

Sooner Sports

Youthful Baseballers Compete

Bodies, apparently lifeless, occupied campus grounds near Owen Field during late April. However, it was no mortician's holiday—it happened to be high school youths, resting after a tiring day of baseball on a few of the many baseball diamonds especially laid out for the 42nd annual Oklahoma High School Baseball Tournament. Seventy-five teams from all parts of Oklahoma took part in the competition.

More than 1,000 amateur Babe Ruths were participating in the three-day diamond marathon. The housing problem had a solution. It was found by the ingenious youngsters. Those who could not find accommodations at South Base barracks decided to "rough it," and neither rain nor hard ground dampened their high spirits.

Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City, won the class A title; Byng, in class B.

Ping Pongers Paddle at O.U.

Revived for the first time since war forced its abandonment seven years ago, the National Collegiate Table Tennis Tournament came to the University May 22 and 23 (after the *May Sooner* had gone to press).

The event was sponsored by the University intramural department, Bennie Owen, director. Tables and lights were sent by the Association to Norman and installed in the Sooner Fieldhouse, where the tourney was held.

Stan Rubenstein of Alton, Illinois, Sooner Number 1 man who recently returned from the National Open Tournament, where he lost to Don McCloskey of St. Louis, ranked 20th nationally, was to play in the tournament. Also entered, was Paul Darrough, Jr., whose father, Paul G. Darrough, '13ba, '15law, Oklahoma City, is former state tennis champion.

Rubenstein holds the Oklahoma Open, Oklahoma City championship and University intramural singles titles. Darrough teamed with Paul Usher to win the University doubles crown.

The National Collegiate Table Tennis Tournament was held for the first time in 1939, with Don Kreer and Abbott Nelson of Princeton winning. In 1940 Izy Bellas and L. Sarnar of Penn State won. In 1941 George and Don Hendry of Culver-Stockton copped high honors. There has been no tourney since that date.

Sooner Boxers Honored

For the first time in history, letter jackets were given to boxing team members at a banquet honoring them in the Rose Room of the Union.

Five members of Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster's ('22ba, '22law) undefeated team received the jackets. Awarded by the intramural department, they were presented to Lahman Jones, Nelson Escue, Bob Thomas, Tommy Taylor and Karl Malthaner. Trainer Houston DeFord also received one of the coveted awards.

Johnny Campbell, who was out part of the season, received the *Oklahoma Daily's* "outstanding boxer" award from Roy Jennings, *Daily* sports editor. Campbell reached the semifinals of the Oklahoma City Golden Gloves tournament before losing out in a split decision match to Sammy Jones, who won the tourney. Campbell finished the season with a five won and one lost record.

The Sooner boxers had 51 fights, winning 35 and losing 16 for a .686 average.

The team won five dual meets from some strong competition in Oklahoma and Texas. Among the opposition were the Oklahoma City Boxing Club; North Texas Teachers College of Denton, Texas; Anadarko Boxing Club and the Tulsa Boxing Club.

Lahman Jones, 126 pounder, finished on the long end of six out of seven bouts, winning the Ardmore district tournament. Malthaner won six bouts while losing two, fighting as a lightweight. He won the Oklahoma City novice tournament and the Ardmore district meet.

Lightweight Nelson Escue was the winner in four of his seven bouts. Welterweight Bob Thomas, the busiest man on the squad, had nine bouts, winning six and losing three. Middleweight Tommy Taylor sports a six won and two lost record.

Guests at the banquet were Bennie Owen, director of intramurals; Paul Keen, assistant director of intramurals, and Pete Rice, *Daily Oklahoman* sports writer.

Two Stations Will Air Grid Games

Sooner football fans will be able to follow the squad's career this fall over two radio stations, KOMA of Oklahoma City, and the University station, WNAD. KOMA, CBS's 50,000-watt outlet, will broadcast the entire 1948 football schedule for the sixth straight year. WNAD will originate home games and carry all the others.

Curt Gowdy, KOMA sports director, will continue as announcer for these events. Jack Payne, radio senior from Okemah, will again act as the University sportscaster.

The complete grid schedule for 1948 is:
September 25, Santa Clara at San Francisco.
October 2, Texas Aggies at Norman.
October 9, Texas at Dallas.
October 16, Kansas State at Norman (Dad's Day)
October 23, Texas Christian at Fort Worth.
October 30, Iowa State at Ames.
November 6, Missouri at Norman (Homecoming).
November 13, Nebraska at Norman.
November 20, Kansas at Lawrence.
November 27, Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.

