

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)

Waves' barracks on the North Naval Base to the use of women, and later we experimented with housing women in the Bachelors' Officers Quarters at the South Base. Neither the young women nor the parents were satisfied with these arrangements, and we realized that it would be necessary for us to construct some houses for women on the main campus.

In the meantime, enrolment of women at the University of Oklahoma had gradually declined until during the fall of 1946, there were 9,600 boys and only 2,400 girls. This ratio of boys to girls was, of course, entirely out of proportion to what one might expect in a state university. In other state universities with adequate housing facilities for women, the ratio is rarely greater than three boys to one girl, but it had become common knowledge that if a young woman planned to go to the University of Oklahoma she must have good prospects of joining a sorority, for otherwise she would have little chance of finding satisfactory housing.

In order to bring more girls to the University of Oklahoma it was decided to issue bonds totaling over two million dollars and construct housing for 848 girls. Because construction costs had been very high in the postwar period we realized that it would not be possible to retire these bonds from the proceeds of that housing project exclusively. However, Hester and Robinson Halls, housing 250 girls, are owned debt free by the University and the income from these residential halls was pledged toward the retirement of the bond of the new project.

The new women's housing will be ready for occupancy in September, 1949. The 848 girls will live in groups of 52, separated by fire walls. Each group of 52 will have its own counselor, lounge and organized social activities. A centrally placed dining hall and grand lounge will serve the entire 848. This housing for young women is among the finest in the nation.

However, at the time the financing was being planned it was found that the bonds could not be sold unless the Regents of the University were willing to guarantee that they would make every effort to keep the new facilities occupied, even to the extent of requiring the students to live in University housing if necessary. This was a reasonable provision of the bond contract because only the income from women's housing at the University is pledged toward the retirement of these bonds. The bonds do not constitute an obligation of the State of Oklahoma.

It should be added that this situation exists commonly on other campuses wherever such revenue bonds have been issued, and the housing regulations of other colleges and universities are approximately the same as those of the University of Oklahoma.

When we published our regulations this spring—regulations to the effect that students would be required to live in University housing to the extent that such housing is available, the announcement caused much concern to some Norman rooming house operators who foresaw reduced incomes from their housing projects. Unfortunately, this concern was encouraged and promoted by certain individuals who have, or have had, political aspirations.

Actually, there is little or no cause for concern. The University controls apartments for 636 students, women's housing for 1,098 students and men's housing for 1,100 students. This makes a total of only 2,834 students out of a student body of 12,000 who could possibly be affected by the regulations of the University.

The City of Norman has housing for only 2,816 students and has been able to provide facilities for

only 214 single women. When the University's facilities and the Norman facilities are added together, we find that there is housing for only 5,650 independent students, plus an unknown number of apartments for married students. Of course the fraternities and sororities can take care of an additional 1,750 men and women. But in view of the fact that over 12,000 students enrolled in the University last fall and a similar number is expected to enrol next fall, it will be clear that a housing surplus is not to be expected in the immediate future.

As a matter of fact, there will be a housing shortage again this fall for married students and single men. The University is planning to assign the surplus men to remodeled barracks buildings or the Bachelors' Officers Quarters on the South Campus.

There will, of course, be a certain amount of inconvenience to the Norman rooming house operators who insist on housing women, because the University will have new houses for 848 girls on September 1. However, it should be recalled that the City of Norman has provided housing for only 214 girls five years after the close of the war and, therefore, no large number of Norman operators can be affected by our regulations.

If some of the Norman operators who have been provided housing for young women would care to accept men for a year or two and thus relieve in part the very great shortage of housing for single men, there would be no difficulty in filling all private housing available to students in Norman.

In other words, if the University and the City of Norman can plan together in an attempt to solve the housing problem, better and more efficient housing can be made available and there will be benefits both to the University and to Norman. Such cooperation now seems possible, following a conference held on June 11, attended by representatives of the University and representatives from the Association of Norman Home Owners on June 11.

At this meeting several misunderstandings concerning the intentions of the University were cleared up and a basis was laid for some cooperative planning. The University does not expect to go into the housing business on an extensive scale. It is our belief, however, that all freshmen, with certain exceptions, should be assigned to University operated housing. The new houses for women will enable us to take care of all freshmen girls for the next several years, but we have facilities for less than a third of our freshmen boys.

