

Association Progress

After Fifty Years

Several months ago the O. U. athletic association extended a special invitation to Jack Harts of Los Angeles to return to the campus to be awarded a special athletic "O" blanket in recognition of his services as the first football coach of the University of Oklahoma (1895). Because of his condition of health Jack Harts could not make the long trip back to the University campus from his California home. The O. U. Alumni Club of Los Angeles was contacted by the Athletic Council and Alumni officials, and they were asked to have a special recognition dinner for Mr. Harts and to present the blanket during the assembly in Los Angeles.

On the evening of February 22, the O. U. Alumni of Los Angeles and adjacent territory gathered at the special banquet in the dining halls of the George Pepperdine College and there presented the recognition blanket to Mr. Hart.

Jack Harts in accepting this tribute on the part of his fellow Sooners, stated in part:

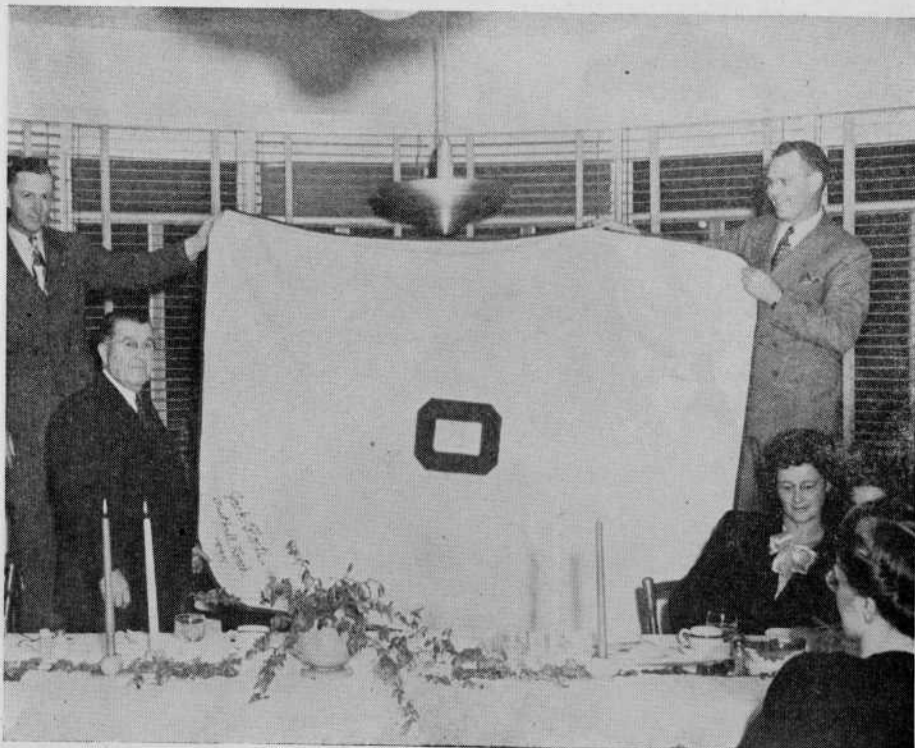
"Mr. Chairman, members of the Los Angeles-Oklahoma University Alumni Club and friends:—I should like, also, to include our friends in Oklahoma who have been so instrumental in this meeting here tonight—the Athletic Council, University of Oklahoma Association, Ted Beard, Ross Hume, Bill Cross, and in fact all former members of the University of Oklahoma, your new coach and all the Sooner team. I wish to express my sincere appreciation for this tribute to me. Never before have I been placed in a similar position, and I realize tonight just how much those words uttered by the Holy Man of Galilee nearly two thousand years ago meant when he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'."

"Friends, you will need to bear with me because I cannot find words to express my inner feelings. This beautiful gift means much more to me than just a blanket. It's the *spirit* in which you give it, because most of you people here were not even born when the first football game was played at Oklahoma University. If my old acquaintances and friends had conferred this honor upon me, it would naturally have been much appreciated—most of them have now crossed the Great Divide—but its coming from you—half a century after the first kick-off—makes it just that much more impressive to me.

