FOREIGN POLICY SEMINAR

The attention of both the media and the public was turned on the University of Oklahoma March 27 and 28 as prominent Oklahomans who have distinguished themselves as foreign policy practitioners and academicians delivered major addresses and led lively discussions throughout the Centennial Foreign Policy Seminar. This stellar academic enrichment event, which immediately preceded the Leadership in Government Symposium, was organized and coordinated by Edwin G. Corr, former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, Peru and Bolivia and currently a diplomat-in-residence and holder of the Henry Bellmon Chair in Public Service at OU.

A capacity crowd of more than 300 at the opening luncheon heard former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeanne Kirkpatrick discuss the tumultuous internal events in the Soviet Union. Former U.S. Ambassador to West Germany George C. McGhee spoke on the economic and military consequences of the reunification of that country, while OU history chairman Russell Buhite presented a paper on the late Ambassador Patrick J. Hurley's influence on post-World War II China. Historian Danny Goble addressed the foreign affairs role of Congress in the post-war era and the career of former House Speaker Carl Albert. Tulsa Mayor Rodger Randle's topic was Oklahoma's part in foreign affairs.

Other participants included former U.S. Ambassadors John Burns and Everett Drumright, U.S. Representatives Mickey Edwards and Dave McCurdy and a blue-ribbon panel of OU professors, state and community leaders.

In the seminar's closing address, U.S. Senator David L. Boren assailed the failure of the United States to adjust to economic challenges from the international community and called for major changes in American foreign policy. His recommendations included a tax policy to encourage savings, investments and reduction in capital costs; foreign aid based on credit to buy American goods; dramatic increases in college student exchange programs; and a major investment in the educational system to lower drop-out rates, improve basic skills and emphasize international skills.
While more specialized in nature and less visible to the public than the Centennial Leadership Symposia, a series of other academic symposia and professional conferences brought scholars from throughout the country to the University of Oklahoma to explore their areas of expertise as guests of their OU colleagues. The hospitality of the Centennial was all-encompassing.

**Organic Pluralism: A Symposium on Design**

One of the most exciting professional gatherings of the Centennial involved a spirited group of architects from throughout the United States and Europe. The subject under intense discussion and debate was "organic architecture," the blending of structures with their environment. The symposium sponsor was the OU College of Architecture, where one of the most noted exponents of that design style or process, the late Bruce Goff, once taught the theories of his mentor, Frank Lloyd Wright.

From February 28 through March 3, the experts—scholars and practitioners alike—traced the origins of nature's influence on architecture back through 19th century England, to Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel and even 6th century Chinese Taoism. OU professor Arn Henderson chaired the symposium, which included presentations by former Oklahoman Herb Greene, John Sergeant and Peter Blundell Jones of England's Cambridge University, Albuquerque architect Bart Prince, Jeffrey Cook of Arizona State University, Stephen Grabow of the University of Kansas and Lawrence Speck of the University of Texas.

The concluding discussion was a heated one: Is organic architecture an architectural style or a process? After four days of thought-provoking exploration of the topic, the decision was a draw: It is both.

**National Conference of Law Reviews**

The University of Oklahoma College of Law's two scholarly journals, the *Oklahoma Law Review* and the *American Indian Law Review*, sponsored the
International Governmental Scholars for a Spring Centennial Symposium.

Conference seminars focused on the training of new staff members, the role and function of law reviews and minority admission to law reviews. Keynote speakers included F. Browning Pipistern, prominent Indian lawyer, judge and adjunct professor at OU; William L. Webster, attorney general of Missouri; and Eleanor Holmes Norton, professor of law at Georgetown University and National Public Radio commentator.

Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center

One day the reading public will be able to share the expertise presented at the April 11-13 Centennial conference, "Back to the Future: The United States Congress in the Twentieth Century." But participating scholars, OU faculty and undergraduate and graduate political science students did not have to wait for the book. They had immediate access to more than 20 of the nation's leading legislative scholars and an impressive international delegation in stimulating sessions of panel and roundtable discussions during the three-day event.

In addition to five panels exploring domestic congressional issues, a session conducted by representatives from Italy, Turkey, Great Britain, West Germany and Denmark was devoted to the prospects for representative government in the coming century. U.S. Congressman David Price of North Carolina, a former Duke University political science professor, spoke at the conference banquet, which featured former Speaker of the House of Representatives Carl Albert as honored guest.

Man, Energy, Environment

The telecommunications series, "Man, Energy and the Environment," was launched at the University of Oklahoma April 19, 1990, as energy experts from across the country converged on the campus to debate the future of natural gas and other important issues of energy use and environmental protection.

The series is being sponsored by the Jefferson Energy Foundation. The initial public debate was moderated by journalist Hodding Carter.

In addition to OU, the participating institutions were Carnegie Mellon University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Midwest Universities Energy Consortium and Argonne National Laboratory, Penn State University, Stanford University, University of California at Berkeley, University of Hawaii, University of Texas at Austin and University of Washington.

Indians in the 21st Century

The evolution of the American Indian community over the next 100 years was the subject of exploration, discussion and speculation for scholars and other experts gathered at the University April 19-21, 1990. Basing their prognoses on past history and informed projections, the symposium addressed the futures of linguistics and cultural communities; native traditions in literature, visual arts, music and dance; preservation of the American Indian past; American Indian political economies and the Oklahoma Indian.

