Cyclones seem as strong, and OSU must again, after a dismal showing last year, wear the favorite's mantle. Roderick's team has improved tremendously the latter half of the season and its overall balance will be an advantage. OU has four or five wrestlers capable of a national crown, but the other positions are relatively weak.

### The Other Press

A campus with relative freedom (meaning the availability of paper and ink) and vital students will have some unofficial, off-campus student publications which ap-

pear frequently, infrequently, regularly, and/or spasmodically. They may be printed on mimeograph machines or offset presses, but they are without exception characterized by unequivocal positions on specific issues. The University of Oklahoma has relative freedom, some vital students, and some unofficial student publications. They offer a student a wider range of comment than he can discover in the good, gray, bland Oklahoma Daily.

OU's off-campus student publications may be more lively, but they are far from being worthy of suppression. They include the Big Red Eye, the Wind, the Proud American, and the SDS Voice. The Free Press, a part of ISA, shared the fate of that organization, which was pronounced dead in the first semester. The SDS publication is sporadic and radical and not much this year. It usually appears only when an issue of unusually high intensity is burning. The Proud American isn't much either, a mainly one-man mimeo job which runs heavily to reprints from other publications.

Its chief concern is fighting communism, with bullets and bombs mostly.

The Wind is the newest and with the Eye the most ambitious. Tabloid size, 5,000 copies are printed, 4,000 of them distributed on the OU campus, the remainder at eight other schools. Its inclination is to the arts and issues, and it is obviously modeled after underground newspapers like the East Village Other and the Los Angeles Free Press. The maiden issue featured an exclusive interview with soul singer James Brown, a reprint of a Jim Garrison speech, columns on records and movies, an editorial about the irrelevance of the megaversity, poetry, art, and the start of series on Vietnam by a political science major. Howard English, the editor, says he's disappointed in the advertising response. The first issue carried an ad for the Roundtable, the student spot which has been in the news for alleged discrimination against students who are members of the New Left or look as if they might be radical. The ad said "The Roundtable Welcomes You Back," but

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Big Red Eye  
One of the "others"

those who visualized a sort of cathartic reconciliation were mistaken. English says a "straight guy" sold the Roundtable management (which is a sponsor of The Proud American) the ad, and he hears the Roundtable people are reluctant to pay the bill after seeing the Wind.

The Wind's first breath was free as well as fresh, but future issues will cost money—10 cents for one, a buck for a year. It shows

promise, its staff is competent, and its content is vital enough and interesting. It would be a healthy sign if it could survive. Few off-campus publications, however, live a long life.

The Big Red Eye is an enterprise of student Preston Moore Jr., who conceived the magazine while recuperating from brain surgery. The Eye is printed offset, 7,000 copies per issue, seven issues a year, which

are distributed free to all University housing rooms, Greek houses, and private apartment complexes. The Eye is now beginning subscriptions, \$3 a year. The magazine is a pretty professional job, and it carries rather extensive advertising. It seems geared to the more conventional student, and it employs the campus humor mag approach and the Playboy interview, which its main feature imitates. The five issues to date have had interviews with Ken Morris, the Student Senate president; Chuck Fairbanks and Darrell Royal (remember him?); Herbert Hollomon, and George Henderson.

The lead article in December was on the Student Lobby for Higher Education. There is always some humor which teeters on the edge of good taste and some pictures of pretty girls. Moore says he is breaking even and that he expects to make a little if his subscription response is what he foresees.

### Basketball: Rebounding

The Big Eight basketball race was terribly disorganized, and, consequently, terribly exciting. At times it resembled a group of Keystone Cops who keep falling out of the pursuit car, catching it again on foot, then dropping into an open manhole. When all the brawling was over and everyone had knocked off everyone else, embarrassing coaches, players, writers, oddsmakers, moms, and pom-pom girls in the process, Kansas State, unlikely as it may seem, stood alone at 11-3. Kansas was right behind at 10-4, and then came three bruised and gritty streetfighters at 8-6, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Iowa State. All had been in the race until the last unsettlingly unpredictable week. Missouri was right behind at 5-9, and Oklahoma State and Colorado were all alone at 3-11 each.

No one deserves coach-of-the-year more than Oklahoma's John MacLeod (Sooner Magazine, November 1967), who made his debut this season and helped turn the league upside down. For the first time in eight long years OU finished .500 for the season at 13-13. Last year the Sooners were 8-17. This year's 8-6 loop mark was a jump from last year's 5-9 sixth-place finish.