"You know, friends, fifty years is a long, long trail down the highway of life. One meets many pleasures and many sorrows in that time. Yet, it seems but yesterday since first I saw the Oklahoma University. Since that time I have lived what might be called a full life. I have enjoyed the companionship of many fine friends and have always tried to look for the best in others. I have had a pleasant life and have never failed to appreciate and reverence the handiwork of the Great Architect of the universe—and trust I may leave this old world just a little better than I found it.

"Yes, I have a hobby—and through the years, I have traveled many times through the deserts and the great mountains of the Pacific coast and walked among those magnificent, towering giants, the Redwoods—to me the grandest sight in all creation. Then, finally, have come to rest beside some glacial lake or stream—and just fished. That's my hobby!

"I am proud of the fact that I have had at least a small part in teaching the first team at Oklahoma University the fundamentals of football. Somehow, I feel that I have had just a little part in the early history of Oklahoma. And you, dear friends, should be proud of this great commonwealth which you have helped to build. I am certain there is no comparable area on the face of the earth that has made such progress in agriculture, commerce, in-



President Lonnie Vanderveer of the O. U. Charter Alumni Club of Los Angeles, California, presents to the grand old man of O. U. football—Jack Harts—the O. U. athletic blanket as a recognition of his services performed for the University as the first O. U. football coach (1895). The presentation was made at an O. U. Alumni banquet, Los Angeles. In the picture are (reading from left to right) Guy S. S. Harts (brother of Jack Harts), Jack Harts, Lonnie Vanderveer and (seated) Mrs. Lonnie Vanderveer.

dustry and education in such a short period of time.

"You are a people who have come up through great tribulations. My brother and I know—for we grew up as your neighbors over in Kansas—and we didn't live on flowery beds of ease.

"As this meeting is in commemoration of the beginning of football at Oklahoma University, I should like to ask your indulgence for a few minutes while I give you a resume of football as it was played in the Middle West more than fifty years ago. My first experience was in a country school near Wichita, Kansas, where we were taking a post-graduate course from the 8th grade. Here we had a number of large, strong young men who had never seen a football. So we decided to purchase a ball and have our own game.

"As I recall now, we had to purchase it in the East—I think Chicago. It was perfectly round, made of black rubber, 14 inches in diameter and was blown up the same as the footballs of today. Naturally, we supposed a football was made to be kicked, and so we proceeded along those lines. We had no other rules, nor could we secure any. It was a pretty tough game on shins, so I made myself a pair of shin guards out of the tops of a pair of old rubber boots that my dad had discarded. I wore these at all times under my dungarees and found I could "rush in where angels feared to tread." But soon the boys discovered them and all were soon wearing shin guards.

"Following this, I played on our high school team. We had the regulation football, but our mothers had to make our suits. And what a motley bunch of players were we, with no two suits alike and only *one* football!

"Next I enrolled as a student at the Southwest Kansas College at Winfield and was immediately made a member of their team. In those days, all that was required for a berth on the team was enrollment as a student. Here we were furnished with store-made suits and *one* football. After the first year I was elected captain of the team, which position I held for two years.

"Rules have been changed considerably since those days, and I am sure for the better. Many young players were severely injured—some per-

manently—and some even lost their lives. I have played in games where several of the boys would receive broken bones. One of the most dangerous rules was involved in putting the ball in play. Here the ball was placed in the center of the field. Both teams took their positions ten yards back of the ball. The whistle blew and the offensive formed quickly in the shape of a "V". As the center passed over the ball, he touched it with his foot and the ball was in play. That was called the "flying wedge." The only way to stop it was for the defense to form another "V" and strike the offense directly in the bow—or either starboard or portside. The air was full of legs and arms and feet and the fracas was on! We played much closer and were not permitted to pass the ball except to the rear. Consequently, no passes were ever made.

"The second year of my captaincy, we had a new professor of mathematics who seemed like an answer to my prayer. But how was I to secure him? He stood six feet, four inches, weighed 230 pounds and looked mighty tough. I approached him as soon as the class was over and asked him if he wouldn't join our team. He replied that he would love to help us, but how? 'I'm not enrolled as a student,' he said. My next question was, 'Have you ever played any football?' To which he replied, 'Only four years with the University of Pennsylvania.' Then I asked him if he was ever a wrestler, as both of his ears were full of proud flesh. 'Oh, no,' he replied, 'those are what we call 'football ears' in the East.' So you can well imagine how rough the game was in those days.

