

SCARS have a way of being exploited by the memory—no matter how pretty the face they mar. There's the fairy tale, for instance, of the man who was so obsessed by a small mole on his beautiful wife's face that he insisted on an operation which unexpectedly killed her. For instance again, there's the wary tale of Notre Dame and O.U.'s all-time football win streak. The next for instance is O.U.'s win-happy swim team which this season had its string of 22 consecutive dual meet victories snapped by Southwest Conference champions S.M.U. The O.U. swimmers—or rather *an* O.U. swimmer also suffered another, more literal scar.

Injured diver Johnny Williams
and his drop-mate



SWIM SCARS

O. U.'s swim successes cannonball from 74-year-old Coach Matt Mann, whose pool personality lures top swimmers to O.U. like a diving board lures eight-year-olds. As with his O. U. football counterpart, Coach Mann's defeats are bigger news than his victories, and the S.M.U. scar cut deep if not big. It didn't cut into his home record, however. When the Ponies splashed ambitiously into Norman for the rematch, they came wading out much dampened by O.U.'s 48-38 revenge, and Coach Mann's four-year no-home-pool-meets-lost record is still intact.

The other scar was Johnny Williams' (Sooner junior AAU diving champ from Jackson, Mississippi). Attempting an inward two-and-a-half somersault from a tuck position in the recent State AAU meet, Williams struck his forehead and cheek on the diving board and collapsed in pain to the water. Comforted by Molly Jones, his hometown dropmate (more than going steady, less than being pinned), Johnny was taken to a Norman hospital where he received over thirty stitches—and the news that despite his bump he had collected enough points in earlier dives to win the three meter diving event.

Both these scars have healed over pretty well by now, and Coach Mann tries to keep happy by thinking about:

Gordon Collett's winning the national collegiate championship in the 100-yard breaststroke (time—1:03.2), a new American and NCAA record in the event . . .

Five Big Eight records: Collet in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke; Jack Saari in the 100 and 200-yard butterfly events; and Don Jobson who tied a league record in the 200-yard individual medley; also, the 400-yard medley relay team posted a new record in their event . . .

The Big Eight Championship . . .

Freshman Steve Skold's winning the 200-yard individual medley and the 220-yard freestyle event at the January State AAU (his time of 2:08 in the 220 broke the State AAU record held by former All America Jeff Farrell) . . .

Eighth place finisher in the NCAA . . .

Johnny Williams getting another year of eligibility (by virtue of his accident) . . .