We believe that if the freshmen boys could be accommodated in University housing in groups of about 50, each supervised by a University counselor, fewer of them would fail scholastically or become discouraged and leave school. The mortality at present is very high—much higher, we think, than it should be. Within the next five years we hope to be able to construct housing for men sufficient to meet the needs of our entire freshman class, and plans to this end are underway.

It is suggested occasionally that the enrolment at the University may be expected to decline during the next few years because so many veterans are graduating each year. According to a communication issued by the American Council on Education dated April 29, 1949, this is not likely to be the case. This communication states that there is a "backlog of approximately 3,000,500 veterans who have entered into training but discontinued it before completing their first entitlement, some 3,000,000 others who have taken up their certificates but have not entered training and approximately 120,000 per month who are still applying for their certificates. About 40% of all veterans are high school graduates."

Veterans have until 1951 to begin their college work and as that date approaches it is expected that many new veterans will appear on our campuses. The release from the American Council on Education goes on to summarize as follows: "Combining all of these facts it appears probable that while a large group of veterans will graduate this June, there will not be a decline in total enrolment this fall and there will probably be a slight increase in the freshman class over that of 1948."

With the population of the United States increasing about two million each year, and with the birth rate of recent years about a million higher each year than during the thirties, it seems clear that enrolment in higher institutions will not decrease at all but will gradually increase during the next ten years from last fall's total of about two and a half million to three million by 1960.

The University of Oklahoma, under these circumstances, should look forward to serving some 15,000 students by the fall of 1960. There is little likelihood that housing surpluses will be experienced in Norman any time in the foreseeable future.

(Faculty Briefs Continued)

- ▶ Charles "Bud" Wilkinson, athletic director, Walter Kraft, director of the physical plant, and Bill Cross, '09ba, auditor of intercollegiate athletics, attended a Big Seven Conference meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, May 18-22.
- ▶ Leonard Good, professor of art, and Wendell Tomberlin, '38fa, assistant professor of art, attended the Conference of Midwestern College Art Departments held at the University of Colorado May 4-9. They were members of the panel discussions.
- ▶ G. Raymond Stone, assistant professor of psychology, attended a meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago from April 27-May 1. He presented one paper and co-authored two other papers that were presented.
- ▶ Walter W. Kraft, director of the physical plant, and John H. Kuhlman, '30-'34, Kenneth E. Farris, '43bus, and Bennie Shultz, all of the physical plant department, attended the National Meeting of Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges held at Fayetteville, Arkansas, May 15-18.
- ▶ Henry S. Robinson, associate professor of classical languages, left for Princeton, New Jersey, June 5 to do research in green ceramics at the Institute for Advanced Study. He will complete the course September 1.
- ▶ E. D. Meacham, '14ba, dean of the college of arts and sciences, attended a meeting of the Mississippi Valley Conference of Deans of Liberal Arts Colleges in State Universities at Oxford, Mississippi, May 3-7.
- ▶ Charles "Bud" Wilkinson was in Chicago April 14-16 contacting prospective students and athletes for the University.
- ▶ Theodore J. Ledeen, general-secretary of YMCA, and Betty Ezell, executive-director of YWCA, attended the faculty consultation on Religion in Higher Education in Dallas, April 30-May 1.
- ▶ Dr. Ronald B. Shuman, professor of business management, attended the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business meetings in Madison, Wisconsin, April 21-23.
- ▶ Harry E. Hoy, chairman of the department of geography, Ralph E. Olson and John W. Morris, '30ed, both associate professors of geography, attended meetings of the Southwest Social Science Association in Fort Worth April 14.
- ▶ Roscoe Cate, '26ba, financial vice president,



Phi Kappa Psi

Founded at O.U. in 1920

Phi Kappa Psi, in distinct contrast to other fraternities, which normally grew from local clubs, was originally founded for the purpose of becoming a national brotherhood of educated men interested in cultivating the humanities.

It was founded on February 19, 1852, by Charles P. T. Moore and William H. Letterman in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, at a college then called Jefferson. The origin of the fraternity lay in the common bond which grew between Moore and Letterman as they watched and nursed stricken friends during a typhoid fever epidemic.

