WITH PRESIDENT BIZZELL

Addressing the thirteenth annual convention of the council of administration of the Kansas State Teachers' association at Wichita, Kansas, January 30, President Bizzell asked for constructive thinking on modern education. The Associated Press reported his speech in part as follows:

It is inevitable that our educational system should come in for its share of criticism in an age when every social institution is being brought under the searchlight of scrutiny. Our schools, like the family, the church and the state, are the target today of every conceivable indictment.

We are told, for example, by such versatile literary men as H. G. Wells, James Truslow Adams, Everett Dean Martin and others that education has become too expensive, that in the college and university, honesty, truthfulness, and other virtues in a Child?

Walter Emery, university debate coach, "The Nature and Value of Argumentation and Debate."

Dr. A. M. Ruggles, professor of educational psychology, "Child Psychology."

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Judging Holmead's Elijah, a play presented by the Seminole high school, directed by Subert Turbyfill.

Lambda Chi Alpha dance, College Shop.

Tuesday, March 4. Debate between university and University of Kansas on: "Resolved: that the installation plan of buying personal property is both socially and economically desirable."
Our changing varsity

FOR A QUARTER CENTURY

Oklahoma City paid tribute February 17 to Dean Fredrik Holmberg of the college of fine arts, on the occasion of his twenty-fifth year as director of the Oklahoman City Symphony orchestra, which he founded. The program was dedicated to him and a reception was held following the concert, in honor of the dean.

Invitations to attend the concert were sent to eighteen hundred Sooner alumni living in Oklahoma City.

FARE INCREASE SOUGHT

An increase of ten cents a trip in the Oklahoma City to Norman interurban fare is sought by the Oklahoma Railway Co. This would make the rate fifty-five cents, or $1 for the round trip. Present fares are forty-five cents and eighty-five cents.

The state corporation commission was having a hearing on the application February 24. The increase is sought, railway officials explain, in order to make a fair profit and to replace worn-out equipment, and to improve the standard of service.

GAS MEASUREMENT

The annual Southwestern Gas Measurement Short course will be held at the college of engineering April 15, 16 and 17, Prof. W. H. Carson, director of the school of mechanical engineering, announces. An enrollment of 500 is expected.

ENROLLMENT

University enrollment for the second semester totalled 4,794, George Wadsack, ex '17, announces. The enrollment last semester was 5,174, and the enrollment the second semester of last year was 4,570.

ARCHITECTURE

Structural architecture is being taught in the university for the first time this semester under Joseph E. Smay, director of the new school of architecture. A four-year course is planned in architecture and a five-year course in architectural engineering.

MRS W. N. RICE

Mrs W. N. Rice, wife of Doctor Rice, member of the first University of Oklahoma faculty, died January 26 at her home in Oklahoma City.

MRS W. N. RICE

RENTS

Elected chairman of the state Democratic party Samuel W. Hays of Oklaho-
Graduates in embryo

"THE SCOOP"

The celebrated Theta Sigma Phi fraternity announces that it will present its annual waffle iron banquet on April 9, in the Oklahoma Union ball room. It has been called "The Scoop," and will be in the form of a night club.

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NATIONAL TREASURER

Miss Caroline Mason, '33 arts-sc., president of the Norman chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, was elected national treasurer of the fraternity at Urbana at the national convention. The fraternity is an honorary scholastic fraternity for freshmen women.

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FOR CHI OMEGA

Chi Omega fraternity, denied the right to initiate pledges between March 19, 1929 to May 1, 1930, because of infringement of rushing regulations, has been permitted to initiate after March 3, 1930, by the panhellenic association of the university. The change was made so that the penalty would accord with the national panhellenic rules requiring a limit to such penalties of one calendar year.

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VACCINATED

When two members of the celebrated Delta Upsilon fraternity were found to have smallpox, all members of the Norman chapter were ordered vaccinated.

George Bernard Shaw, who does not believe in vaccination, might have frowned. But D. U.'s rejoiced.

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GLIDERS

Norman is taking to the gliding habit, long a favorite pastime of German university students. A glider is being built by members of Tau Omega, aviation fraternity, at a cost of $100. The glider will weigh 150 pounds when completed. Trial flight will be held at the Norman airport.