"My next problem was how to enroll that baby elephant on our team. Before I went to sleep that night I had it figured out. I had noticed that he was a very poor penman—and we had a business department in the college. So the next morning I approached him and said, 'Professor, you are duly enrolled in penmanship in our business college.' He was delighted, for he wished very much to play. Once a football player, always a football player. He taught us much about the game—and what a right guard he made!

"I found another professor at the high school in Winfield. He had had four years of football at the State University of Kansas—and also needed pen-



Athletic Business Manager Bill Cross in his office at the Field House on the O. U. campus packs the blanket awarded to Jack Harts, first football coach of the University of Oklahoma, and starts it on the long trip to the O. U. Alumni Club, Los Angeles, for special presentation to Coach Harts.

manship. He wasn't quite so large—only 215 pounds—and played left guard. That year our goal line was never crossed. Our team weighed just one ton.

"About this time I received a letter from Dr. Boyd, the University president at Norman, asking if I would be interested in coming to the University of Oklahoma and organizing a football team, as they had a lot of good material. Following further correspondence, I decided to go in the fall of 1895. I had been informed that they had enough money in the Athletic Department to take care of all our needs. Little did they realize how much we required to just get started. They cut me down from 18 suits to 12—and one football again. You can imagine how a team soon appeared

after we began to change suits. For instance, a 200-pound boy was injured and a 140-pounder had to use his suit, or vice versa. Our umpire was very kind and always gave us time to change suits. Nobody on the team had ever seen a football game except one—Jim Brown, who I think came from Edmond. How I should love to hear from him if he is still living!

"We had a wonderful team of young fellows and they didn't want to hurt anyone, even in a football game. Our first game with Oklahoma High School was not a defeat. It was a rout, and it wouldn't do to repeat in public some of the things I said to the boys that evening. Don't get the impression that those boys were a bunch of

sissies, though. Even in those days, Oklahoma didn't grow that kind.

"The following Saturday we played the soldiers at Fort Reno—and were they tough! Just before we arrived at El Reno I gave the boys my last instructions. I said, 'Show me that you're not a bunch of sissies. Get in there and fight like men, not like girls. Do anything to win this game but bite!' They won—34 to 0.

"That was the beginning and you all know about the conditions of our Athletic Council today. But far be it from me to say that our boys of old were superior to anything we have now. The football teams of today would make our boys look like a bunch of dubs. However, I feel that if the present-day teams were to play the game as we played it, they would certainly know they had been in a football game. We played just as hard if not as scientifically as they do. But we had a lot of fun.

"I have one great ambition and that is to see that bunch of Sooners win a game in the Rose Bowl. May I wish the new coach every success.

"And now, in closing, may I again thank you all for this honor you have conferred upon me tonight. I accept this blanket as a memento of friendship. I shall cherish it as long as life lasts. And after I have enjoyed it through life, I shall make arrangements before I go to have it returned from whence it came—there to be placed in the archives of the Athletic Council's chamber at the University of Oklahoma—to remain as long as it lasts. I trust as the years roll by it may give the younger generations as much pleasure as it has given me.

"Peace be with you all."

New O.U. Alumni Club, Choctaw County

Assembling in Hugo on February 11, the O. U. alumni of Choctaw County organized and petitioned the executive board of the Alumni Association for their permanent club charter.

Officers elected were: O. A. "Dutch" Brewer, '17ba, '20law, president; John A. Bryan, '11ba, vice president, and Miss Fannie Glenn, '20ba, '29ma, secretary-treasurer.

The 23 University of Oklahoma alumni who signed the application for charter were: Joseph W. Brindley, '41bus; Charles W. Webb, '43eng; E. M. DeWeese, '21ba; John A. Bryan; Kathryn Farquharson, '42-'45; Bettye McKenzie, '41-'45; Marjorie Caylor, '24music; Fannie Glenn; Faye Duke, '39m.ed; Ruth Evelyn Lambeth, '42journ; Mrs. Ada Lambeth Knox, '44ba; Maida Lambeth, '45soc.wk; John C. Conrad, '20ba, '26ma; Ben C. Graves, '40pharm; A. L. Ford, '39; C. H. Davidson, '25; Robert H. Warren, '42; Lon Kile, '32-'33; William B. Morrison, '41journ; Dr. F. L. Waters, '32bs, '34med; Loinel Walker, '42pharm; O. A. Brewer, and Fred D. Switzer, '34bs, '36med.