Following this, Phi Psi began its greatest period of expansion which lasted until 1880, with a general interruption for the Civil War. It is interesting to note that the Fraternity's tradition of service was carried on as 452 of the 600 members enlisted to fight for the causes of their localities. The original chapter at Jefferson College was itself forced to suspend activities as all but one of its members joined the Federal Army. One chapter in Mississippi University simply disappeared be-

cause all of its members save two were killed in the war.

Since this great period of expansion, Phi Psi has established itself as one of the best conservative fraternities. Few new chapters have been established, and those only at universities of the first order. Phi Psi is one of two fraternities which have remained in the top ten of Baird's ratings since the founding of his manual.

Phi Kappa Psi came to the University of Oklahoma campus in 1920 when Kappa Psi, a strong local and the third local on the campus to petition the national, was admitted as a chapter of the fraternity on its record of scholarship and extra-curricular achievement.

Phi Kappa Psi followed after this in the footsteps of the original Kappa Psi, first in the activities and first in scholarship on the campus. Successful years of rush continued and, still in the twenties, the old brick and wood house on DeBarr was exchanged for the new house at 720 Elm, the address of Phi Psi's since then. The houses drifted

away from old "fraternity row" and soon the neighborhood about the house was the center of Greek activities on the campus. The house has mellowed a little now, but the cement drive and the extra few feet on the hedges are the only changes in the traditional Phi Psi chapter home.

The chapter is still active in school affairs, and Phi Psi retains its old feeling of interest in and friendliness toward the personal accomplishments of its pledges and members.

Phi Psi has, of course, been gravely hurt and concerned by the late war as well as those before it. The lost brothers and pledges, the strain placed on members on the campus have left their mark on the members of the chapter. New pledges and members, however, strengthened, matured, and unified, as was Phi Psi as a whole, look forward to stronger and newer things developing from the war experiences. The old feelings and traditions continue.

attended a conference on application for NATTC equipment April 18 in New Orleans.

▶ William B. Lewis, assistant professor of electrical engineering, escorted a group of senior students on an inspection of the Network Calculator at Texas A.&M. College April 17.

▶ Robert W. Ross, assistant professor, Chester L. Francis, associate professor and E. J. Schults, professor of music education attended the Music Educators National Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 18-24.

▶ Allan Rodgers, assistant professor of geography, presented a paper at the Southwestern Social Science meeting at Fort Worth April 14-16 on "Taconite and the Steel Industry."

▶ D. R. Kimrey, '40ba, director of purchasing, was in Boston May 10-15 attending the national convention of the National Association of Educational Buyers.

▶ Dud Giezentanner, '39bus, internal auditor, attended the meeting of the Southern Association of College and University Business officers at Berea, Kentucky, April 28-May 1.

▶ Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, dean of University college, represented the University at the faculty consultation on Religion in Higher Education at Dallas April 30.

▶ Dr. J. J. Rhyne, chairman of the school of social work, has been studying social agencies in Little Rock, Arkansas, to determine suitability as field centers for students.

▶ F. C. Fowler, professor of chemical engineering, and R. L. Huntington, '17ba, chairman of the school of chemical engineering, were in Fort Worth, Texas, April 21-22 attending the annual meeting of the Natural Gasoline Association of America. They had a conference with the Richardson Oil Company in regard to a proposed research project on catalytic.

▶ E. D. Meacham, '14ba, dean of the college of arts and sciences, attended the faculty conference on Religion in Higher Education held April 30-May 1 in Dallas.

▶ I. J. Sollenberger, professor of finance, attended the second annual Educational Conference sponsored by the Committee on Education of the

National Association of Real Estate Boards April 28-30 in Chicago.

▶ William B. Lemmon, associate professor of psychology, attended the Midwestern Psychology Association meetings April 26-May 1 in Chicago.

▶ Mary A. Warren, assistant professor of home economics, attended the faculty consultation on Religion in Higher Education April 30-May 1 in Dallas.

▶ Alfred B. Sears, chairman of the department of history, attended the faculty consultation on Religion in Higher Education April 30-May 1 in Dallas.

▶ Gaston Litton, '34ba, '40ma, University archivist, was in Washington, D.C., April 26-May 5 to orientate one of the Rockefeller Foundation fellowship grantees in the details of his assignment at the National Archives in Washington.

▶ E. Lee Hoffman, '48ba, graduate assistant in psychology, has been notified of his acceptance as a research fellow to study psychology and mathematics at Princeton University next year. He will assume his duties in July.