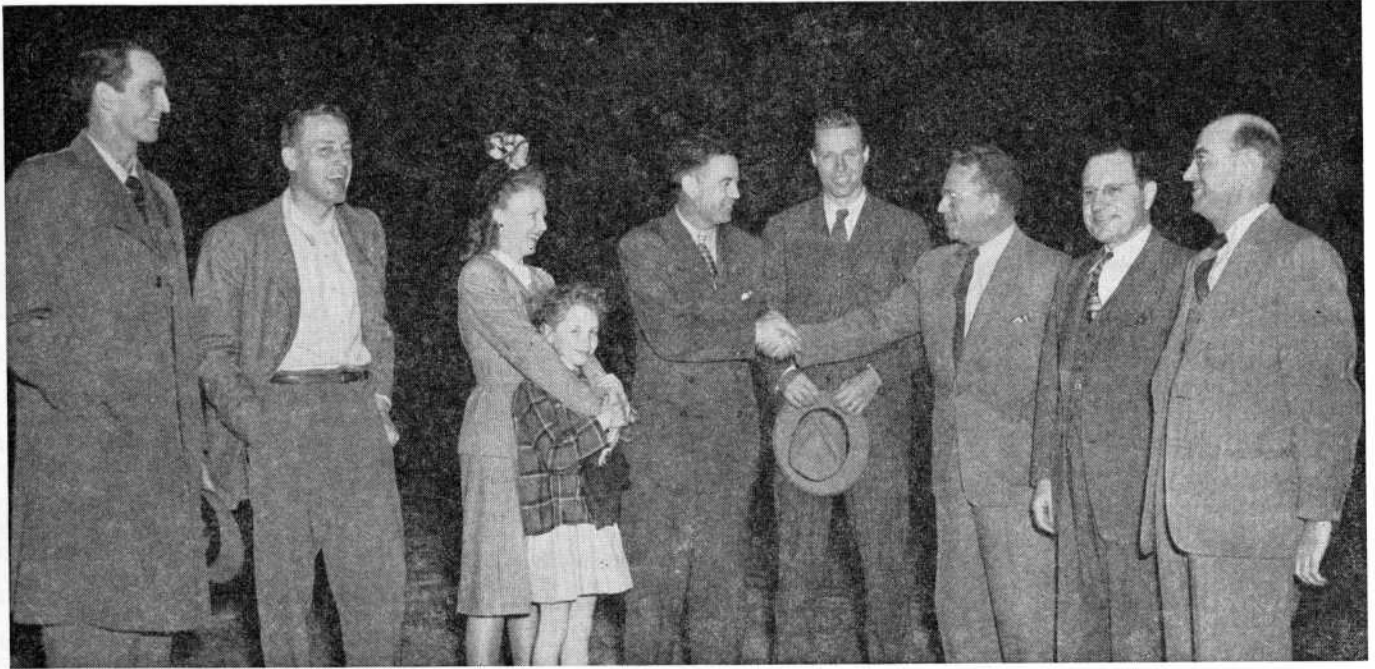
Wilkinson Is Athletic Director

Charles "Bud" Wilkinson, University head football coach, was named athletic director at a recent meeting of the Board of Regents. His appointment became effective May 1.

Wilkinson, who has handled the role of acting director of athletics since the resignation of Lawrence "Jap" Haskell in April, 1947, will continue as football coach. The new appointment will carry no increase in salary, President Cross said.



John Gough, O.U.'s 6-foot 3-inch hop step and jump specialist from Canada, has won the Kansas and Drake relay titles and now is the best Sooner prospect for a position on the United States Olympic team. Gough, who hits close to 47 feet consistently, was trailed by teammate Hobo Gilstrap who placed second at the Kansas event and third at Drake.



It was a big day in Bartlesville when the World Champion Phillips 66 basketball team returned from its title-winning New York journey. Taking part in the homecoming are, left to right, Gerald Tucker, '40-'43-'47; Bill Martin, '38bus; Mrs. Bud Browning; Kay Ellen Browning; Bud Browning, '37ed; Dick Reich, '47bs; D. Edward "Bill" Hodges, '25ba, '27law; Rabin Foster, and G. M. Roberts, '27ba, '28ma, superintendent of Bartlesville schools.

Bartlesville Honors World Champs

Fanfare, parades and all of Bartlesville greeted the World Champion Phillips 66 basketball squad when it returned there in late April from the victorious New York trip. A giant celebration in the City Stadium was held in honor of the players.

Businesses barred their doors for the celebration and the Bartlesville High School band led a parade downtown prior to the activities at the Stadium. It also played during the celebration.

Five team members were chosen for the Olympics squads and three alternates were named. Going to the sports festival are Bob Kurland, Cab Renick, Gordon Carpenter, R. C. Pitts and Lou Beck. Gerald Tucker, '40-'43-'47, Marty Nash and Ed Beiser were chosen alternates.

The 66ers won the World Championship basketball title in New York by defeating Kentucky University, 53-49.

Grants for Cancer Research

Grants for research totaling \$15,075 have been approved by the American Cancer Society to the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. Dr. Mark Everett and his associates, Dr. Marvin E. Shetlar, Mrs. Janeal Foster and Keith Kelly, will be awarded \$11,575 to continue research into the behavior of complex sugars in the blood stream and relation of the sugars to cancer and other diseases.

