

Card players have an old axiom that goes to the effect: "The winners laugh and tell dirty jokes. . . The losers cry, deal!" If the quote, probably not accurate but only dimly remembered from my younger days, were reversed it would be a fair indication of what has happened to the University in regards to sports in the past few weeks. It is the losers who are laughing and the winner isn't even sure he can stand another deal.

To discuss the turn of athletic events and

ball, track, etc. It does not include football. The major bowls have NCAA blessings but not sponsorship.

Q: Does the Big Seven's December action constitute a slap at O.U.'s conference football supremacy? What is the difference between playing post-season games in other sports and not in football?

A: To know whether O.U. was consciously slapped is a question of motives. Perhaps no one will ever know. The difference between playing a post season

probably come from Nebraska and Iowa State. Missouri and Colorado would both have to vote with Oklahoma, Kansas and Kansas State to get a new plan approved. A 5-2 vote is required to pass legislation.

Q: Does O.U.'s athletic program conform with rules of the North Central Accrediting Agency?

A: At the moment, no. We give athletic scholarships that amount to room and board and \$15.00 a month for laundry and incidentals. Such scholarships violate North Central rules.

Q: What can we do to conform to North Central rules as they now exist?

A: Join in the general hypocrisy by putting athletes on the payroll and giving them some duty to perform each month—something like janitorial labor involved in emptying pencil sharpeners.

Q: If we do not conform, what are the possibilities?

A: Loss of accreditation by North Central. It should be pointed out that North Central is the accrediting agency for the states of the mid-west. It is, because of its huge membership, the post powerful accrediting agency in the nation. If O.U. were not accredited, other colleges accredited by North Central would not accept credits on an equal basis with member colleges. O.U. probably could not be accredited by any other agency, and would become an academic outlaw.

Q: Will the University conform?

A: Yes, although the University is using and will continue to use every diplomatic resource available to make the open athletic scholarship an accepted part of college athletics.

Ten important questions have brought us through the maze of newspaper stories and published reports that have flooded the editor's desk in recent days. Circumstances may alter the answers in the near future. But these are the best answers I have available to me at this writing.

For Outstanding Efforts. Achievement Day, The University's and Alumni Association's co-sponsored annual means of rewarding outstanding work of Oklahomans, will be held April 8. Kenneth Harris, '39ba, '49Law, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Bar Association and chairman of Achievement Day activities, has invited all alumni to submit names of alumni and state citizens for consideration for this year's awards. Names may be submitted by mailing them to the Alumni Office, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Under Cover

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present them in any type perspective requires a study of questions that have been posed by circumstances, and answered or partially answered by the O.U. Regents, the president, the football coach, the football team, the Big Seven, the North Central Accrediting Agency, and the NCAA.

A little backtracking will be necessary to include all the important aspects of the present uncertainty enshrouding O.U.'s athletic status. (It will be well to remember that some of these questions, not having a full answer here, may have such an answer by the time your magazine arrives.)

Q: Will Oklahoma play in the Orange Bowl game or any bowl game?

A: The Regents voted to leave the answer up to the football team. The squad voted their desire to play, but refused to vote to go. They did not want to be responsible for approving violation of Big Seven rule against bowls. No one else wanted to be responsible for open violation either. No bowl game. However, in later action the Regents voted to send squad as spectators to Orange Bowl with expenses paid. In still later action the Regents reversed themselves. The team did not go to a bowl in any capacity.

Q: What is the Big Seven's ruling on post-season games?

A: The ruling that kept the O.U. team from participating in a bowl was a flat statement that no Big Seven teams could participate in post-season games. In early December the ruling was altered to allow participation in post-season games sponsored by the NCAA. This includes the sports of basketball, wrestling, golf, base-

game in one sport and not in another is a pertinent question. Some believe that the harm lies in the time lag between the end of the football season and the time of the game. This lag is not found in other sports. Since the NCAA has approved bowls, that organization should, I think, talk with representatives of the Big Seven conference. Apparently the evils of bowl games are known to the Big Seven but not to the NCAA.

Q: Is there any truth in the report that O.U. will leave the Big Seven conference?

A: The developments along this line have become somewhat more public. By order of the Regents, Walter Kraft, supervisor of the physical plant and O.U.'s athletic representative, attended a December meeting of the Southwest Conference. He was asked to explore the possibilities of joining that conference. He was not representing the views of Dr. Cross or Wilkinson at the meeting. Both men have stated that they desire to stay in the Big Seven. The best guess is that O.U. will remain in the Big Seven and try to get the anti-bowl legislation overruled.

Q: Is there any possibility of getting such legislation overruled?

A: Yes. In published reports, representatives of most of the Big Seven schools have stated their approval of a limited bowl regulation. (These representatives may or may not reflect their institutions official view). Something like the Big Ten's tie-up with another conference. However, any shift on bowls will have a tough time of being approved. The only support in such matters O.U. can expect will be from Kansas, and Kansas State. Opposition will