MacLeod molded a smooth, tightly disciplined, accurate-shooting club which

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knocked off Kansas State by 11 at Norman, took Kansas to overtime at home before losing, and dropped a 2-pointer to the Jayhawks at Lawrence.

All-American Don Sidle, who averaged 19.8 points a game with a nationally ranked shooting percentage of 59.9, led the team. Sidle holds every major school scoring record; he broke 13 this year which compliment nicely the 11 he knocked off in 1966-67. His running mate Willie Rogers, at forward, combined with Sidle to become the highest scoring twosome in league history with a career total of 2,701, breaking the old mark set by Clyde Lovellette and Bob Kenney of KU in 1950-52.

The other starters were guards Howard Johnson, who regained his old form in the latter stages of the campaign, Joe Holladay, who developed into a reliable floor leader, and forward Garfield Heard, one of the best sophomores in the conference. Heard averaged 12 points a game, was second in rebounding, behind Sidle, and gave the Sooners the most potent front line in the Big Eight. Heard is slowed by two battered knees which cause him pain much of the time, but the 1968-69 team will have to be built around his scoring, knees and all.

Despite the remarkable 1968 reversal of fortune, there were a number of disturbing aspects which do not appear to be temporary: The Field House is still standing; no one had the initiative to blow it up or burn it down. And few fans turn out in comparison with other league schools. These things are puzzling and frustrating to MacLeod. Just before the close of the season, he called a press conference and asked why people wouldn't pack the Field House to watch a greatly improved team, 8-3 at home, with a genuine All-American, an all-time scoring duo, and a chance for the title. There are reasons. One is the

losing tradition. The habit not to attend is entrenched. Another is scheduling conflicts. The Sooners play half their home games on Monday nights—meeting nights for the Greeks and others—and the other half on Saturday nights, another pretty big night for the Corvette set. Too, the ticket setup works against the basketballers. The athletic ticket bought at enrollment entitles a student to attend football games only; another winter sport ticket must be purchased later in the year to see basketball. This is an inconvenience which could be easily corrected. There also could be better publicity in addition to newspaper coverage, which was generous. The sure way to end the predicament is to field a winner, but this gets us back to the inadequate field house and the vicious cycle is rolling. It's a discouraging picture until better facilities are provided. And suddenly things look brighter, if the March Regents meeting is an indication.

### Track: Running Strong

Oklahoma's track and field team finished second in the league indoor meet in Kansas City March 1-2, amassing 41 points. Kansas won with 69. Missouri was third with 35; Nebraska had 33 for fourth. The Sooners won two of 14 events, copping the first two places in the 60-yard dash with the Long twins, Glen (6.1) and Wayne (6.2), and taking the 600-yard run with Jim Hardwick.

On March 15-16 the Sooners finished third in the national NCAA indoor meet in Detroit with 17 points behind Villanova (35 1/3) and Southern Cal (25). Kansas was fourth with 15 1/3. (Last year OU was second behind USC, again finishing higher than KU.) The University's eight-man team performed well. Glen Long had a fourth in the 60-yard dash (6.2). Ron Tull

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was second in the high jump (6-10). James Hardwick was third in the 600 (1:11), and the mile relay team (Tom Melton, Cline Johnson, Dennis Cotner, and Hardwick) was second (3:16) behind Villanova. Mike Gregory was second in the long jump (24-8½).

### Swimming: Splashing Back

The swimmers stroked in a strong third (95 points) behind champion Kansas (132) and Iowa State (98) in the conference meet in Lawrence March 10. The Sooners, who dominated the conference for thirteen years until Iowa State threw cold water on them last year, swam well. Coach Jay Markley predicted they would battle Oklahoma State for third, and his youngsters pleased him by leaving the Cowboys high and dry at 45 points.

### Pfrimmer and Pfreshmen

At the annual Big Eight Conference meeting of coaches, athletic directors, and faculty representatives in Kansas City in March, the league adopted an NCAA rule which will enable freshmen to participate in all varsity sports except football and basketball, beginning in the fall. The rule also gives Don Pfrimmer, the inspirational 165-pound linebacker and transfer from Trinity University (Tex.), another year of eligibility.