T. N. E. T. N. T.

The intrepid organization T. N. E. inscribed its name boldly under that of the ancient order of D. D. M. C. on the stunt nite cup held by the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity. The other day the cup disappeared and Kappas wondered. They wondered still more when the cup was returned. All signs of T. N. E. had been removed, and where those letters once stood now was the D. D. M. C. crest. And the Kappas wonder if there's T. N. T. in all this.

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RHODES SCHOLAR CHANGES

Beginning this year, Rhodes scholars will be elected by a different method than in vogue last year. Then, each state in the Union elected a scholar each year for every two years out of three. The number of scholars for the entire United States will remain the same, according to an announcement of the so-called regional plan made by Dr. Frank Aydelotte, president of Swarthmore college, American secretary to the Rhodes Trustees.

Oklahoma is placed in a group of six states composing the Sixth district and consisting of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. This is a bad grouping geographically, President Bizzell pointed out to Doctor Aydelotte, since it will be difficult to find a central point at which to meet, unless it be Little Rock, Arkansas. The president expressed himself in favor of giving the regional plan a trial, although there has been some criticism of the plan by many university presidents. However, there is a general desire to try the plan and the usual attitude is that evinced by President Bizzell, of helpful co-operation.

No changes are made in the conditions of eligibility; only the method of selection is changed. Now, the United States is divided into eight groups of states of six each. There will be elections held each year. "In each state there will be a committee of selection which will nominate from the candidates applying to it the two best men to appear before the district committee. Each district committee will then select from the twelve candidates so nominated not more than four men who will represent their states as Rhodes scholars at Oxford. State committees will meet on Saturday, December 6 and district committees about two weeks later."

The candidate must obtain a written endorsement from the head of his college or university to the effect that he is a suitable applicant for a Rhodes scholarship. While quotas have been fixed in the past on the basis of enrollment, there is no such restriction this year, except that the heads of institutions are urged to "refuse such endorsements except to men who possess in a high degree the qualifications required for a Rhodes scholarship, and that in any case not more than five candidates should represent a given institution in a given state."

A valuable modification has been made in the tenure of the scholarship. Formerly, one was required to stay all three years at Oxford. Now, however, the scholar may spend his third year pursuing a course of study either at Oxford or at some English or continental university.

Prof. Walter S. Campbell (Stanley Vestal) of the University of Oklahoma, is secretary of the Oklahoma committee. Applications should be addressed to him.

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NO PASSES

The famous student council of undergraduates, on the road to solvency, has revoked all passes to council dances. Hearing that, members of the "O" club informally protested. Council Member Tom Kight, jr., proposed a meeting of the council February 13, that the council reconsider. To do so would destroy the whole superstructure of financial reform and would throw overboard the Young Plan, the Dawes Plan, and what have you, it was argued. So athletes, hard hit in these days by certain factions, must pay for their dancing.

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YE ENGINEERS

Engineers of the campus are planning for a Tarpan time March 14, which as all good Irishmen know, is in honor of St. Patrick's birthday. And like all things Irish, a fighting good time may be expected.

In the meantime, work is practically completed on the great electric sign being erected on the Engineering building. Moving letters will tell the news of the day, and the campus will look like Times Square, or Westminster.
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College of Sterling, Kansas, won second place, and Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri Valley intercollegiate competition held in Norman February 14. Sterling petitioned March 8. Judges were Dr. Howard Hanson, director of the Eastman School of Music.

Expressed in the press

CANDIDATE BUTTRAM

Frank Buttram, '10 arts-sc., (M. A. "12), of Oklahoma City, president of the board of regents of the university and prominent state oil man, has announced his candidacy for governor of Oklahoma, subject to the Democratic primaries this year.

Comment on his candidacy, first advanced by the Tulsa Tribune, and seconded by the Oklahoma News, has been widespread and very favorable.

Walter Harrison in his The Tiny Times column in the Oklahoma City Times, writes of Mr. Buttram:

This is a young man's country. Witness Frank Buttram, who has a better story than Horatio Alger ever imagined. Bora in Oklahoma, on a poor patch of land where his father had difficulty raising enough cotton to make ends meet. Worked his way through school. Did menial jobs to get through a course in geology at the state university. Made a fortune in oil. A millionaire at forty. Dry. Family man. Christian. Five children. He may not

get the nomination, but he already has a lot of old-fashioned politicians scared.

Mr. Buttram announced in part the program he was interested in, if elected governor. This follows:

I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in the July primaries. My formal platform will be announced at a later date.