A grant of \$3,500 was received by Dr. J. M. Thuringer and Dr. Zola Cooper for work on the epidermis cell division ratios as related to cancer. Dr. Thuringer discovered in 1924 that the lower stratum of epidermis is not the germinal layer as was popularly taught. He learned that cells in each separate layer germinate their own growth.

Working with this principle, Thuringer and Cooper have discovered that there are two types of cancer tumor which affect epidermis. They are the Squamous cell carcinoma, which responds only to surgery, and basal cell carcinoma, which may be treated by X-ray, radium or surgery.

The grants were awarded at an April luncheon in the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City. W. G. Skelly, president of Oklahoma division of A.C.S., made the presentations.

Students Chat With Famous Visitors

More than 5,000 University students heard experts in various vocations speak on job opportunity and qualifications at the eighth annual Career Conference, held during late April on the O. U. campus.

Regular classes were noticeably smaller as eds and coeds alike attended the lectures given by the professionals. Interviews were available with any of the speakers.

The gigantic program was launched by Dr. Harry Kitson, professor of education, Columbia University, who spoke on "How to Choose Your Vocation." Highlights of the event included a bridal session, featuring a style show presented by Neiman-Marcus, Dallas; a B.M.O.C. (Big Men on Campus) luncheon, honoring the top 82 men students, and a B.W.O.C. banquet, presenting the 75 coeds considered the cream of the University crop.

Speakers and their topics included: Education—Dr. Herbert B. Bruner, superintendent of schools, Oklahoma City; Aviation, O. M. Mosier, vice-president, American Airlines; Christian Vocations—the Rev. Parr Armstrong, executive secretary, Oklahoma City Council of Churches; Public Relations—Joseph W. Hicks, '23ba, Chicago public relations council.

Labor Relations—Charles Kothe, '38law, president, Oklahoma Junior Chamber of Commerce; Journalism—Mike Gorman and Mrs. Gorman, (Ernestine Brown, '39journ), Oklahoma Publishing Company, Oklahoma City; Library Science—Mrs. Frances T. Smith, Oklahoma City librarian; Fashion Advertising—Mary Jane Jones, associate job editor, *Glamour* magazine; Radio—Kenneth G. Bartlett, Radio Workshop, Syracuse University; Art—Thomas Hart Benton, noted American artist from Missouri; Marriage—Dr. LeMon Clark, '40-'41, Oklahoma City.

Psychology—Fred McKinney, University of Missouri; Government Jobs—Henry Reining, Jr., University of Southern California; Drama—Theodore Viehman, director, The Little Theater, Tulsa; Geology—Taylor Cole, Cole-Darden Oil Company, Midland, Texas.

Laboratory Technologists—Ida L. Wallace, president, American Society of Medical Technologists; Extra-Curricular Activities—John Ben Shepperd,

president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce; Music—Victor Alessandro, director, Oklahoma State Symphony Orchestra; Home Economics—Margaret L. Mitchell, vice-president in charge of food production, Stouffer Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Rev. William Alexander, minister of the First Christian Church, Oklahoma City, was speaker at the B.M.O.C. luncheon. B.W.O.C.s heard Helen M. Hosp, associate on the national staff of the American Association of University Women, Washington, D. C.

Ellen Rowe Brillhart, Madill, was the chairman of the 1948 Career Conference. On her central committee were Marty Rowsey, Muskogee, secretary, and Agnes Vernon, treasurer.

Other assistants were Mary Lou Stewart, Oklahoma City, and Tracy Kelly, Bristow, hospitality co-chairmen; Mary Lou Hedley, Wewoka, marriage chairman; Sue Alice Grantham, Ryan, who had charge of inviting outstanding state high school students.

Bessie Sue Brown, Duncan, and Tom Goodwin, Oklahoma City, arrangements; Sally Atkinson, Niles, Michigan, and Howard Smith, Muskogee, publicity; Ann Powledge, posters; Mrs. Bob Rutland (Peg Marchant), '47journ), Oklahoma City publicity correspondent.

Charlotte Frerichs, Okemah, B.W.O.C.; Miss Edith Mahier, professor of art, assistant in planning B.W.O.C., and Jim Smith, Oklahoma City, and Bob Lunsford, Cleveland, B.M.O.C.

Overseeing everything was Miss Dorothy Truex, Counselor of Women, for whom it was the first year as Conference sponsor.

"Natural Gas on the Threshold of New Horizons" was the subject on which A. L. Solliday, '25 geol, executive vice-president of Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, Tulsa, addressed a joint meeting of the Oklahoma City Friday Public Forum and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Solliday became vice-president of his firm early this year after serving four years as a director and vice-president in charge of operations.