

Drama in the Decathlon

Bill Weaver, Oklahoma's 168-pound drama student, lacks about 30 pounds having the size of such American decathlon greats as Jim Thorpe, Jim Bausch and Glenn Morris but his victory recently in the Colorado Indoor Relays septathlon indicates he is possible Olympic timber.

John Jacobs, for the past 26 years Sooner track coach, thinks Weaver is big enough. "I'm not worried so much about his size. What he needs is more form, especially in the weight events," opines Jacobs who in 1928 put Tom Churchill, husky Oklahoma sophomore, in the Olympic decathlon.

"I've always thought a jumper-hurdler type of track man is the best decathlon material," says Jacobs. "I'll admit that a big man who can also pole vault and high jump makes a dandy, but the jumper-hurdler type should not only be tops in the broad jump, high jump, pole vault and hurdles, but he should usually beat a bigger man in the three races, the 100, 400 and 1,500 meters runs.

"The only event Weaver isn't 'horse' enough to do well in is the shot put. But he's big enough to do lot better than he has in the javelin and discus. Those events are nearly all form anyhow. Bill is big enough to do 135 feet in the discus and 185 in the javelin if he digs in and learns the form," the Sooner coach declared.

At Boulder, Weaver's marks were: 60 meters 7.2 seconds, 60 meters high hurdles 8.5 seconds, 400 meters 53.7 seconds, pole vault 11-6, broad jump 22-2½, shot put 38-7 and high jump 6-0½.

"I just felt kinda right," Weaver explained his Colorado victory, first he ever won in an all-around test. He was tired after the pole vault, clearing 11 feet, 11-3 and 11-6 on his third and last trial.

Churchill's marks at Amsterdam were: 100 meters 11.6, 110 meters hurdles 16.8, 400 meters 51.6, 1,500 meters 4:55, pole vault 11-9¾, broad jump 20-8½, high jump 5-6½, shot put 39-10, discus 124-0 and javelin 165.

In the Kansas Relays, which annually attracts big name tracksters from all parts of the nation, Weaver finished fourth in the decathlon with 6535 points. Charles Baker, former University of Ar-

kansas athlete, won the championship with 6,730 points. The relays finals were held at Lawrence on April 17.



BILL WEAVER
Athletic Actor.

Correspondence . . .

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Dear Ted,

I was sorry to miss seeing you on my recent visit to O.U. enroute to New York from the West Coast.

Publicity in connection with the Sipuel case has disturbed me, but discussions with some of my old faculty friends reassured me as did the very fine reporting on the case by staff member Larry Stephenson in the January issue of *Sooner*. Particularly interesting were the poll figures which seemed to indicate the broadening effects of education at O.U. I showed this article to an editor friend at the *New York Herald-Tribune* and you will be interested to know that the *Tribune* referred to the *Sooner* article in a piece on its page devoted to college happenings. The clipping read:

The probability that a white student will favor admission of Negroes to a university law school increases in proportion to the number of years the student has attended the university, according to a Gallup-type survey made at the University of Oklahoma while the case of Mrs. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher was before the United States Supreme Court.

Mrs. Fisher, Negro graduate of Langston University, has applied for admission to the University of Oklahoma Law School. The percentage of freshmen favoring her admission was 29.7; of sophomores, 40.8; of juniors, 49.5; of seniors, 54, and of graduate students, 63.5. The survey was made by Larry Stephenson, staff writer for Sooner Magazine, university alumni publication.

Not so reassuring, however, was your pro-con column in the February issue of *Sooner Magazine* in which J. G. Loeffler's letter was printed as representative of alumni who opposed Mrs. Fisher's entrance. Particularly ill-advised was the reproduction of this letter since it implies that Loeffler is speaking for Washington alumni as a group. I cannot imagine the Washington alumni group or any alumni group sanctioning such a letter, regardless of differences in opinion as to the solution of the problems raised by this case. The intolerance and arrogance expressed in Loeffler's letter would certainly contribute nothing to a better understanding of the case and could hinder the efforts of Southern groups who are working for better inter-racial relations if it were given wide publicity. As a student of human relations, I have found that problems of this type are not solved through emotionalism, but only through objectivity and understanding. I am a Southerner who has seen a good deal of the world and its cultures and believe that intolerance and prejudice are inconsistent with Christianity, as well as American tradition, and should be combatted as strenuously as other forms of un-Americanism.