Deeply interested in the schools of this state, I pledge an honest effort to give every school child an equal opportunity for a good education. Furthermore, I will lend my best efforts to the pressing problems of the institutions of higher education.

Oklahoma has been in the mud too long. If elected governor, I would urge the state highway commission to construct the greatest possible number of miles of all-weather road in the least possible time.

Oklahoma's tax structure is inadequate and antiquated. A commission of qualified tax experts should study the entire tax structure and recommend an intelligent and modern program on which the executive and legislative branches may successfully administer the financial needs of the commonwealth.

Strict enforcement of all state and national laws with no exception and no privileged class is the only sound policy.

The state's government is the biggest business in Oklahoma. I am in favor of conducting the business of the state with that degree of economy that is consistent with sound business practice.

In 1928 I was president of the Arkansas-Red River Conservation and Flood control association composed of seven of the southwestern states, which pioneered the flood control movement in the United States. It would be my policy, as governor, to lend the national government every aid and assistance within my power in solving the flood control problems of Oklahoma.

I was born and reared in Oklahoma. I received my education here. I alone have been generous to me. I believe I can render service in the office of governor. I will injure no man in my campaign.

I have been importuned by friends and acquaintances in all walks of life to make this race. It is an office to which every good citizen may aspire. I expect the support of my friends solely on merit. I shall appeal to the public on no lower basis.

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OATMEAL

Oatmeal and children were discussed by the head of the home economics department of the university at the Oklahoma Education association convention February 6. As reported:

Little Brother Johnny and his sister Mary might have given three lusty cheers if they had heard Dr. Helen Burton, University of Oklahoma, tell college teachers of home economics "too much" oatmeal is not good for little boys and girls at the meeting of economics teachers in the Y. W. C. A. Thursday. But their joy would have been short lived. It isn't good to feed youngsters too much oatmeal. Dr. But- ton said, because the oatmeal does not retain in the system the bone-building calcium and phosphorus as well as some other cereals do.

Doctor Burton's remedy for feeding too much oatmeal is—cod liver oil.

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AN IMMEDIATE PROBLEM

Under this heading, Luther Harrison, editorial writer for the Daily Oklahoman, presents a problem facing the state this year relative to the support of higher education. The editorial follows:

When the days of May shall arrive the high schools of Oklahoma will hand certificates of graduation to approximately 16,000 students. Every one of those 16,000 will become a potential college or university student. Several thousand of them will look with favorable eyes and anxious hearts toward the gates of Oklahoma university and the A. & M. college.

Yet the major institutions of Oklahoma already are crowded to their doors. They arecrowded insufferably. They are crowded to a point where right instruction is jeopardized if not rendered impossible. What to do when 16,000 more high school students are released from high school and begin to hurry by the round thousands toward the scenes of higher education?

We are spending millions each year to give hundreds of thousands a grammar school education and we insist that every one of that great army enter high school. We are spending millions to train our high school students and we insist that every one of them enter college or university. But our colleges and universities lack adequate facilities for the accommodation of the many thousands we are preparing for al-
advanced training and urging to take advanced training. We are spending millions to create an intense desire, but we have failed to provide sufficient means for gratifying the desire we have created.

What is Oklahoma going to do about this? Shall we by failure to take affirmative action force thousands of Oklahomans to seek education elsewhere? Shall we discourage highschool education and tell thousands of ambitious boys and girls that they cannot be accommodated at the university even if they finish their high-school course? These are not questions of a remote future. They are vital, burning, insistent questions of 1930.

These questions must be dealt with by the administration as they are presented next November. What do our aspirants for high office propose to do about it? What solution have they for this pressing problem? Have they a solution or have they none? Suppose we hear from them before we vote.

Sooner to Sooner

ON OKLAHOMA CRITICS

We are indebted to Mrs Anne McClure of Oklahoma City, whose delightful article on the MacDowell colony was published in the magazine recently, for this warm comment on Oklahoma from the widow of the famous composer:

"Thank you so much for your magazine and the fine article about Peterborough. I love to think your Colony visit meant so much to you. What a silly bit that was about Oklahoma. (Refererring to a criticism by Mencken reprinted in the magazine.) Nothing makes me so tired as the stupid easterner who passes quickly through a place, knowing really nothing about it, and picks out some one thing he does not happen to like, as you might so easily about any town. I don't like our shabby, dusty little stations in New England.

