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Social Sciences Looking Up

The Social Science Center (see photo), the newest addition to the campus, is nearly completed and will be open for use by the fall semester. The multimillion-dollar center, located on the South Oval next to Copeland Hall (the journalism building) at the corner of Lindsey and Elm, is composed of two buildings, one for classrooms and laboratories and the other for professors' offices. The departments of history, political science, sociology, psychology, geography, and philosophy, which have been packed somehow into bulging old Gittinger Hall, will move to the new quarters. Gittinger will receive a spillover from Kaufman Hall, particularly from the English department which has needed more room for some time.

The classroom building of the center has a basement level and two floors above ground. Four large classrooms, accommodating 250-400 students, are contained in the building, as well as smaller, more conventional sized rooms and geography labs, housed in the basement. The 9-story office building is the fifth of campus "high-rise" buildings, joining the three 12-story housing complexes and the 9-story Botany-Microbiology Building.

Feeling the Draft

Somehow, as hard as many college people—students and professors and administrators—try to forget and ignore it, the subject of Vietnam keeps raising its dreadful head and spoiling all the easy, pleasant business of education. Something happened recently which forced higher education to confront the war in Southeast Asia from another perspective. A decision by the administration to lift deferments for many graduate students threatens to disrupt the nation's graduate schools.

Dr. Ed Blick, assistant dean of the Graduate College at OU, says that he expects about 670 of the fall's graduate enrollment to be eligible for the draft, a potential loss of 16 percent of the students. A good percentage, says Blick, would be teaching assistants, and their loss would severely damage the graduate program. Two college presidents, Kingman Brewster of Yale and Fred Harrington of Wisconsin, spoke against the new policy. They said exposing graduate students to a sudden mass induction would not be in the interests of the nation, the colleges, or the students.

All that will be in graduate school in fall 1968, says Nathan Pusey, president of Harvard, will be the lame, the halt, the blind, and the female. Brewster favors abolition of all student deferments, including undergraduates, which would at least result in a stable and more equitable situation. Under the confusion that now exists, he says, neither schools nor students can count on being able to complete a course once it is started.

Breaking Up That Old Gang

In ten years the percentage of married students enrolled in the University has increased from ten to twenty-eight. And Dr. Dorothy Truex, dean of women, says that more wives are remaining in school after they are married.

Figures were not available for single women students who are seeking husbands, but most assume that the percentage has
remained constant at one hundred through the decade.

There's Little Business Like . . .

If you wondered, there's little chance of an OU student being afflicted with a suifet of entertainment. That is, entertainment other than listening to the Union jukebox or watching the classes change on the South Oval. The University Theater presents varied, usually marvelously polished productions, but as far as outside stuff, Norman is close to an entertainment ghetto.

Motion picture offerings have a high banality index. The Boomer Theater has reluctantly spoon-fed the campus community over the past two years, after prodding from professors and clergy, with an "Art and Foreign Film Series," which featured a good movie usually, generally foreign, and invariably aged. This concession to intellectual hunger was on Wednesdays only, and it has just been canceled. Those with a taste for something more provocative than.gridx of jeans, Dean Martin, and Disney flicks must drive to a couple of coves in Oklahoma City. The Union Activities Board offers movies also, but they are old, often undistinguished American movies which are playing the late show on television at the same time.

Live entertainment is a trickle, not a torrent. The UAB through the Popular Series sponsors a half-dozen relatively big-name groups each year. This spring they are the Association, Simon & Garfunkel, and John Gary. Carlos Montova was here in March to play flamenco guitar, also under the auspices of the UAB. About the only really enjoyable live entertainment is again in Oklahoma City. But the legislature is about to adjourn.

Alumni Youngi

Alumni associations at colleges and universities have discovered their alumni are younger than ever. OU's records illustrate this. In its 75 years of operation the University has granted some 75,000 degrees; more than half have been awarded since 1950.

Covering the Magazine

This month's cover is the last to be designed by Jim Billingsley, associate art editor of the University of Oklahoma Press. Billingsley, who has designed every Sooner Magazine cover, with the exception of the March 1967 issue, since November 1964, is leaving to take a position as art director of the University of Tennessee Press. At the OU Press, Billingsley directed the design and layout of books and their jackets; his work with the magazine was a special consideration, one for which we are grateful.