In addition to the discussions, the conferees made visits to the OU Western History Collections and the opening of the OU Indian Alumni Arts Exhibit.

The College of Liberal Studies

Shared anniversaries—the College of Liberal Studies' 30th and the University's 100th—seemed an appropriate occasion for the return of BLS and MLS graduates to recapture the seminar experience. The Liberal Studies Alumni Seminar on June 8-13, 1990, brought together not only former students but also faculty and staff who have contributed to the last three decades of continuing education at OU.

The College of Liberal Studies had its origins in the University of Oklahoma's extraordinary record in adult education, which dates back to the extension work of David Ross Boyd in the 1890s. Creation of the college with its unique degree program based on independent home study with regularly scheduled seminars in residence was instrumental in obtaining the Kellogg Foundation grant for the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education.

The History of Science

The Centennial was a time to spotlight the best the University has to offer, and high on any list of distinguished programs for nearly 40 years has been the History of Science. Built around the world's finest history of science library collections, this specialized field of study continues to bring both national and international scholars to the campus. Fifteen of the most noted were on hand for a two-day symposium in June 1990.

The sessions, "Representing and Understanding the Natural World: Science in Western Culture," were concerned with integrating the history of science into the mainstream of the scholarly study of history.
Beyond Decree: Commitment to Cultural Diversity

In the 1950s, the issue was desegregation in higher education, and the spotlight was on the University of Oklahoma where a historic U.S. Supreme Court ruling forever changed the whites-only college campus. By the Centennial year 1990, the issue was a much broader one, a commitment to cultural diversity, and the spotlight was once again on OU.

The Center for Research Minority Education, directed by OU professor of psychology Wanda Ward, sponsored a three-day conference in September that attracted a national group of scholars and policy-makers. Keynote speakers for the event, which included a graduate research paper competition as well as in-depth discussions of desegregation and cultural diversity issues, were Mary Berry, professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania, and Reginald Wilson, senior scholar with the American Council of Education in Washington.

19th Century French Studies

Sponsored by the OU department of modern languages, literature, and linguistics, this October 11-13 French Studies colloquium dealt with subjects from literature to architecture to music. More than 200 participants came from universities throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Israel.

Gerald Prince of the University of Pennsylvania was the plenary speaker for the colloquium, which saw more than 100 papers presented with an additional 20 available in a reading room.

Graduate Liberal Studies

The top liberal studies programs in the United States sent representatives to the University of Oklahoma campus October 18-20 for the annual national conference of the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs.

Composed of more than 80 institutions drawn from the broad spectrum of American higher education, the association involves both small liberal arts colleges and large research-oriented universities in the public and private sectors. Dan Davis, dean of the OU College of Liberal Studies, which is a founding member of the association, was installed as its new president during the conference.

Crossing the Disciplines

Variety was the order of the day when academicians from a cross-section of cultural studies and human sciences met in Norman for an October 19-21 conference sponsored by the Oklahoma Project for Discourse and Theory and the Semiotic Society of America.

"Crossing the Disciplines: Cultural Studies in the 1990s" featured nearly 70 panel discussions devoted to areas such as anthropology, literary criticism, philosophy, art, music, communications, and the history of science.
Meteorologists in the College of Geosciences got into the seminar spirit with a spring session featuring a presentation by Robert Sheets, above, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida. The fall geosciences conference on directions for the 21st century, three days of concentration on education, research and service, had as its keynote Gilbert M. Grosvenor, president and chairman of the National Geographic Society.

Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association

Annually the campus of the University of Oklahoma is invaded by the eager, enthusiastic representatives of the Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association, the nation's oldest such group in continuous service to its members. But this year the visit of the high school journalists took on new meaning. It was the host university's 100th anniversary and the 75th anniversary of OIPA.

Presiding at the Founders' Day Banquet on October 28 was the OIPA's longtime executive director, James F. Paschal, OU associate professor of journalism and mass communication. Featured at the banquet was the presentation of the individual awards for outstanding service to the school press field.

On the following day, more than 1,100 secondary school students from across the state attended the OIPA conference. Program topics were identical to those used at the first OIPA conference in 1916.

The Super-Symposium

New and exciting developments in physics and astrophysics with implications for the way we live in and view the universe were explored by eight leading scientists in public lectures October 31-November 3, 1990. Subjects such as high-temperature superconductivity, supernovae, superstrings and the superconducting super collider—in sessions designed for the layman—highlighted this unique Centennial symposium.

While the public grappled with the "super" topics, a technical conference also was under way for the distinguished researchers in attendance. "Beyond the Standard Model II" focused on current developments in high-energy physics.

Direction for Geosciences in the 21st Century

The geosciences, one of the historic strengths of the OU program, was in the Centennial spotlight November 27-29 at a gathering of experts from academia, research institutes and government agencies. Gilbert M. Grosvenor, president and chairman of the National Geographic Society, delivered the conference's keynote address, "Environmental Issues of the Next Century."

Focused on the areas of education, research and service to mankind, the three days of lectures and exchange of ideas and views were designed to contribute to long-range planning strategies to help define future directions in the geosciences. Speakers for the events were drawn from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Penn State University, University of Massachusetts, Cornell University, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory and the National Science Foundation.

The University's youngest college, formed in 1981, the College of Geosciences is made up of the School of Geology and Geophysics, the School of Meteorology and the department of geography.