To me, one of the progressive states in the union is Oklahoma and I have been in and out of at least a dozen towns and feel I have a right to judge. When I think of your splendid group of university buildings in Norman! And how many times I have spoken of a sorority house I was in, where the girls were so lovely, so well mannered, and the house itself so beautiful. The finest one I ever happened to have been in, though there may be others equally lovely."

MARY MACDOWELL

GIVE US MORE LIKE THIS

Okmulgee, Oklahoma
January 23, 1930

To the Editor:

Today I happened to remember the many requests you have made in board meetings that the members of the executive committee of the University of Oklahoma Association take a little time once in a while and write you the news. During the recent Christmas holidays we visited in Phoenix, Arizona, and while there I had the pleasure of visiting with some former students and graduates of the university.

As you doubtless know, Mr K. Berry Peterson, who at one time attended the law school in the university, but I believe did not graduate, is now attorney general of the state of Arizona, and has given me a good account of himself. Mr William P. McNeely, ex '16, is manager of the Farmer's Market in Phoenix and thinks there is no place like that city.

I also had a long visit with Howard Speaman, LL. B., '15, who is now the leading criminal lawyer of Phoenix. He has served as terms as assistant county attorney there and is well acquainted and doing well.

I also had a long visit with Abner E. (Slim) England, B. A., '16, who is now the leading automobile dealer of that city. England has made a lot of money as the Hudson-Essex representative for the state of Arizona and for the western coast of Old Mexico. While there he showed me through his new $50,000 home that is to be completed about March, out in the citrus belt a few miles from Phoenix in the midst of ten acres of fine orange and grapefruit trees. He states that after about March 1st this home will be open for the entertainment of any of his Sooner friends who might come that way.

I also notice that the January issue of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science carries an article on "Anti-Trust Laws and the Oil Industry," written by my distinguished partner, Charles B. Steele, A. B., '15.

Don't you ever get up at another board meeting and complain that the board member from District No. 2 never gives any time to The Sooner Magazine?

I again want to compliment you on the excellent publication you are furnishing, and with best wishes, I am

A. N. BOATMAN.

(Thank you, Mr Boatman! Let's hear from more of you board members—and Sooner all! We appreciate it.)

Sports of all sorts

ONCE EVERY SO OFTEN

In the peak sport season of the Daily Oklahomaan of January 19, Bus Ham the sports editor, reproduced a letter from Richard C. Smith, ex '18, of Marietta, Oklahoma, complaining about the athletic season of the Sooners. That precipitated a debate we see every so often, whenever the Sooners happen to be on the losing side.

Quite a debate followed between Mr Ham on the one side, while the defense was carried on not only by the university and the athletic association, but by B. A. Bridgewater, sports editor of the Tulsa World, and C. E. McBride, sports editor of the Kansas City Star.

Mr Smith's letter to Mr Ham follows:

I noticed a news item this morning where President Bizell of O. U. was trying to secure Biff Jones, ex-army coach for the R. O. T. C. at Norman.

I have had many talks with Oklahoma alumni and we are all dissatisfied with the present system of coaching at O. U. Oklahoma had some splendid material for a 1929 team, but only a very fair team. I saw the Texas-Oklahoma game and was thoroughly disgusted.

It seems to me that it would be economy to get a first-class coach and assistants to develop a winning team that will fill the stands at Norman even his warmest friends by his failure to schedule a Big Ten or eastern or western or southern team of first rate at Norman each fall. Ad Lindsey is being picked to pieces because his Sooner eleven of last fall did not go anywhere. And, as Smith points out, Lindsey has had three years in which to make or break. The fact that Ad has done moderately well—has been neither a brilliant success nor a flat failure—is all that has kept the wolves from howling long and loud for his carcass.

In all fairness to Ad, it should be said that he did not have as good material last fall as many people thought. He did have some splendid ballcarriers. But this was about all he had. He lacked big backs to block, plunger, run interference, back up the line. His linemen were nothing to ballyhoo about.

Ad's contract, if he actually signed one and it is said he didn't, expires with the end of this school year. Whether he has been offered a renewal and whether that renewal calls for one year or two or three, has not been brought to light. This much only is a certainty about the immediate future of football at O. U.—Lindsay must produce a winner in a big way in 1930 and Owen must recognize the demand of the public and bring a major league eleven to Oklahoma, no later than 1931.

"Jap" Haskell also has been held over the blaze. His baseball team did not pan out as expected in the Big Six conference race last spring. He
had his share of tough breaks but it is also true
that he had a wealth of material.