If our educational institutions do not help students to overcome intolerance and prejudice, I cannot see much hope for the Democratic world for which we are struggling.

Times like these demand unity, not division.
Very sincerely yours, Jessie Bloodworth, '20ba.
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Mount Ranier, Maryland

Editor's note: Results of the survey of student opinion directed by *Sooner* staff writer Larry Stephenson in regard to the Sipuel Case have been published widely. Mention was made in the March issue of *College and University Business*, published monthly by the Nation's Schools Publishing Company of Chicago.

Dear Mr. Beard:

Just want to express my appreciation for the good story on the Sipuel case in your January issue.

However, I would like to say in connection with

Sooner Snake Slayers

It takes courage, daring and plenty of know-how to trap and slay a rattlesnake, especially if you're an inexperienced reptile killer like President Cross.

However, Dr. Cross was cited for "bravery" by civic leaders of Okeene, the home of the nation's most unusual sporting event—rattlesnake hunting. Kenneth Harris, '39ba, public relations assistant to the president; Bill Morgan, production manager of station WNAD, and Dr. Cross went to Okeene for a radio show over the University station.

The trio received citations which read, "With his bare hands, fearlessly succeeded in catching alive a most vicious, man-killing rattlesnake—thereby proving to the world that he has more guts than horse-sense." The "certificates for gallantry," presented by the city's Junior Chamber of Commerce, are dated March 11, 1948.

The Okeene snakesters present were Earl Records, Leonard Butler, George Green Jr., Gene Gerkin, Clarence Westfal, Johnny Walker and George Dusbabke.

The commendation entitles the University dignitaries to membership in the International Association of Rattlesnake Hunters.

Also presented were five memberships into the group. John W. Dunn, director of WNAD; Frank Baker, chief announcer at the University station, and Lyle Copmann, Oxford, Kansas, editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, were admitted from the University. Two Norman citizens, B. E. Massey, a national director of the Jaycees, and Estel Hart were made members of the association.

In addition to the citations, they were presented with skins of the snakes they allegedly captured, mounted on cloth strips. The reptiles averaged 4½ feet in length, with approximately 10 rattlers.

Sooner Gridsters Take to Air

With the emphasis on forward passing, Coach Charles "Bud" Wilkinson's Oklahoma spring football squad is hard at work.

Known for their great passing clubs under Benjie Owen 1914-20, under Ad Lindsey in 1931 and under Tom Stidham 1937-40, the Sooners have leaned far more heavily on rushing with installation of the split-T formation.

Claude Arnold, rangy Okmulgee youth, Darrell Royal, letterman from Hollis; Bill Price, letterman from Norman, and Joe Cunningham, Purcell freshman, are all hitting the target nicely from quarterback and in Jim Owens of Oklahoma City, Bobby Goad of Muskogee, Reece McGee of Norman and Ken Tipps of Oklahoma City the squad has good receivers.

Pendleton Attends Inauguration

Richard T. Pendleton, '26law, recently attended the inauguration of James L. Zwingle as President of Park College, Parkville, Missouri. While there, he visited with Dr. J. F. Findlay, former Dean of Men at the University and now at Drury College.

Pendleton is Trust Officer at the City National Bank and Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. E. D. Meacham, '14ba, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor in mathematics, addressed a conference of all state university liberal arts deans in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, on April 20 to 25. The subject of Dr. Meacham's talk was "Is There a Place for Applied Music in a College of Liberal Arts?"

the second of the two letters on this subject in the February issue that there is a range of opinion among alumni in the Washington area. Mr. Loeffler speaks for some, not for all. I have heard both pro and con. To my knowledge, the alumni here have taken no action and made no statement as a group. Speaking only for myself, I don't agree with that letter at all.

Best regards. I do enjoy all the news in *Sooner Magazine*.

Sincerely yours, Frances Hunt, '29ba.

