

156 handicapped students who without the aid might never have been able to complete their educations. Sums ranging from \$30 to \$50 a month, depending on the student's need and his available resources, are provided.

Twenty-six scholarships have been granted for the 1947-48 school year. This aid is furnished in the form of advances, loans or gifts. Repayment is not required in many cases. Dr. M. O. Wilson, '24, chairman of the O. U. fund committee, says some of these students insist on paying the money back, though.

Another one of the many funds available at the University for financially needy students is the Sallie B. Clark Loan Fund. This fund of approximately \$73,000 provides for loans to women students. It was bequeathed by William T. Clark of Apache, Oklahoma. The funds are to be lent to financially poor but worthy young women to assist them in completing their education. Preference is given to young women who reside in Cad-do County.

The Lew Wentz Foundation, a gift of \$125,000 made by Lew Wentz, Ponca City, is available in loans bearing interest at six per cent per annum. Interest payments from borrowers have increased the fund to approximately \$200,000. These loans are made to worthy undergraduate students who are within two years of completion of their degrees, are residents of Oklahoma, and who have completed at least one year of work in the University.

The O.U. Student Loan Aid Association has over \$37,000 which is available to needy students. This association was incorporated to administer gifts for student loans. Thirty-two donations made over a period of years make up this fund. The first donation was made by President Stratton D. Brooks in July, 1917.

The Board of Directors of Student Loan Aid Association which also supervises the Sallie B. Clark Loan Fund and the Lew Wentz Foundation, is composed of five men. They are President George L. Cross; Paul MacMinn, director of student affairs; Dr. Glenn C. Couch, dean of University College; Dr. John E. Fellows, dean of admissions and records; and Emil R. Kraettli, secretary of the University.

Several other scholarships and loan funds exist at the University. Many are available through the thoughtfulness of University of Oklahoma Alums.

Sooner Sports

Spring Football Drills Begin

Shooting for more speed in the backfield and better forward passing, Coach Charles "Bud" Wilkinson launched Oklahoma's spring football drills late in February at Owen field.

Bill Price of Norman, freshman quarterback of the 1945 season just returned from service; Jim Coker, guard from Arkansas City, Kansas, who was on the strong Sooner freshman team of 1942, Tackle Joe Leguene of Tyler, Texas, and Quarterback Claude Arnold of Okmulgee all are in the Sooner spring drills. Price is the son of the late King Prince, '25, Norman insurance man and All-Valley end for Coach Bennie Owen's 1923 Sooners.

Al Needs of El Reno, who as a speedy freshman halfback in 1945 showed talent as a pass defense man, pass receiver and scrimmage runner (Needs ran back an intercepted Kansas State pass 100 yards to a touchdown at Manhattan, Kansas that year to set an All-time O.U. record) is expected back next fall.

"We spent the first week working with the freshmen and other new candidates, trying to acquaint them with our system and bring them up to the level of the varsity. Both squads will work together the last five weeks," Wilkinson explained.

Courty Clicks in Clutches

The hustling team play of Paul "Lefty" Courty, Oklahoma's big frown-faced, hump-shouldered junior forward, is the biggest factor in the clinging of Coach Bruce Drake's new Oklahoma club to a contender's role in the Big Seven conference basketball race this season.

With the bubbling Courty the only returning Sooner regular from last year, this was supposed to be the rebuilding year at Oklahoma. But the Courty-powered Sooners still stay in the Big Seven running. The hustling hookarm kept them there when his 20-footer, fired in the last three seconds of a tumultuous battle at Manhattan, Kansas, recently gave Oklahoma a 49-47 upset win over the league-leading Kansas State team whose season's record stood at 15-2.

Sooners Upset Aggies!

Coach Bruce Drake's Oklahoma Sooners defeated the Oklahoma A.&M. Aggies, 37-28, in a startling upset February 24 in Norman. The Sooners completely stymied the Aggie offense and led throughout most of the game. Ranked close to the top among the nation's best college teams, the Aggies suffered their most decisive defeat of the season. Their previous record was 23 wins, 2 losses.

All O.U. students, excepting lawyers, were given free cuts Wednesday, February 25 to celebrate the victory.

Coach Drake's improvement of Courty's defensive play this year has lifted the Sooner lefty to the status of a player virtually without a weakness. Courty held Kendall Hills, Colorado ace, to one goal at Norman and stopped Verne Yates of Oklahoma A & M with two at Stillwater. He blanked his man in the Wisconsin and Nebraska games.