In his efforts as a freshman football coach
have not brought unusual results, and those who
urge a revision of the Sooner staff would take
his head off along with Lindsey's.

Dewey Luster, assistant wrestling
coach, is the only one excepting the verbal
fire. "Snorter" Luster's object is to get the best
student athlete into the University. Any
suggestion that has been made will have to
be followed, I see no reason for keeping
them secret.

One day I telephoned Bennie Owen.
"How'd you like having Biff Jones at Norm-
an next year to help Ad Lindsey coach the
football team?" I asked the University of
Oklahoma athletic director.

"Fine," was the immediate answer, accompa-
nied by a chuckle.

It was suggested the retiring army football
coach might accept an appointment to the
University of Oklahoma R.O.T.C. and be
available for coaching assistance.

"What the Sooners need is new blood, and
they can't get it by hiring men who learned
what they know right. O. U. Look at the
stars-Young-DeMoss, Luster, Jacobs, Haskell,
all former Sooner players. Keen and Lindsey
are the sole exceptions, and Keen came from the
Oklahoma Aggies.

If old grads, sportswriters and others, want
their services?" He asked.

"No one expects Ben Owen to get out, but
you'd like to have Biff Jones at Norman?
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But whether we personally are goat or gal-
lant, the prodding promises to produce the de-
laimed improvement.

Neil R. Johnson, '15 arts-sc., '17 law,
member of the University of Oklahoma
Association executive board, replied to the
attack in part as follows:

"I think the solution of the problem depends
upon the alumni and the press of the state in
influencing the best men in the state to go
to school in the state rather than go elsewhere.

As to comparing Oklahoma with S. M. U., the
Methodist school is located in Dallas, a thriving
city that offers good positions to athletes and
work their way through school. The same
might be said of Oklahoma City and Tulsa,
where there are many more jobs for boys
who have to work to keep from going to school.

The playing of inter-sectional football games
will have to be abandoned or at least not
started until more men have had the chance
of playing college football.

"What is wrong with the University of Okla-
moma athletic situation? I have discussed
the matter with the alumni carefully and find
the criticisms are: Oklahoma has lost some
important football games.

"The University of Oklahoma has not received
its wealth of football material last fall?

Jim Hopkins, sports editor of the Okla-
oma News, scoffed at Mr. Ham's com-
ment in his own column, "News and
Views," declaring:

"If we have kicked the pants off the
school for the sudden 'up-
ing' against athletics is to win games, that
there can be no such thing as amateur sports
in colleges and that the present system should
be abolished.

Are the howlers ready to make college sports
openly professional with paid participants—and
then hold them responsible for their conduct?
Or would they just rather the college authorities
shrink their eyes at the half-disclosed, undercover
professionalism which attracts stars who pride
their services?

Bus Ham, revolter leader, and his cohort, Charles
Saulsberry, have suggested bigger and better
jobs be provided prospective players. This is
just a subterfuge of professionalism—even if it
would help win games.

I cannot help but admire a university which
sets its ideals high, and lives up to them,
and lets the victories come where they will.

Bus Ham wants to help the situation himself,
and he can do a lot more work by boosting the
University athletic department and trying for
a game on our own lot.

Bus Ham is trying to feel the pulse of a situa-
tion eighteen miles away. As far as Bennie
Owen is concerned, he is a professional with
paid participants-anti-athleticism. He cannot
help it if he overrates his gains."

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"The University of Oklahoma is on record
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attend the school and build a winning team.

"Mr. Ham's remarks are clear and direct.
"It places a terrific handicap upon the Sooners," he
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Take the other schools of the Big Four and see
they are recruiting men by paying them 'jobs' for
athletics. Does the Aggies carry with his football
football material last fall?

Those huskies didn't casually drift into Lawrence.
Star athletes will continue to side-step the acceler-
ing numbers for other schools will have 'jobs' for
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He clammers for "jobs" for athletes at the university and pays $50 a month and $25 in club arms to all. Mr. Ham is right in one instance—that most other schools do provide jobs for athletes—but he is wrong as a Western League umpire in many instances.

In the first place, he is slightly late in falling on the happy solution of providing "jobs" for athletes to build good "amateur" athletic teams. The method of building teams was used first sometime in B. C., if we have our history on straight, when the Greeks were wont to frolic in Olympic pastures.