A special news release from Hugo immediately following this county-wide meeting stated: "Directing attention to high school boys who look to a future in college athletics, Jim Tatum, new Oklahoma University coach, here Monday night, emphasized the scholastic requirements in college, and asserted that 'the boy who can only apply his mind a few hours a day to athletics won't be alert enough to help out in a tough football game.' He also stressed the fact that, though football has seemingly become public property, he still thinks that these teams belong to the student body of the school for which they play, that 'the student body is the twelfth man on the team.'

"Mr. Tatum and L. E. (Jap) Haskell, O. U. athletic director, were honored at a banquet held February 11 at Rock Gables, where 66 former students, alumni and University friends attended from Choctaw, Pushmataha and McCurtain Counties.

"Open meeting was held in Hugo High School auditorium, where Mr. Tatum showed moving pictures of games played while he coached at the University of North Carolina and at the Jacksonville, Florida, Naval Air Station."

President of Altus Alumni Named

Clifford Peterson, '36ed, Altus, was named president of the Altus chapter of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association at a recent reorganization meeting.

Dr. James Ensey, '28bs, '28med, Altus, was acting chairman at the meeting. Other officers named were Ross Rutherford, '23law, Altus, vice-president, and Jarita Bicknell, '45journ, Altus, secretary-treasurer.

New Film Reader in Library

A new Recordak Library Film reader, Model C, has been set up in the library, Miss Opal Carr, '33lib.sci, reference assistant, announced.

A universal type reviewer for use with 35mm. or 16mm. safety film records, the machine is equipped with a special blue lens for reading in the light. The blue lens makes reading easier and is a great improvement over the old reading machine in the library. This type also uses newspaper film.

For use in the film reader, the library has a collection of 300 reels of books printed in England before 1600. These films are kept in files chemically treated to regulate the temperature.

Former Sooners Helped AP Cover World War II

Four of the ten Oklahomans listed among the 175 Associated Press World War II correspondents are University alumni.

Sooner correspondents were Austin Bealmear, '30-'36, Blackwell; Howard S. Cowan, '31-'32, Shawnee; Glenn A. Williams, '34-'37, Enid, and Tom Yarbrough, '28-'32, Ardmore.

Calling the Roll

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just returned from service in the European theater of operations and was stationed at Enid Army Air Field, Enid.

BUTTS-LANDERS: Shirley Hope Butts, '45, Oakwood, and Boyd Landers, '45, Lycan, Colorado, were married January 12 at Dodge City, Kansas.

The couple planned to make their home in Norman, where Mr. Landers will continue his work at the University.

John M. Hoffman, sophomore in the University School of Engineering, Maud, has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

BURNHAM-MACKEY: Maria Antonette Burnham, '45ba, Oklahoma City, and Lt. Harold R. Mackey, '46, Denver, Colorado, were married January 13 in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Mackey will complete her internship as a dietitian at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, this year. Lieutenant Mackey reported to Parris Island, South Carolina, for reassignment with the Marine Corps.

Ruth Ann Hill, '42-'45, former advertising salesman on the *Altus Times-Democrat*, has resigned to join the advertising staff of the *Bartlesville Enterprise* and *Examiner*. She is completing work on her bachelor of arts degree by correspondence.

CAWTHON-BAKER: Virginia Lee Cawthon, '44-'45, Seminole, and Robert Allen Baker, aviation radio mechanic third class, Seminole, were married recently in Seminole. Mrs. Baker is a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

WILMUTH-HOWARD: Miss Mary Elizabeth Wilmuth, '45bs, Norman, and Pfc. Thomas D. Howard, '40-'43, Norman, were married October 27 in Norman. The couple planned to make their home in Oklahoma City, where Mr. Howard is a student in the University of Oklahoma Medical School.

