

conducted by A. P. Murrah, '28Law, Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court, who substituted at the last moment for U. S. District Judge Bower Broaddus who was unable to attend.

The pre-trial conference is a discussion of the issues of a case by plaintiff and defendant prior to the actual trial wherein effort is made to settle as many issues as possible thereby saving trial time and expense. Recently this device has become more important in the state and for lawyers and embryo lawyers because of a state supreme court rule which established the procedure for the use of conferences in district courts.

Law School faculty present at the institute were Earl Sneed, '34ba, '37Law; Earl Warren, '36ba, '38Law; Maurice Merrill, '19ba, '22Law; Dale Vliet, '38Law, and Dean Keeton.

## 50 Service Awards Announced

The University will offer 50 service scholarships each semester beginning next fall, President Cross has announced.

Each recipient, who will receive \$75, will be required to perform four hours of service each week of the semester for which the scholarship is granted. His work will be in the department which offers his major field of study or interest. Awards will be made on the basis of scholastic record, character and need, Dr. Cross said.

Special consideration will be given to candidates showing promise of unusual ability in the arts, sciences or professional fields offered by the University. A student chosen for a scholarship will receive a renewal for an additional semester provided he shows at least a "C" average in the first semester's work.

Applications and records of candidates should be sent to Paul MacMinn, dean of students.

## New High Degree Offered

More graduate student psychologists are on the way at the University. State regents for higher education have approved a program leading to a doctor's degree in psychology, President Cross has announced.

The degree will be offered in general and clinical psychology and boosts to 11 the number of Ph.D. degrees set up in the graduate college. First students seeking the new honor are expected to enrol next summer or fall.

More courses of a higher level are planned in the expanded program. Library, laboratory and space facilities also are being enlarged. The psychology department's teaching staff now includes eight full-time members with doctor's degrees.

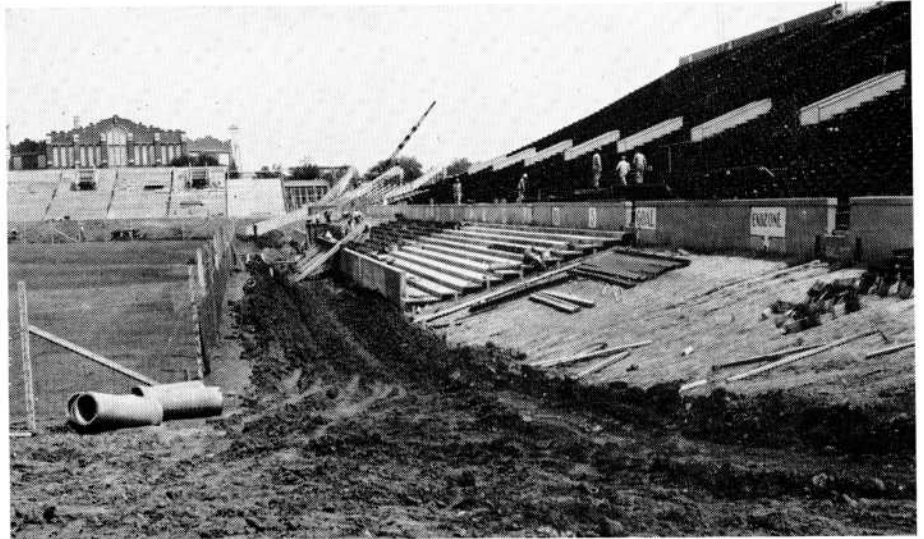
## College Moves to Seven Cities

University education professors are doing double duty these days.

To enable more graduates to work toward higher degrees, they conduct evening "in-service" classes in seven state cities. About 300 persons are now enrolled in the graduate courses, Dr. Frank A. Balyeat, director of education, said. Studies are offered through the extension division.

Cities sponsoring classes include Seminole, Antlers, Ardmore, Duncan, Holdenville, Oklahoma City and Yukon. "Others have requested the service," Balyeat said, "and we believe by fall the staff will be large enough to include them."

Students enrol for two to four credit hours and meet class one evening each week. They may receive up to eight hours of graduate requirements through in-service work.



*Pictured is a view of the new seats along the east sideline of O.U.'s new submerged football gridiron with new north wing construction in the background. The photo was taken May 10 and work has been continuing rapidly.*

## Wilkinson Will Coach All-Stars

Bud Wilkinson, football coach and athletic director, was named recently to coach the college All-Stars for their game against the Philadelphia Eagles, National League titleholders, in Chicago, August 12.

Wilkinson, former Minnesota guard and quarterback, becomes the first former all-star player to return to the Soldier field classic in Chicago as head coach. He called signals for the 1937 collegiate unit which defeated the Green Bay Packers, 6-0, for the first All-Star victory over the National league football champions.

Wilkinson also is the first Oklahoma coach ever selected to head the All-Star staff. Jim Lookabaugh of Oklahoma A.&M. and Henry Frnka, then at the University of Tulsa, served two years each on the All-Star staff, but neither was head coach.

Wilkinson's appointment was announced by Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune,

which sponsors the All-Star game for the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc.