Furthermore, he is decidedly in bad taste, in view of the present day and age. In college and university athletics, to bring that up. The business of providing "jobs" for athletics is in disfavor, if any part of several thousand similar and newspaper articles published in recent months is to be believed. Schools that now are getting their teams by the "job" process are getting away from the practice or getting in deadly difficulties.

Instead of being a "has been," the University of Oklahoma is, in our estimation, just in a new field of college athletics by keeping its athletic department in the move. In college sports clean is not new at Oklahoma. Since Ben G. Owen came to Norman in 1905, we venture to say there have been no smutts on the escutcheon of the Sooners. It seems no reason why Oklahoma should play Texas, or any other team in its own conference. But intersectional games involving long trips, causing several day's loss of time from school work, in our judgment, are unwise.

5. University teams are not allowed to participate in post-season games.

As for the second point, most of the complaints levelled at intercollegiate athletes grows out of the artificial distinction of winning championships and attracting large crowds to athletic contests. It seems fair that the university should have the right to employ student and coaching staff to develop winning teams, and the tendency is to judge ability of coaches entirely by their ability to win all or most of the games they play. It is only natural that the athletics enthusiasts should measure accomplishments in terms of victories. The keen competition in intercollegiate athletics makes it improbable that any one school will win all the games, but it is obvious that the wholesome rivalries and fraternal spirit that grow out of these contests would suffer if any one school had too many winning teams.

On the basis of this doctrine the university authorities maintain the following policy with reference to coaches:

The fact that the authorities of the University of Oklahoma do not subscribe to either of these extremes helps to produce a frank statement of the policies which are followed here and which have been followed over a period of years.

1. It is the policy of the University of Oklahoma to encourage all students to participate in intramural games or intercollegiate athletics for the obvious educational value and the inculcation of good sportsmanship that can be translated into wholesome living.

2. The subsidizing of athletes is not allowed. On the other hand it is our belief that a student athlete should be paid because he is a student, and that athletic this fact should not prevent his receiving the same opportunity for working his way through school that are afforded any other student in the university.

3. Protesting of athletes is not permitted. It is absolutely wrong, in our judgment for any coach or any part of the coaching staff to offer attractive concessions to an athlete to leave his native state to enter an institution in some other state where he has no special interest in attending school; was that athlete's only interest to leave this state to attend a school where his only interest is an attractive offer resulting from his athletic ability.

4. The university authorities are opposed to interscholastic games. This is a relative term. It is possible for a team to meet a team in another conference without traveling farther or losing more time than that involved in playing some team in its own conference. But interscholastic games involving long trips, causing several day's loss of time from school work, in our judgment, are unwise.

C. E. McBride, sports editor of the Kansas City Star, commented at length on the controversy:

The wolves are loose in Oklahoma again. There is snapping and snarling at the heels of Ben Owen and Ad Lindsey. "Jap" Haskell needs a suit of mail to shield the bombardment coming his way. As to Lindsey, Owen went to a small school in Kansas and got Ad because (Owen) used to coach the same school—Bethany—and because he learned how to run a program. "University of Kansas, the same as Owen did," reads a quotation in Bus Ham's column in the Daily Oklahoman.

One authority to speak for Ben Owen, but the foreg.ing assertion reads like a crock of sour milk to me. I would say that the fact that Ad Lindsey coached Bethany, as did Owen, before the war, had nothing whatsoever to do with the hiring of Ad Lindsey. I believe further that Owen picked Ad Lindsey as the best of the coaches in the smaller schools of the country. That was the way Missouri picked Gwinn Henry. And the way Kansas got "Bill" Hargis.

I believe that the fact that Lindsey played football for K. U. and did Ben Owen, had nothing to do with Owen's hiring of Lindsey. Nothing whatsoever.

Bennie Owen probably hired Ad Lindsey because he believed Ad was the best of the young coaching talent in the Valley sector, and possibly also because this best man of the lot could be offered at a lower salary figure Oklahoma could afford to offer.

I would like to feel that I had a wee bit of a part in the hiring of Lindsey, because I recall the high regard that the Indians had toward the men of fame in the football world who recommended Lindsey.

The statement that "Lindsey got his football education" is only partly true, and therefore a trifle misleading. True, Lindsey's early training was at K. U., where he was under excellent coaching, but Ad had a greater range of football in his post-college days. He played on the championship-
ship A. E. F. team and was one of the great stars of that cosmopolitan aggregation of college gridiron stars, schooled in the Haughton system. 