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Creighton Sims, boatswain's mate second class, '46, a member of the University naval training ship's company, has received the Presidential Unit citation. The citation was awarded for duty in destroyer squadron 23 during the period from November, 1943, to February, 1944. This squadron, known as the "Little Beaver" squadron, penetrated submarine infested waters when Japanese air power was at its greatest.

MAHAN-BASTON: The marriage of Kathleen Lillian Mahan, Tulsa, and Ralph Lester Baston, '46, Tulsa was an event of December. Mr. Baston has received his discharge from the Army after serving ten months overseas. The couple planned to make their home in Norman.

BLANTON-DAVENPORT: Juhree Eileen Blanton, '46, Oklahoma City and Lt. Howard S. Davenport, '41, Davis, were married in Oklahoma City in December. The couple plans to make their home in Norman.

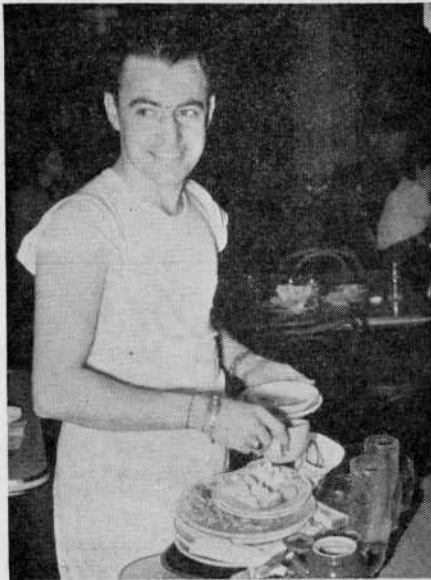
Charles Cummings, '46ma, has enrolled in Columbia University, New York City, to work on his Ph.D. in political science. He is a former Durant high school instructor, and served for more than three years in the Navy, being discharged as a lieutenant.

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Pictured above are some of the alumni present at the banquet in Hugo which honored Jim Tatum, new University football coach, and Jap Haskell, O. U. athletic director. Reading from left to right, they are: Billy Amend of Antlers; John Bryan, of Nelson, new vice president of the Choctaw County alumni club; Haskell; O. A. (Dutch) Brewer of Hugo, president of the Choctaw County club; Tatum; Ennis M. DeWeese of Hugo, and William B. Morrison of Hugo.



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Reconverting an O. U. GI

Sooner Magazine presents the reconversion process, by way of example of Lui J. Antonelli, of the trends in the span of a lifetime for GI activity. Mr. Antonelli is typical of some 2,500 former service men of World War II who have gone through the "process of evolution" from a young university kid who came from a typical community of Oklahoma through the struggle of World War II battles, then back to Sooner participation pointing toward a professional degree.

It was late in 1938 when young Lui first appeared on the campus as a freshman student from his home high school of Wilburton. In a few hours he was through the red tape of enrollment lines, had spent all his extra nickles earned from flunking around coal mining camps and was soon hard at his task of juggling the pots and pans and scraping the dirty dishes in the cafeteria of



(2) During

the Oklahoma Memorial Union in order to "work his way through school." (See picture number one)

Then came Pearl Harbor, with World War II soon underway. Pvt. Antonelli began his duty on July 13, 1942, at Camp Gruber and soon hit his stride. Rapid promotions followed—pfc in August, 1942—T/5, August, 1944—T/4, June, 1945—staff sergeant August, 1945—master sergeant, October, 1945—then to sergeant major, 71st Infantry of the 44th Infantry Division. All the while GI Lui was traveling over the Army trails, the battle of Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe were recorded on the cuff. On the trail he "picked up" the Combat Infantry badge, Bronze Star medal, Good Conduct ribbon, Victory ribbon, the ETAM ribbon, as well as the American Theater ribbon. Then V-E day came, leading to discharge on November 15, 1945.

Soon back at Alumni headquarters on his old



(3) After

campus, Mr. Antonelli readily signed out as the sergeant major of his outfit (see picture number two) and shed the stripes of the master sergeant to begin his reconverting as head of the addressograph service, (see picture number three) working with his old outfit—the O. U. Alumni Association—and digging into his last few hours leading to a degree in the field of law.

Thus O. U., unlike hundreds of other institutions of higher learning in America, presents job opportunities to the returning GI as well as the completion of their training that was temporarily delayed in order that these boys might take care of a little task for Uncle Sam and perform service on the four corners of the earth.

