

Faculty Page

By Dr. S. Roy Hadsell

DR. WATER B. EMERY, associate professor of speech, has been re-elected executive secretary of the Oklahoma Speech Association, and was appointed editor of the *Sooner Speech News*, the new official publication of the association.

Fayette Copeland, associate professor of journalism, spoke at the meeting of the Southwestern Journalism Conference March 16 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He reported on his research into the life of George Wilkins Kendall, founder of the New Orleans *Picayune*.

Oren F. Evans, professor of geology, received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Michigan in exercises held at the close of the first semester of the present school year.

Miss Fern Boan, associate professor of social work, has been elected secretary of the Oklahoma chapter of the American Association of Social Workers.

A page article by Dr. H. V. Thornton, associate professor of government, on the inequalities in legislative representation of various counties in Oklahoma appeared in the March 3 issue of the Sunday *Oklahoman*. The article described the number of counties that are over-represented and those that are under-represented according to constitutional provisions for representation in the legislature according to population.

Dr. J. Willis Stovall, associate professor of paleontology, and Craig Sheppard, assistant in art, have prepared a series of illustrated features about prehistoric animals in Oklahoma, which is being published in the Sunday *Oklahoman*.

Dr. Maurice Halperin, associate professor of romance languages, has been invited to lecture in a Mexican seminar to be conducted July 4 to August 14 by Sherwood Eddy. The seminar group will leave New York July 4 by ship for a trip to Mexico, and Dr. Halperin will lecture enroute.

A preview of recent sculpture by Joseph R. Taylor, assistant professor of art, was held recently in connection with a New York concert by Jacob Gimpel, noted Polish pianist. Mr. Taylor is on leave of absence this semester, and is working in New York City.

Dr. V. E. Monnett, director of the School of Geology, was invited to be a special guest at the Oil Jubilee at Magdolna, Arkansas in March. The occasion was celebration of the second anniversary of Arkansas's largest oil pool.

Dr. Arthur N. Bragg, instructor in zoology, has been appointed to teach zoology in the summer session of New Mexico Normal University at Las Vegas.

John Jacobs, University track coach, was operated on for appendicitis recently. During his illness, the work of coaching the track team was handled by Harold Keith, University sports publicity director and a former varsity trackman.

H. H. Leake, production manager of WNAD radio station, was one of the principal speakers at a writers' conference last month at the Texas College for Women at Denton. His subjects were "Problems of the Radio Writer" and "How Script Writers Sell their Product."

Dr. John F. Bender, professor of education, last month was elected chairman of a committee of ten appointed to draft a constitutional amendment for solution of Oklahoma's common school financial problems. Earle Emerson, '28ex, superintendent of schools at Cromwell, was named vice chairman and Ona C. Raines, '20, Tulsa teacher, was chosen secretary-treasurer. Five members of the com-

mittee were appointed by Governor Leon C. Phillips, '16law, and the other five by Lonnie Vanderveer, '39m.ed, Cordell school superintendent and president of the Oklahoma Education Association.

Dr. J. F. Findlay, dean of men, last month was invited to Springfield, Missouri, to be interviewed by trustees of Drury College as a possible candidate for presidency of the school.

University representatives at the National Education Association Convention last month in St. Louis included Margaret Stephenson, counselor of women; Dr. Ellsworth Collings, dean of the College of Education; Dr. Frank A. Balyeat, head of the Division of Secondary Education; Dr. Allen M. Ruggles, head of the Division of Educational Psychology; Dr. Elmer J. Ortman, head of the Division of Principles of Education; Dr. John F. Bender, head of the Division of School Administration; Dr. J. O. Hassler, professor of mathematics and astronomy; and Lonnie Huddleston, assistant and librarian in the College of Education. Mr. Huddleston represented the University chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at the fraternity's national convention held in connection with the N. E. A.

Dr. Charles N. Gould, former director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey, who in recent years has been working as regional geologist for the national park survey in New Mexico, has returned to Norman for an indefinite stay. He is working on several writing projects in the field of geology. Dr. Gould first came to the University in 1900 to take a position as first geology instructor on the faculty.

Dr. Ben A. Botkin, associate professor of English, on leave of absence in Washington, D. C., spoke at a recent session of the American Historical Association at the Mayflower Hotel in the National Capital. Dr. Botkin, who is folklore editor of the W.P.A. writers' project criticized historians and folklore students for failing to develop a technique for utilizing and interpreting folklore material as a part of social history. He said that regular historians go to folklore merely as a last resort, when all other sources are exhausted, while folklorists take a subtle revenge by attempting to trace historical legends and to prove historical facts by folklore.

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Dr. J. F. Bender

Sports Review

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grass, the "Human Handcuff," whose bristly blond hair stands straight up as he dogs great enemy scorers, slipped the steel bracelets on both Ralph Miller and Howard Engleman, Kansas' great scorers, who were permitted only one field goal each.

All this made Oklahoma look very good in the Big Six playoff for representation in the National Collegiate tournament and the Sooners justified this rating on the small, exceedingly slippery neutral floor of the Forum at Wichita, Kansas, on March 11 by defeating Missouri 52 to 41 in their first round game.

With seven minutes to go, the score was tied 39 to 39, thanks to Missouri's great spree of one-handed shooting. Here Coach Drake sent Ford, his slim giant who had been resting, back into action and the Billings rookie broke up the ball game. First he leaped his length to steal two Missouri shots out of the hoop. Then he was fouled by Blaine Currence, Tiger center, which proved a four point mistake as Ford not only canned the field goal Currence sought to prevent, but also coolly pocketed both free throws.