Ad Lindsey knows his football from every angle, and his teams that I have seen have shown it. I know little of Lindsey's manner of handling his men, but I do not deny that there is a reason why they like him, but it is my opinion that Ad Lindsey can get as much out of his football material as any other coach in the league in which he plays. Give Ad Lindsey the proper coaching help, assistants as capable as those of his fellow head coaches of the Big Six, and he'll turn out teams as good as most other coaches could, and better than a majority of them would turn out.

In his column Bus Ham says: "This much is a certainty about the immediate future of football at O. U. — Lindsey must produce a winner in a bigger way in 1930 and 1931. That ultimatum put rather a difficult task up to Lindsey and Owen. I know little of the material at hand for Lindsey's welding next fall. If he hasn't got it he can't mold it. Even if he has good material he must have the right kind of help. Maybe he has it. I don't know about that, but I do know that the proper brand of coaching help is absolutely essential for a head coach of a Big Six school.

As for Owen getting a Big Ten or an eastern team to make the trip to Norman — that is an assignment that some of Oklahoma's multi-millionaire oil men might find difficult to carry out.

Big Ten and eastern schools do not care for the long trip to Norman and the hot weather when they take on the Sooners. Nebraska always fought shy of games at Norman every other year. Incidentally that was the main reason, as the story comes to us, why Nebraska wasn't so keen about Oklahoma being in the present Big Six alliance. And this may be a timely moment to present the fact that the friendly sentiment for Ben G. Owen among the athletic personnel of the other Big Six schools was the main factor in the invitation to Oklahoma.

Big Six members in this immediate territory have difficulty in lining Big Ten teams for Big Six griddron. Nebraska is still another ten or twelve hours' ride and the Big Ten teams hold the Oklahoma warm weather as a bugbear. I am not arguing the merits of this contention, but simply am trying to state the facts as they are.

If Big Ten teams are that way one really may understand how the eastern elevens feel, and Norman cannot throw the mighty lure of heavy guarantees and the vacation lures that California holds.

So it looks as though Meass Lindsey and Owen have been given assignments no human could carry through. Some powerful southern teams might be lured to Norman. That seems to be the only chance for Ben Owen on that score.

Here is another quotation from an Oklahomaan as printed in the column already referred to in the story that the Sooners need is new blood, and they can't get it by hiring men who learned what they know right at O. U. Look at the staff today. Four of the other Big Six head coaches are former Sooner players. Keen and Lindsey are the lone exceptions and Keen came from the Oklahoma Aggies. It is not surprising that it is a great tin to bring graduates into the coaching system. In fact, I am inclined to lean toward the graduate system of coaching. It is the way at Harvard and Texas Tech, and I believe that the head coach always must be a Yale man. Not so always with the assistants. And one hardly can deny that the year in and year out, Harvard and Yale carry on right smartly on the gridiron.

The Philadelphia Evening Ledger compares the sad state of the Phillippines with the Sooners:

There is scarcely a sports team of any sort that hasn't experienced an off-year. Some of these off-years get strung along together until it seems the team experiencing them has made a habit of them.

For several years the sport teams of the University of Oklahoma were riding the crest. But at this stage of that ride it appears as if those teams have run into a flock of off-years all in one.

The football team dropped from second to fourth place in Big Six ranking. The basket ball team, champion last year, is now in the cellar. And the alumni wolves are howling merrily. Their wail is something like that heard up at Baker Bowl when the Phillies placidly assigned themselves a cellar seat in the National League year after year.

Oklahoma can gain some measure of consolation by recalling that Yale won the Interscholastic league basketball championship in 1923 and rested at the bottom of the heap for the next four years.

Basketball Progress

Injuries joined graduation and ineligibility in taking a whack at Coach Hugh V. McDermott's Sooner basketball team this year, to leave Oklahoma with eight consecutive defeats. Practically the whole first team, including Captain Tom Churchill, Culbertson, Noble, Graham and Jerome, has been on the injured list a good part of the season.

An insurmountable handicap in height at center which has allowed opposing teams to take the tip-off in almost every game is another factor accounting for the consistent Sooners losses. Although nearly every man on the squad has been tried in the pivot position, no one has been able to duplicate the performances of Vic Hot and Cliff Shearer against the towering centers of other Big Six teams.