Brooklyn, New York

Dear Ted:

Wish I could be of more help in response to your letter of March 5. All I have to offer this time is as follows:

Miss M. Frances Adams, '42ms, is a medical editor for the publishing firm, Appleton Century Croft, in New York City.

Dr. Aloha Hannah, '41ms (Ph.D. University of California) is working on genetical research problems with Dr. Muller at Bloomington, Indiana. I believe she is intending to attend the International Genetics Conferences to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, this summer. Will be returning to the United States in August and hopes to spend some time with me either before she leaves or upon her return.

Miss Adams and I have signed a lease for a four room apartment out in Bellerose, Long Island. In another month or six weeks we will join that harried horde of grim commuters who shuffled in and out of New York proper.

Incidentally, I would appreciate knowing how to get in touch with the O.U. Alumni Association branch here in New York.

Sincerely, Kathryn L. Beck, '41bs.

Van Nuys, California

Dear Ted:

Your letter regarding the 25th anniversary of the class of '23 will effect a change in my plans. I had intended to drive to Norman about the 10th of June, but will now make it there by May 30th.

As my wife and child probably will not be with me, I shall have room in the car for two or three others. So if there are any of my classmates, either here in California or along the road to Oklahoma, who might like a ride to Norman, please have them drop me a line. Sorry I have no phone but it is still impossible to get one.

Will see you May 30th.

Sincerely, Leo E. Whistler, '23ba, 8505 Kester Avenue, Van Nuys, California.

Alameda, California

Dear Ted:

Here's that letter you've been asking for. I've been writing it for several days and found that it looked too butchered up to send so am retyping it. Anyhow, Ted, thanks for the appeal for news, but I'm sure none of my wanderings will be of much interest alongside the travels of some of our more illustrious graduates. Also, goodluck to all the returned veterans at O.U. I imagine I'd be quite surprised to see all the changes that have taken place since the V-12's were in reign there.

No doubt you are well aware of our new chapter club here in Frisco, I'm getting all kinds of literature on it; we had a pretty good turn out and I hope it mushrooms into a booming activity. Needless to say I was the only native Californian there, and I received my share of the kidding. We all had one thing in common, though, and that was a fond regard for O.U.

Here's some dope on a few of the grads around here whom I know. Glen Cato is in the insurance game here in San Francisco; D. W. Frey is with the East Bay Utilities Company in Oakland, and not married yet; Bill Kirth, the past electronic quiz kid of Tappan's, is over in Sacramento in his dad's skating rink, married; Bob Laughead is working for the PGE over in Stockton, married, one daughter; and Owen Centers is working for the Standard

Oil of California over in Richmond. He also is married.

As for myself, Ted, after spending a year in the Japanese empire and five months in Manila, the Navy finally returned me to my native land. I really did like Japan as far as the duty, climate, recreation facilities, that I extended my contract with the Navy for another year and had my wife brought out there. Boy, what a day that was! Leah took a ship as far as Guam and there took to the air and flew the rest of the way. She was the first Navy dependent (or Army, too) to fly into Japan, exclusive of Mrs. MacArthur; and as such, NATS publicized it all over the country. That was October 17, 1946.

Of course we brought back lots of souvenirs, but our most cherished possessions are our rattan furniture. We purchased 27 pieces for a little over \$600. The same lot would cost about \$3,000 here on the west coast.

My job here at Alameda is as an assistant supply officer to the Alameda Group Pacific Reserve Fleet. It is called the moth ball fleet. It is a never ending job and I'd hate to try and put one of our ships back in commission in the event of an emergency, as we're way undermanned.

Well, Ted, my private secretary has chow on the table so will have to close for now. In closing I want to say that I really appreciate all the good that comes out of your office and I really enjoy the *Sooner* every month.

Sincerely yours, Steven M. Little, '45eng.

Powder Springs, Georgia

Dear Ted:

Wish I could write a long letter but am afraid I cannot. We have been staying at home lately and liking it. You see, a fine little man came to live at our house December 30, and we have been pretty busy keeping him warm and fed and clothed. Haven't seen a *Sooner* since my sister, Mildred Coston Hosford, '34bus, Washington, came by for about fifteen minutes or so last summer.

Still doing the same thing, engineer for the F. C. C.

