

Academic Enrichment

THE LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIA



Panelist Edwin G. Corr, left, Leadership Symposia Chairman Admiral William J. Crowe, and OU President Richard L. Van Horn confer during the March 29 Leadership in Government Workshop held at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education.



Among panelists for "State and Local Issues," a part of the Leadership in Government Symposium, were Virginia Austin, left, Oklahoma City civic and national volunteer organizations leader, and State Attorney General Robert Henry.



The University of Oklahoma Centennial Leadership Symposia opens with appropriate Native American ceremony as the colors are presented by the Black Leggings Society. Composed of members of the Kiowa Indian tribe who have served their country and humanity in wartime, this military society is the modern-day version of a centuries-old band of Kiowas dedicated to protecting their people and their homelands.

Showpiece of the academic enrichment programs that were such a vital part of the 100th anniversary year was the series of four Centennial Leadership Symposia, focused on the challenges of the next decade in government, the arts and humanities, business and technology, and education.

The symposia, two in the spring and two in the fall of 1990, were designed to bring together distinguished national and international leaders and outstanding alumni in the areas of emphasis with some of the University's brightest students. Highlighted by a public keynote lecture, each topic then was examined thoroughly in a daylong symposium of panel discussions and small-group sessions.

The general chairman of the symposia was Admiral William J. Crowe Jr., recently retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and currently OU professor of geopolitics. Crowe also chaired and keynoted the Leadership in Government phase of the program. The symposia was sponsored by the Student Affairs Subcommittee of the Centennial Commission and organized by a steering



Admiral William Crowe, center, OU professor and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was surrounded by groups of student participants throughout the Leadership Symposia.



ABOVE: Marcy Dense, left, Dirk O'Hara and Maria Thompson were among the OU student leaders participating in Leadership in Government sessions.



Student participants Lisa Evans, left, and Angie Christopher give undivided attention to the Leadership in Government keynote address.

RIGHT: OU Law Dean David Swank, right, shares a lighter moment with student participants Tomme Fent, left, and Sharon Doty at the Centennial's spring 1990 Leadership in Government Symposium.





ABOVE: Detained in Washington, D.C., for debate on pending legislation, Congressman Dave McCurdy and Senator David Boren still participated as symposium panelists by closed circuit television.

RIGHT: Regent Sarah Hogan, prime mover behind the Centennial Leadership Symposia, receives a token of appreciation from OU Regents' chairman Ron White.



Leadership Symposium small group leader Peggy Chambers, right, one of the OU classics department's most popular lecturers, guides student participants in discussing strategies for integrating the humanities into the society of the future.

committee consisting of Vice President Anona Adair, Richard L. Coberg and Chris Purcell of the OU Student Affairs staff, OU Regent Sarah Hogan and Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program Director John H. Lancaster.

Panelists for the governmental leadership phase of the symposium, moderated by U.S. Senator David L. Boren, were Oklahoma City civic leader and Oklahoma Hall of Fame inductee Virginia Austin, U.S. Ambassador Edwin G. Corr, State Attorney General Robert H. Henry, *Tulsa Tribune* publisher Jenkin Lloyd Jones, U.S. Attorney Timothy D. Leonard, U.S. Representative Dave McCurdy and Tulsa Mayor Rodger Randle.

A second symposium, Leadership in the Arts and Humanities, immediately followed the governmental sessions, with Brown University President Vartan Gregorian as the keynoter. James R. Tolbert III of Oklahoma City served as chairman of the symposium. Joining a distinguished group of faculty as panelists and discussion leaders were Paul F. Sharp, Michael D. Anderson, Mary Y. Frates, Anita May, Ted D'Andriole, Dan Little and George A. Singer.



The Leadership in Arts and Humanities keynoter was the Brown University president, Vartan Gregorian.

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he Centennial Leadership Symposium resumed in the fall with a concentration on business and technology and a second program on Leadership in Education. The public lecture portions of the symposia featured John Naisbitt, best-selling author of *Megatrends* and *Megatrends 2000*, John S. Foster Jr., former vice president and general manager of TRW Energy Systems Group, and Ernest Boyer, former U.S. commissioner of education and now president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

In addition to senior members of the OU faculty, business and technology participants included Joseph H. Williams, Mary Johnston Evans, W. R. Howell, Frederick Jones Hall, J. W. McLean, C. J. Silas and George Jeffrey Records.

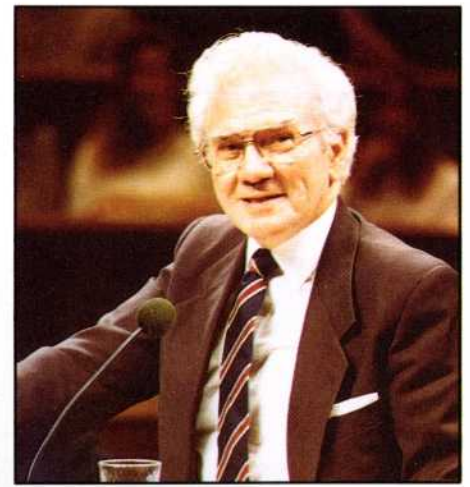
The subsequent symposium on education made full use of the sort of technology previously discussed when White House Chief of Staff John Sununu and U.S. Senator Don Nickles addressed the group via satellite. The symposium was chaired by Oklahoma Chancellor for Higher Education Hans Brisch, who had only to draw upon the expertise already present on the OU faculty for panel and discussion group leadership. Joining them was State Representative and education advocate Carolyn Thompson.

Students selected to participate in the Centennial Leadership Symposia could earn two hours upper-division academic credit upon submission of a paper based on their experience. The spring lectures were telecast over the State Regents Library Satellite System to seven cities in the state for viewing and discussion sessions led by facilitators from Leadership Oklahoma Inc., hosted by OU alumni and staff.

The academic value of the Centennial Leadership Symposia cannot be overstated. The intent of the Student Affairs Committee had been to demonstrate to its campus constituency the challenges to their abilities and values that leadership in the coming century would demand of them—and their responsibility to meet such challenges. In achieving the committee's goals, the talents of national, international, state, community, University and alumni leadership were brought together in an impressive show of intellectual force that made a lasting impact on the lives of the Centennial student body.



Futurist John Naisbitt keynotes the opening of the fall 1990 Centennial Leadership Symposia.



Carnegie Foundation president Ernest Boyer delivered the educational leadership address.



The business and technology Leadership Symposium was keyed by John S. Foster.



Education panelists included George Singer and state secretary of education Sandy Garrett.



Ron Yordi, Edmond, at right, leads a small group discussion during the business and technology phase of the Centennial Leadership Symposia held October 1-2 at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education. The symposia were financed in part by gifts from Yordi and Baird Trice's EWC Inc.