

The Last Page

A-Rushin' and A-Chalkin'

Mechanical engineering major Jim Grisham, an All American fullback on Saturdays, was having trouble with a class in theoretical and applied mechanics, which is quite a bit different from trouble with linebackers.

Brandon H. Griffith, assistant professor of civil engineering, heard about it. Professor Griffith is noted for his easy accessibility to students and his eagerness to help them. The professor often goes out of his way to serve his students; there should be more like him. Although he didn't have Jim in any of his classes and didn't know him, he sent word for Jim to come and see him. Jim went and Professor Griffith worked with him, helping him over the difficulty.

When Jim's ankle loosened up in the last game of the season against Oklahoma State, and he ran for 218 net yards to set a new modern school record (the old one was held by Buck McPhail, who had 215 yards against Kansas in 1951) and scored four touchdowns to tie another school mark, the Associated Press named him Back of the Week and requested a picture which could be circulated nationally.

Jim suggested that Professor Griffith might want to be in it. "He's not an instructor of mine, but a good friend," said Jim.

The picture, at the bottom of the page,

shows Professor Griffith chalking up "218" on the board. Jim is probably thinking how much easier it is to write "218" than to run for it.

In case someone has been out of touch, Jim Grisham has another year. And Professor Griffith will be ready to chalk up any new records Jim makes.

\$12 Shoes and \$45 Suits

The Norman Transcript recently noted that an Associated Press report listing salaries for state employees making \$20,000 or more a year was not entirely accurate.

The Transcript pointed out that salaries for several University professors were listed incorrectly in the \$20,000 category. The monthly rate, paid over a period of nine months, had apparently been multiplied by 12 to arrive at the larger totals.

The newspaper quoted a letter written by Dr. Cross to Dr. Howard W. Larsh, who is research professor of botany and microbiology and who was erroneously listed in the top bracket, in response to Dr. Larsh's query about the \$20,000 figure:

"I have your letter about the \$20,000 salary and I hasten to urge you not to make any financial commitments based on the story. In addition, I'll try to help you avoid trouble with the federal tax people.

"P.S. Stay with the \$12 shoes and the \$45 suits."

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