According to a report carried in the Daily Oklahoman, "At Norman . . . Wilkinson said he is delighted over the chance to coach the All-Stars.

"I've attended practically everyone of the All-Star games and had the pleasure of playing in one of them," he said. "It will be a real thrill to coach the team."

Wilkinson's Sugar Bowl champs were rated as the best Oklahoma team in the school's history. After losing their opener to Santa Clara, 20-17, the Sooners went undefeated. They set two scoring records, one of 43.4 points a game in Big Seven competition and one of 36 for the entire season.

Wilkinson's two-season record with Oklahoma stands at 17 wins, three losses, and a tie. His 1947 team shared the conference championship with Kansas but his 1948 team ran through conference play undefeated.

The tall, blond coach acquired single wingback savvy from the University of Minnesota where he played guard for Bernie Bierman's 1934-35 teams and quarterback in 1936. Wilkinson picked up T-formation tactics from Missouri's Don Faurot, under whom he served as assistant at Iowa Pre-Flight in 1943.

Wilkinson's offense revolves around the quarterback, but unlike most T operatives, his field general must be a running back to whisk handoffs along the scrimmage line, sweep the ends and manipulate cutbacks.

His system also calls for guards to pull out and run interference and involves spinners and half-spinners by the quarterback.

Wilkinson entered the coaching field immediately after his last game as a player in the 1937 All-Star game. He served seven and a half years as an assistant in college and service football. In college, he tutored under Ossie Solem at Syracuse and at Minnesota under Dr. George Hauser, Bierman's wartime replacement. In the navy, he served with Faurot and Jim Tatum.

The non-football phase of his navy hitch involved service as a hangar deck officer on the air-



BUD WILKINSON  
All-Star Coach

craft carrier *Enterprise* and action at Iwo Jima, Kiushui, Okinawa and Tokyo.

A group of prominent coaches from other sections of the country have been selected to aid Wilkinson when the All-Stars report for practice at Northwestern University, July 23. They are Robert T. W. Voights, Northwestern, representing the middle west; Lefty James, Cornell, east; Bobby Dodd, Georgia Tech, south, and Jim Aiken, Oregon, far west.

Profits of the All-Star game are distributed equally among the United Charities, Catholic charities and Jewish charities of Chicago.

## O.U. Wins All-Sports Crown

Champions or runners-up in eight of the ten sports officially recognized by the conference, Oklahoma has won the Big Seven conference all-sports championship for the school year 1948-49.

Sooner sports teams coached by Bud Wilkinson, Bruce Drake, Jack Baer, John Jacobs, Port Robertson, Joe Glander and Walter Mead led the league tabulations by the top heavy margin of 14½ points over Missouri, the second place school.

Oklahoma had 21½, followed by Missouri with 36, Nebraska 37, Kansas 40½, Colorado 43, Iowa State 45 and Kansas State 57. It was the fourteenth time the Sooners have won this most accurate measure of a healthy all-around athletic program in the conference. Nebraska and Iowa State have won three times each, Kansas and Missouri once each.

Oklahoma peeled off titles in football and tennis and shared the basketball flag with Nebraska. Oklahoma was second in crosscountry, wrestling, swimming, golf and baseball.

Measuring North Carolina's undefeated football powerhouse 14-6 in the Sugar Bowl game, Coach Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma football team brought the Big Seven conference the greatest national prestige of its history. No Big Seven school has ever before won a major bowl game although three schools have been close to it, Nebraska losing the Rose Bowl to Stanford 13-21 in 1941, Missouri the Sugar Bowl to Fordham 0-2 in 1942, and Kansas the Orange Bowl to Georgia Tech 14-20 in 1948.

Oklahoma not only won the Sugar Bowl football game, but Coach Bruce Drake's Sooner basketball team carried the late-December conference tournament in Kansas City, Drake's Sooner golfers won the Colorado Intercollegiate tournament and Coach Walter Mead's Sooner tennis team grand-slammed the conference tennis tourney, winning all five singles and both doubles finals. Coach Joe Glander's Sooner swimmers swam off with the Oklahoma AAU senior championships.

Sooner individual feats were many. Jack Mitchell, quarterback, and Paul "Buddy" Burris, guard, were named on various first All-America

football teams. Bill Carroll's indoor vault of 14 feet 1 inch set a new record at the Central Intercollegiate meet at East Lansing, Michigan, and Carroll's 14-1 outdoors was a new Big Seven standard. Don McCloskey, Sooner sophomore swimmer, set a new league mark of 1:41.1 in the individual medley relay.

## Graduation Trims Squad

Baseball suffered the heaviest when some 2,100 graduates marched here June 6 in the annual Sooner commencement.

Coach Jack Baer lost all but two regulars off his starting team. The casualties included Catcher Bill Sims, First-baseman Paul "Lefty" Courty, Second-baseman Kenneth Pryor, Third-baseman Lewis "Babe" Eubanks, Left-fielder Delbert Holt, Center-fielder Vance Duvall and Pitcher Danny Burrell.