Sincerely, Earl Coston, '26

New York, New York

Dear Ted:

I have been trying to find time all year to let you know how much I have enjoyed the *Sooner* since I strayed so far from the old stomping grounds. It has always been wonderful getting news from school, but it has taken on added meaning now that I find myself in a group that seems to include people from all over the world except Oklahoma. I've been holding my own but these Yankees have given me a hard time on some occasions.

There are a few other O.U.'ers around here that I have found, so I'll give you some information on them.

Patricia Cole, '45ba, Okmulgee, is now an assistant buyer in the fashion department of Lord and Taylor, New York.

Betty Joyce Cole, '42ba, Okmulgee, is a model for John Powers in New York.

Jerry Lee, '42-'46, Norman, is a stewardess for American Airlines and is at present stationed in New York.

Jack Richards, '47eng, Norman, is doing research for the Texas Company in Fishkill, New York.

Guess that's about all I know, if there are any others around here I would certainly like to see them before I leave. If all goes well, I hope to have my work completed for a M. A. in June, and what happens after that is anybody's guess—I wish I knew.

Sincerely yours, Bondie Knight, '45ba

Long Beach, California

Dear Ted:

Through the press I have heard of your activities from time to time. We have had a kindred interest through the years: In the affairs of the University of Oklahoma Association, in Rotary, in the American Legion, and (if you will pardon the expression) as a fellow "re-tread," we have shared interests.

Last August I spent a few days in Oklahoma on business and had a brief pleasure visit, during which I attended the meeting of the Last Man's Club at the time of the department convention. Except for the boys I saw that night I did not get to see any of the old friends whom I have known



Miss Barbara Christian, '43ba, formerly of Oklahoma City and now a chief stewardess for American Airlines in Dallas, Texas, receives a gold five-year pin from Tull Rea, manager of operations, Dallas. Miss Christian, who started her career with American in Oklahoma City in 1944, attended Classen High School in Oklahoma City.

in the Legion for so many years. . . Did they continue issuing those cards with the stars showing constant membership? If so, I would like to get mine brought up to date. I am a charter member of Post No. 91 at Weatherford and never missed a year—having belonged to posts at Norman (Fletcher Odell Pledger No. 88), Thomas (No. 6), Hollis and Hobart (where I continue as a member of No. 117). I mention this to you since I see you are again serving as membership chairman for the department.

Recently it fell my lot to furnish some punishment for the program at a luncheon of a newly formed Rotary Club out here. It reminded me of many pleasant memories with the Hobart Club in the old Nash Hotel where for some ten years I broke bread with a lively group—enjoyed inter-city meetings and enjoyed trips to district conferences.

Back in the service I found a busy tour of duty, the first two and one-half years being that of helping to train cadets in pre-flight. Following that I became a knight of the grip both in the zone of the interior and across North Africa and the Near East as far as Persia. Then a jump back to the U. S. and out to the islands of the Pacific where I was attached to GHQ for some eight months. In this duty I was traveling almost constantly—including in Japan and Korea. For a morning I dropped in on the trial of Yamashita and on one occasion I had a close view of Hirohito.

For more than a year after returning to civilian life I served in the Los Angeles Regional Office, but was able to get to the field office on the campus at Southern Cal for about six months, which was a very happy assignment in many ways—especially since C. E., Jr., and I could commute together. He is a sophomore. He served more than two years in the Navy during the war, and Ferne was left alone while both of us were away. Presently my responsibility is in the Long Beach office where I do not have as many direct contacts with veterans.

This is really an opportunity for service and could be described as "Between Tears and Laughter." As you know, most of our work is with disabled men, the most of whom have been out there where the going was rough—and my service is that of a functionary for a grateful government. So many coincidences arise. I'll tell you one. I served one young chap named Silas Wolf who for a long time was a P.O.W. in Japan. At each conference his charming wife was present and it developed that Si is the son of Key Wolf, who married a sister of Trim and Fred Capshaw. Key played guard

or tackle for the Sooners on old Boyd Field. Si, though commercially blind, chuckles as he relates his experiences with his Jap guards on Kyushu.