### The More the Merrier

Main campus enrollment showed a gain of 397 students over the spring semester of 1967 with a total of 15,000 compared to 14,653 last year. Figures are not yet available for the off-campus resident centers. The total includes 9,648 men and 5,402 women. By classes the enrollment includes 3,405 freshmen; 2,934 sophomores; 2,738

juniors; 2,441 seniors; 3,447 graduate students, and 85 special students. The largest enrollment is in arts and sciences with 6,273. Second is engineering with 1,961, followed by business with 1,912. Other figures include 1,829 in education; 760 in fine arts; 196 in nursing; 413 in law; 293 in pharmacy, and 1,413 unclassified.

### OU's Wilsons

Two OU students have been named Woodrow Wilson Designates, and two have received honorable mention from the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation, the only designates or honorable mentions from Oklahoma. Designates are Michaelyn Barker, Frederick, who is studying classics, and Steve Wilson, Rush Springs, who is majoring in English literature. Wilson was a member of the University's championship College Bowl team of 1966. Receiving honorable mention were Gary Lee Hensler, Ada, and Sidney Warren Kitchel, Tulsa.

The 1,124 designates were selected from 309 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Their names, and those of the honorable mentions, are being sent to graduate deans with the recommendation that all are "worthy of financial support in graduate school."

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### Galbraith Declines

John Kenneth Galbraith, noted economist, withdrew March 29 from a speaking engagement at Oklahoma State University because of the school's speaker policy (Sooner Magazine, Nov. and Jan.). Galbraith, former ambassador to India, professor of economics at Harvard, and author of the nation's best-selling nonfiction book, *The New Industrial State*, was to have appeared April 8 to give OSU's annual Bennett Lecture, named after its late president, Dr. Henry Bennett. Galbraith sent the following telegram to the professor who heads the school's Great Issues Committee: "On reflection, I have decided that I should yield to the plea of your student leaders and perhaps even to your own ultimate concern in the matter of the Bennett Lecture. Although my instinct is that the ruling of the regents on speakers should be treated as a purely comic phenomenon, I realize that I would be giving a measure of sanction to the pompous idiocy of their attempted censorship by coming.

"More important, it now occurs to me that Henry Bennett, a liberal of an old and stalwart style, would possibly not have wished it [the ruling]. I won't, however, cancel my acceptance. I will postpone it until the first free weekend following the repeal of this ridiculous interference. Then, if you wish me to come, I'll even do so at my own expense. I trust that you will make these views known to the larger community."

It may be awhile before the ruling is abolished. A bill is now in the state legislature which contains almost the identical wording of the OSU Regents' policy, which prohibits the appearance of those who would *likely* (our italics) use the occasion to advocate lawlessness or disregard for our laws, to propose any change in them other than by peaceful means, or to urge the violent overthrow of the country.

Passage of the bill appears probable. An amendment proposed by Rep. Ralph Thompson and Rep. Dave Boren, which would allow such speakers on the campus but only in controlled and moderated debates, failed.

The bill, if passed, will probably be ruled unconstitutional because of its vagueness. A UPI article quoted Capitol sources which said the attorney general's office had already termed the bill "unconstitutional on its face."

### Loyalty Oath Unconstitutional

The state's loyalty oath has been declared unconstitutional by the Oklahoma attorney general's office. A copy of the opinion by Atty. Gen. G. T. Blankenship was released March 29, though the official announcement was postponed.

The decision was requested by Dr. George L. Cross on Feb. 28 after graduate student Vincent Maefsky indicated that he intended to test the validity of the oath, in effect since 1953, in the courts. Maefsky declined to sign the oath in accepting a teaching assistant position in the department of philosophy because he believed it to be unconstitutional. (Sooner Magazine, Jan.)

Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, academic vice president of the University, when he was asked to comment on the decision, said the ruling clears up confusion about the oath that has existed for some time and has been intensified since Maefsky's action. The confusion occurred because of the similarity, which was noted in the attorney general's opinion, of the Oklahoma oath with those of three other states which have recently been found invalid by the U.S. Supreme Court.

An assistant in the attorney general's office said he believes it possible to write a constitutional loyalty oath which places no restrictions on the political or philosophical pronouncements and beliefs of public officers and employees, including faculty members. He suggested that Oklahoma could follow the Colorado oath, which has been held valid, in language such as, "I solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the state of Oklahoma and of the United States of America and the laws of the state and the United States."

### Late Scores

Oklahoma picked up a couple of third-place finishes in the national wrestling tourney and in the conference gymnastics meet in late March. OSU and Iowa State placed ahead of the Sooners in wrestling; Colorado and Iowa State beat OU in gymnastics. The April News-Makers will have the details.

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