Football, with a 45 percent loss of its starting eleven, tennis with a 50 percent loss and basketball with a 40 percent loss, have also said goodbye to several Sooner sports heroes.

Gone from Coach Bud Wilkinson's Sooner football squad, Sugar Bowl champions, are Jack Mitchell, All-American quarterback; Myrle Great-house, fullback; Paul "Buddy" Burris, All-American guard; Pete Tillman, center and Homer Paine, three-time All-Big Seven tackle.

Paul "Lefty" Courty, twice all-conference in basketball and twice selected on Helms Foundation's third All-American team and Kenneth Pryor, greatest long shot artist ever to play at Oklahoma in modern times, graduated from the basketball team.

The Oklahoma tennis squad lost Jack Stuart, No. 1; Jack Griggs, No. 3, Stanley Draper, No. 1 last year and Earl Thurmond, all lettermen.

The cap and gown brigade took four regulars off the wrestling squad, Heavyweight Henry Schreiner, Lightweight Charley Keiter, Welterweight Aubrey Kelle and the two men who alternated at 165 pounds, I. O. Rambo and Ted Beale.

The golf team lost its top two performers, Owen Panner and Dick Norville. Norville is the only golfer ever to play at Oklahoma who lettered four years.

Kay Burns, Harold Brighton and Joe Racz graduated from the swimming squad. The Sooner track squad lost Hobo Gilstrap, Big Seven indoor low hurdles champion and Andy Cary, half-miler.

▶ R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, director of the University of Oklahoma Foundation, attended the meeting of the National University Extension association April 29 in Gulfport, Mississippi. He was chairman of the audio-visual committee.

▶ W. H. Carson, dean of the college of engineering, has been notified of his re-appointment as chairman of the engineering committee of the Interstate Oil Compact commission in Oklahoma.

The Big Seven all-sports table for 1948-49:

	Okla.	Mo.	Neb.	Kans.	Colo.	Iowa State	Kans. State
Football	1	2	5	3	4	6	7
Crosscountry	2	5	6	1	4	3	7
Basketball	1½	4	1½	6½	5	6½	3
Indoor track	3	2	1	4	5	7	6
Wrestling	2	6½	1	6½	5	3	4
Swimming	2	6½	3	5	4	1	6½
Golf	2	1	5½	4	7	3	5½
Tennis	1	2	4	5½	3	5½	7
Outdoor Track	5	1	3	4	2	7	6
Baseball	2	6	7	1	4	3	5
	21½	36	37	40½	43	45	57

## Fine Arts Get New Dean

New dean of the University of Oklahoma college of fine arts is Harrison Kerr, New York composer and chief of the music and art unit of the U.S. Army reorientation branch. He will start his duties September 1.

For the past two years, Kerr has travelled in Austria, Germany, Japan and Korea in connection with his army music and art assignments. He has served as director of music at Greenbrier college, Lewisburg, West Virginia, and the Chase school, Brooklyn, New York. In addition, he has been editor of *Trend*, a magazine devoted to the fine arts, and since 1940 has served as executive secretary of the American Music center.

His compositions include three symphonies, other orchestral works, chamber music and many shorter pieces. He is active in the National Music league and the National Music council. The college has been directed by a faculty committee since last January, when Dean Paul S. Carpenter died.

## Dr. Rister Uncovers Oil Records

When was Oklahoma's first commercial oil well? Dr. Carl C. Rister, research professor of history, has uncovered records which trace the date to 1889.

Rister, who is completing a two-year study of southwestern oil under a \$30,000 grant made by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, says the well was located near Chelsea. It was drilled by Sam Francis for Edwin Byrd, a Cherokee citizen, about May 6, 1889, to a depth of 32 feet. It produced about one barrel of oil in 23 hours with 32 gravity, records reveal.

Byrd installed a small pump and tank at the well and pumped the tank full of oil, which "I sold to cowmen for \$6 per barrel as a cattle dip." Other early commercial wells include Bartlesville's, 1897, and a Muskogee producer in 1895. However, a non-commercial well was brought in at Grand Saline, now Salina, as early as 1859.

Rister said by the spring of 1890 that Francis, who was associated with the Cherokee Oil and Gas Company, had drilled a total of four wells near the first. The fourth well produced 12 barrels every 24 hours.

"There are tax receipts from the Cherokee treasury which show that Byrd and his associates did a thriving business," the historian points out. "Oil was sold to nearby ranches as cattle dip and to others for axle grease."

The professor has covered approximately 30,000 miles since September, 1945. He visited Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, New Mexico and Texas, besides covering much of Oklahoma. He talked with many pioneer oil men and examined countless manuscripts and records. His work, *Oil! Titan of the Southwest*, will be published soon by the University Press.

## Briefs

▶ Carl Mason Franklin, executive vice president, attended the faculty consultation on Religion in Higher Education in Dallas April 30.

▶ Fern O. Boan, professor of social work, attended the National Conference of Social Work in Cleveland, Ohio, June 11-17.

▶ S. M. Salyer, professor of English, will be in Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts, this summer doing research, investigation and compilation of materials for a biography of Lydia Maria Child. (Continued on page 19)