Therefore Master Sergeant Lui J. Antonelli today the hired hand and student Lui J., is typical in the process of reconversion going on in the ranks of multiplied thousands of young men.

What Others Think

The Published Life of Paul Walker as Reviewed by Francis Welch in *Public Utilities Fortnightly*

A book on Paul Walker, '12law, sole remaining charter member of the Federal Communications Commission, has recently been published by Lancaster Press, Inc., of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The book, entitled "Paul A. Walker" is the product of Walter B. Emery, '34law, formerly special assistant to Commissioner Walker and now a member of the legal staff of the Commission.

The issuance of this book was coincidental with the induction on November 16, 1945, of Mr. Walker into the Hall of Fame by the Oklahoma Memorial Association as one of the four distinguished Oklahoma citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the state and nation.

Mr. Emery's biography of Commissioner Walker is a brief but comprehensive summary of the career of one of the most outstanding regulatory officials in the American utility field in recent years. Mr. Walker's biography will especially interest the telephone industry because of the particular attention which Commissioner Walker has given telephone matters, beginning as a member of the Oklahoma commission, and since his appointment to the Federal Communications Commission in 1934.

Mr. Emery describes Paul Walker's boyhood as the son of a farm family of Welsh-Quaker extraction in western Pennsylvania. His commencement day address for his high school graduation class on June 8, 1889, was, significantly, an attack on the evils of monopoly, and won for Mr. Walker a scholarship to the University of Chicago. Before completing his own college course, Walker found it necessary to augment his meager income by part-time teaching at a high school in Charleston, Illi-

nois. This experience launched him into educational work following his graduation, and he became an early advocate of the idea of progressive education and school reforms generally.

Paul Walker first went to Oklahoma in 1905 to become the principal of a high school at Shawnee. He also managed to continue his double duty activity to the extent of completing a law school education at the University of Oklahoma while teaching.

After a few years of legal practice, during which he ran unsuccessfully for county judge, Mr. Walker joined the newly formed Oklahoma commission in 1915 and for many years took an active part in utility rate cases before that commission and in the courts. In 1930 he was elected a member of the Oklahoma commission and shortly thereafter its chairman. While on this board, Mr. Walker attracted the attention of President Roosevelt, who appointed him one of the seven original members of the FCC.

Mr. Emery's book devotes a chapter to Paul Walker's work on the FCC, not only with respect to the well-known Bell system investigation (sometimes called the Walker investigation), but also his fight against radio monopoly.

Although modest in size and scope, Walter Emery's book is a faithful and interesting factual guide and sympathetic commentary on the life of the outstanding figure in the historical span of American regulation of public utilities. Mr. Walker has seen regulation grow from its infancy. He has neither illusions nor defeatist ideas about the possibilities of commission regulation.

Altogether, Mr. Emery's book indicates Paul Walker's conviction that—given a reasonable degree of honest and able administration—the American concept of public utility regulation can and has worked effectively. But Mr. Walker, who since

the death of the late lamented Joseph B. Eastman is probably the dean of commission regulation (as far as the public utility—as distinguished from the railroad—field is concerned), honestly believes that regulation must be continually progressive—continually changing to meet the constantly shifting requirements of changing technology, and the changing political-economic background against which the modern public utility service must function. He is particularly keen to achieve practical and understanding working cooperation between state and federal commissions.

Statistics Lab Set Up New Accounting System

A new system of accounting is being set up in the statistical service laboratory.

Two punch card accounting machines are being installed in the laboratory. Four additional machines will be delivered within a few weeks, and when they are installed the new punch card accounting system will be put in effect, John Chaney, '41bs, director, statistical service laboratory, stated.

A course in operating this machine has been taught at the University in the past, but the machines have never been used in keeping records pertaining to the University.

Flying Professor

Dr. S. E. Thorsten Lund, who recently joined the education faculty at the University, is no mere rocking chair flier. Holder of two types of pilot's licenses, he has taught classes in aeronautics. Dr. Lund, who came to Norman from the University of Tennessee, holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. As a specialist in secondary education, he will teach classes at the University and direct special studies in school systems of Oklahoma.