As I have visited the campuses of many of the universities and colleges of other countries in addition to many of them here, I am more proud of the Sooner school than ever. The comparison makes for a balance of understanding which reveals O.U. in a favorable position with any of them. Out here where Steinbeck so ably misrepresented Oklahoma, we Sooners are proud to mention our Alma Mater.

We have always hoped that C. E., Jr., might some day attend O.U., but so far we have been D.P.s from World War II.

Cordially and sincerely, Charlie E. Forbes, '22ba, '25ma.

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New York City

Dear Ted:

Here is that belated letter I promised you some time ago. Since I received your last letter requesting information on Oklahomans in New York, I have run into quite a few old O.U.ers.

Recently I visited the Associated Press office downtown where Francis Stilley, '42ba, has an extremely responsible position in the wire association. He is night editor. All the New York copy that is sent throughout the nation passes through his hands for his O.K. He has done mighty well in his field since he left Oklahoma.

I met some other Sooners at the AP office, too. George Cornell, '43ba, works on the night desk with Francis. He has been writing a book about the Philippine Islands, entitled *That Man Roxas*, but it is not yet finished. He obtained the material for his book when he was stationed in the Pacific as an Army officer. He edited the *Daily Pacifican*, an Army publication.

Here's some stuff on non-journalists:

I recently talked to Morris Haggard, who attended O.U. last year and was a Sig Ep there. He is secretary to the operating manager of the Pope Talbot Inc. Steamship Line. He has been spending all his time during the past six months looking for an apartment. He says he is "tired of living in a hovel," his 2x4 room.

Two weeks ago I ran into Don James on 44th Street. He told me he was graduated from O.U. last winter, getting a degree in electrical engineering. He has been employed by Western Union and was attending for a few weeks a course given by the company for its employees. After his schooling,

which he has probably completed by this time, he expected to be sent to Kansas City or Boston for permanent work. He was with his wife, Rachael Lytle Jones, '46bus.

Last Wednesday I attended the Phillips 66-Kentucky Olympics championship game at the Garden. As you know, the Oilers won, 53 to 49. I chatted with Gerald Tucker and Dick Reich for a while; also with ex-Aggie Kurland. They played beautiful basketball that evening. Tucker contributed nine points to the Oilers' total. He played most of the game. Reich did not get in as much as Tuck, but he was also good. He picked up a field goal and a free throw.

Oh, yes, I almost forgot something. Let us go back to journalism for a minute. Francis Stilley told me that Charlie Brown, '33ba, '34ma, former O.U. journalism professor, but now at Penn U., visited him recently.

That gets it, Ted. I think I have exhausted all the information I have to tell. I am slated for graduation in June. I am still not certain where I will end up.

Here is one more news item, Ted, that I almost overlooked. John Forston, '34ba, recently accepted a position with the N. W. Ayre advertising firm. He was formerly public relations director of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ. When he was at O.U., he edited the *Oklahoma Daily*.

Sincerely, Bud Baer, '47journ.

Albert Kulp Takes New Law Job

Albert G. Kulp, '34law, was recently appointed general counsel for the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Kulp is the son of Dr. Victor H. Kulp, professor of law, and author of many books on oil and gas law. He has corroborated with his father in the publication of the first edition of Kulp's *Cases on Oil and Gas Law* and in the *Digest of Oil And Gas Decisions*.

Mr. Kulp has resigned his position as a member of the legal department of the American Airlines to form a partnership with Paul Pinson and O. L. Lupardus, formerly of Tulsa. During the war years he was on duty in the Judge Advocate General's department.

The newly organized firm of Kulp, Pinson and Lupardus will represent Oklahoma Natural Gas Company and will engage in the general law practice. Their office will be located in the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company Building.



Alumni business and professional men usually make the Biltmore Hotel their headquarters when in Oklahoma City. After completing work on a project recently, the above men were snapped in an informal pose. They are, left to right, Raymond R. White, '41m.com.ed, associate professor of secretarial sciences at O.U.; Dr. C. Dan Procter, '36m.ed, '43Ph.D, president of Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha; George D. Hann, '36m.ed, superintendent of schools at Ardmore, and J. Phil Burns, '27ba, Fairview businessman.