Courty is Oklahoma's most gifted performer in modern times in that important but least-publicized of all departments—rebounding. Like a

busy hockey goalie, Courty has made a million back-board saves. He wiped 18 defensive rebounds off the boards against Southern Methodist. Against Nebraska here recently he shagged ten missed Oklahoma shots off the offensive board—an unusual feat. His feeding of Sooner fast breaks off his defensive rebounding is outstanding.

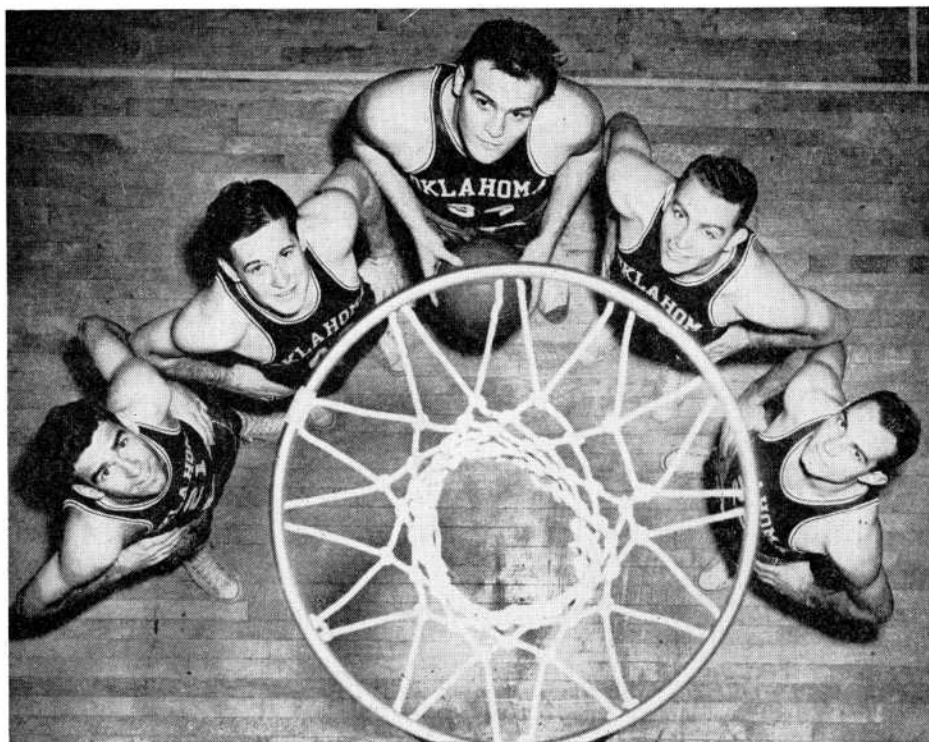
He is a deft passer on what is perhaps the Big Seven's smoothest passing club. He's a topflight dribbler who snags many a goal prowling the baseline with his left-handed ball-bouncing. He's got the size—6-3 and 187 pounds—and yet possesses the speed to keep him in the front line of the Sooner fast breaks, and stamina to play 40 minutes if he has to. He's always in shape. He can move in and play the post as Wisconsin's Big Nine champions discovered last year. He is a deadshot free-tosser, having hit 30 of 36 for 83.3 percent in Big Seven play.

Nobody will argue about Courty's scoring potential. As a freshman in 1946 he was second in the Big Six to the veteran Charley Black of Kansas. This year he has averaged 12.5 and leads the Big Seven in scoring. But he isn't a scatter-arm shooter. He always looks first for an open team mate with a better shooting angle.

He is a dangerous scorer off fast breaks, or from a set position, or even when fiercely beset by a guard. His left-handed jump shot is virtually unguardable. His left-handed set shot from way out is always on or in the ring. His feat last Saturday of hooping 20 points against powerful Kansas State on the Wildcats' home court showed what he can do under fire.

Courty is an excellent "clutch" performer. He won last week's Kansas State game for Oklahoma by canning a long goal in the last three seconds. He coolly hooped a longie from the corner in the last nine seconds against Kansas at Lawrence for what should have been the game-clinching bucket but was robbed of the hero's mantle when a Kansas player scored from center in the final three seconds. He hates to lose and plays his best ball when the pressure blows hottest.

The Sooners call Courty's pet shot everything from "The Radar Shot" to "Courty's Folly."



That's Bill Waters, O.U.'s huge sophomore star center, holding the ball and surrounded by four of his Sooner teammates. From left to right are Paul Merchant, Paul Courty, Waters, Harly Day and Ken Pryor. Coach Bruce Drake's athletes pulled one of the nation's biggest upsets of the season when they soundly spanked the proud Aggies from Oklahoma A.&M., 37-28, in Norman February 24.