However Ford's next goal completely fractured the Missouri morale. Standing with his back to the basket although he had its location nicely gauged by the position of his feet, Ford suddenly and audaciously flipped the ball back over his head in a totally "blind" shot that to everybody's amazement swished through cleanly. That was the play the big crowd talked about as it filed from the Forum. Incidentally, big Scheffler's excellent spot passing and point-blank gunnery from semi-long set positions, and Captain Marvin Mesch's accurate long shooting from behind Drake's cleverly conceived screens, not to mention Ford's feat of scoring 19 points and doing some very telling defensive rebounding, also were factors.

Oklahoma lost the finale the following night to the fresh Kansas team, which had drawn a bye and had the additional advantage of thoroughly scouting the Sooner tactics during the Missouri battle. Kansas won 45 to 39. The Missouri victory the night before while the Kansas players were resting and studying the Sooner attack, had taken a costly toll of speed and stamina from Oklahoma although Kansas's spirited rebound play which netted her 25 more shots than Oklahoma got, and her aggressive throttling of Ford deserve credit.

Doctor Allen's Jayhawks won the game in the closing ten minutes of the first half when they whirled into a 27 to 16 lead that tired Oklahoma could never quite overcome.

The dogged rally of the exhausted Oklahomans in the second half, as Drake's seniors, realizing it was their last game

together if they lost, gamely resolved to sell themselves as dearly as possible, was a beautiful and thrilling sight to the hundreds of Sooner alumni and well-wishers present among the noisy throng of 3,500 that packed the Forum.

Captain Mesch launched it on a fast break by feeding the speeding McNatt for a setup. Then Scheffler dodged a lunge by John Kline, burly Kansas guard, and banked in a long goal. Don Ebling countered for the Jayhawkers with a follow-in after a missed Kansas free throw but the red-clad Sooners, cool opportunists now where they had seemed slow and lethargic in the opening half, scored three more field baskets in a row to cut the Kansas lead to 29 to 26 and force the rattled Jayhawkers to sue for time out.

The third of these quickly manufactured Oklahoma goals was the most spectacular play of the night. Howard "Rope" Engleman, Kansas forward, had the ball in Kansas's outside line of offense. Suddenly McNatt, who was coiled in front of Engleman watching him like a cat does a bird, hurled himself upon the Jayhawker, wrested the bulb from him, sprawled to the floor and sprang up in one continuous motion, and spanking the leather into a fast bounce, wove like a snake between Jayhawkers Allen and Harp and fled dribbling to the distant goal, gaining ground on his three Kansas pursuers with every stride until he doubled his lithe body into the air beneath the Kansas basket to deliver the ball hoopward and then hurtle on into the crowd. But behind him the sphere lay safely in the meshes.

Kansas braced, forced big Ford's ejection from the clash because of personal fouls, and stretched her lead only to have Captain Mesch, who was shooting stunningly, deposit his sixth, seventh and eighth field goals of the evening to cut the Kansas lead to 37 to 35 with three minutes left to play.

Then pandemonium reigned. Oklahoma got the ball and rushed it to the Kansas goal while the crowd, on its feet roaring, threatened to go mad. But every time a Sooner raised his arms to shoot the tying basket, some Jayhawker threw himself upon him. The turning point of the game occurred when Bobby Allen, alert son of the Kansas coach, wrenched the ball away from the heroic but totally tuckered Mesch and Kansas didn't surrender it thereafter until she had scored another goal, then froze the ball just inside the center line, spreading and weakening the Sooner defense and driving through its thinned salient for two more goals.

The game was the last for five Oklahoma seniors, Captain Mesch, McNatt, Snodgrass, Scheffler and Reserve Gene Roop who made glorious basketball history for Oklahoma the past three years. It was also the finish of young Drake's

second season as Sooner coach, in each of which Oklahoma has won a Big Six championship.

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Art work praised

Woodrow Crumbo, '39ex, Indian artist, was interviewed last month for the *Evening Star* in Washington, D.C., where he was painting Indian murals in the new Department of Interior Building.

Mr. Crumbo is head of the art department at Bacone College, near Muskogee.

"Young Woodrow Crumbo waved a paint brush at a reporter today," the interview began, "and announced that he is going to give the District its first taste of American art." He declared, "There's not an American painting in any of your famous galleries here—every last picture is European. The true 'American' art is Indian art."

The article was generous with praise for the "warm, subdued earth colors perfected before the white men knew the world was round; for the dignity and pride which characterize the symbolism which the red-skinned painter creates in two dimensions."

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Dr. Charles E. Decker, professor of paleontology, headed a geological field trip last month which was sponsored by the Oklahoma City Geological Society.

At the request of President W. B. Bizzell, Dean S. W. Reaves has appointed a committee of thirteen from the College of Arts and Science to study the curriculum of the college and to make recommendations for its revision in the interest of economy, efficiency, and scholarship.

For the regular Thursday afternoon tea at the Faculty Club March 14, the committee was as follows: Mrs. B. J. Heinrich, Mrs. A. B. Sears, Mrs. Leroy Smith, Mrs. A. K. Christian, Mrs. Cecil Brite, Miss Laura Miller.

A faculty luncheon for the Junior Honors Group was held in the ballroom of the Union Building March 14. High scholarship was recognized. President Bizzell was the principal speaker.

Three faculty members participated in a regional conference on citizenship and government at Dallas, Texas, last month. The three and their subjects are Dr. H. V. Thornton, "The Manitowoc Plan of a Citizenship Day;" Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, "Training for Competent Citizenship;" and Dr. Joseph C. Pray, "Tax Justice—How It Can Be Achieved?"