Jack Roadcap, diminutive and elusive Iowa State forward, snatched victory from Oklahoma's hands by sinking his seventh field goal in the last few minutes of play for a 34 to 33 score.
Association progress

THE AGGIE CHALLENGE

Elsewhere in the magazine we publish the challenge of the Former Student's Association of Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical College to our association. President Tolbert has sent a similar challenge to the Aggie association, and the contest for the most new members is now on, to be terminated June 30.

The losing side in the contest will present the winner with a silver loving cup at a banquet which it will tender also. Written reports will be made monthly and the results made on the a point basis for each new member.

W. A. Melton of Tulsa is president of the Former Student's association and George McElroy of Stillwater, secretary. Reports of the points gained by each association will be published monthly in the magazines of the two associations.

* This means, of course, that every member of the association should procure at least one new member and as many more as possible. Ask your Sooner friends if they are members. If they are not, sign them up. Get all the life members you can.

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NEW LIFE MEMBER

The newest life member of the association hails from Milan, Italy. He is Joe Benton, 21 voice. Italians know him as Giuseppe Bentonelli. He may be reached, care the American Express, Piazzale Partini 2, Milan, Italy.

Mr Benton returned to Italy last November after a vacation spent in the states, part of the time with his parents in Norman. He has now signed up with the world's foremost opera agent, Emilio Ferone, and has sung in Manou, La Bohème, and Tosca, at Ferrar, Imperia and Alessandria respectively.

Let's talk it over

BY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT TOLBERT

Another foundation stone of the university is in place. The new library building, one of the outstanding structures of its kind in this country, is in use. All of us owe much to those who have made it possible. A library is one of the essentials of higher standards of scholarship and a great university.

An alumnus issues a communique through Tulsa and Oklahoma City papers proclaiming his dissatisfaction with the athletic situation and demanding a "change." May we suggest that such broadcasting might more effectively and more becomingly be done in the "Sooner to Sooner" column of this magazine or direct to the three alumni representatives on the athletic council?

Alumni responsibility in matters athletic should not be forgotten or evaded. Three alumni representatives, nominated by the alumni executive board (themselves elected by the alumni at large), two active students, nominated by the student council, and eight faculty members compose the athletic council. All of these members are required to be approved by the university president.

Alumni interference has almost wrecked athletics at some schools. Active alumni interest and co-operation, at other schools, have been most helpful. There is a happy mean.

Present alumni representatives on the athletic council are: Neil R. Johnson, '15 arts-sc, '17 law, Norman; Paul G. Darrough, '13 arts-sc, '15 law, Oklahoma City and Raymond A. Tolbert, Oklahoma City.

What changes would you suggest in our basic athletic control structure? We have:

1. Faculty control through an athletic council of eight faculty members, two students and three alumni.
2. High standards of eligibility administered by faculty eligibility committee.
3. Budgeting of all expenditures and disbursement of all funds by means of an approved voucher system.
4. Books and records designed and installed by certified public accountants and periodically audited.
5. All athletic funds are held and disbursed solely by J. L. Lindsey, university financial clerk.

* I am one of those who believes that with a fundamentally sound athletic structure and the proper interest and cooperation of alumni we will encounter but few athletic backsets.

* I am wondering if during the last few months have not, perhaps unwittingly, paid university athletics a just compliment by stressing and commenting upon our unusually high athletic standards. There is much comfort in being in the forefront in these days of so-called athletic reform.

* A contributor to the last issue defends the thesis that college journalism should conform to the code of newspaper ethics of the metropolitan press and be unbiased. Now, I want to move that student and alumni publications be put in the house organ class so they can serve as the mouth pieces of the student and alumni, pull for the home team a little and encourage others to do likewise.

* Power and best wishes to the Aggies in their new stadium drive. The paved highways that will likely be completed into Stillwater by next fall from Oklahoma City, Enid and Tulsa make additional facilities a necessity.

* Brother Sooner, have you paid that 2-5-0 pledge that was accepted as good collateral by the folks that loaned us the money with which to build the stadium and union building? There is nothing of greater importance or significance to Soonerland than the prompt payment of these solemn obligations.

* February 1st was Radio Night at K. U. Greetings and speeches from well known university professors, campus music and alumni "hellos" made up the program which was enjoyed by alumni groups at dinners throughout the state.

* Under the will of the late J. W. McDonald, Paris, Texas, the University of Texas receives $750,000.00 to build an observatory and establish a chair of astronomy.