Billingsley's place will be taken by OU alumnus Bill Cason, who has been assistant art director and who designed four books from the OU Press honored recently in the Southern Library Association Competition. The books were among 23 which won awards for excellence in design, printing, and binding. Joining the press will be another OU alumnus, Mike Dirham, who now runs right up there in popularity in Texas with Santa Anna, and some would say the state hasn't taken a beating since the Alamo. Some of the grumbling was because Southwest Conference coaches are limited to two visits to each prospect while Oklahoma and all other non-conference schools are not. One can understand that it would take a coach from the South-west loop a long time and many visits to convince a lad to go to TCU or Texas A&M or Austin.

OU signed many fine football prospects this winter. It's the best in many years, maybe ever. The list includes six strapping youngsters from the Houston area (whop); Mildren (blap); Mike Howe (lift), White Deer, Tex., all-everything linebacker (OU has had two other players from White Deer—Jim Weatherall and Carl McAdams, both All-Americans); Jon Harrison (swak), Mildren's chief target; Steve Aycock (barn), Midland linebuck; Mike Mullen (zap), Dallas linebucker; Phil Jordan (bash), Amarillo tackle; Bill Holland (zing), Ft. Worth tackle; Jim Gilmore (bop), Jacksonville all-everything linebucker; Glen King, (crash), Jacksonville all-everything halfback (5-8, 185, 4 TDs, 6,000 yds. rushing in 4 yrs.) Also attracted to the banks of the South Canadian were Arkansas' top college prospect, lineman David Garen of Ft. Smith, and an outstanding tackle, Ken Jones, from Omaha, Neb.

On March 20 one of the biggest recruiting coups of the year was made when OU announced that Roy Bell, unanimous selection as Oklahoma's high-school player of the year, signed a letter of intent to play for Fairbanks. Bell gained 182 yards and scored 276 points as a halfback for state 1967 Class A champion Clinton.

The list of Oklahoma recruits is impressive. One of the most talented Oklahomans is Randy Brown (see photo), son of Guy Brown, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, who was a great foot-

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from each team compete in each event, and their performances are graded on a one-to-ten scale, as in diving, by four judges. The two middle scores are kept for each contestant, and the three highest from each team are totaled for each event. The seven are added for the final team score.

Gymnastics audiences are quiet, applauding only at the conclusion of each performance. Unfortunately, they have also been small at OU, averaging about 250 this season, but interest is building gradually.

"Education is the most important aspect in improving our gymnastics program," says Porterfield. "The problem is there just aren’t enough people familiar with the sport. I think it will eventually draw as well as basketball and wrestling. We just need to introduce more people to it.

"The biggest difference between gymnastics and, for instance, basketball or track is that most people have either run a race or shot a basketball but few have ever tried any gymnastics routines. They aren’t able, therefore, to appreciate what our young men are doing. They can compare experiences with other sports, but it’s difficult for them to identify with a gymnast.

"As for as having small crowds for our home meets, it doesn’t help our boys any. Big, vociferous crowds supply a lot of incentive. The greater
Wayne Wells and Evans
Milestones for each in '68

also beat national runner-up Michigan at Ann Arbor on the same trek. Neither will likely finish ahead of OU this year in the NCAA meeting. Only the Cowboys and the Cyclones seem as strong, and OSU must again, after a dismal showing last year, wear the favorite's mantle. Roderick's team has improved tremendously the latter half of the season and its overall balance will be an advantage. OU has four or five wrestlers capable of a national crown, but the other positions are relatively weak.

The Other Press
A campus with relative freedom (meaning the availability of paper and ink) and vital students will have some unofficial, off-campus student publications which appear frequently, infrequently, regularly, and/or spasmodically. They may be printed on mimeograph machines or offset presses, but they are without exception characterized by unequivocal positions on specific issues. The University of Oklahoma has relative freedom, some vital students, and some unofficial student publications. They offer a student a wider range of comment than he can discover in the good, gray, bland Oklahoma Daily.

OU's off-campus student publications may be more lively, but they are far from being worthy of suppression. They include the Big Red Eye, the Wind, the Proud American, and the SDS Voice. The Free Press, a part of ISA, shared the fate of that organization, which was pronounced dead in the first semester. The SDS publication is sporadic and radical and not much this year. It usually appears only when an issue of unusually high intensity is burning. The Proud American isn't much either, a mainly one-man mimeo job which runs heavily to reprints from other publications.

Its chief concern is fighting communism, with bullets and bombs mostly.

The Wind is the newest and with the Eye the most ambitious. Tabloid size, 5,000 copies are printed, 4,000 of them distributed on the OU campus, the remainder at eight other schools. Its inclination is to the arts and issues, and it is obviously modeled after underground newspapers like the East Village Other and the Los Angeles Free Press. The maiden issue featured an exclusive interview with soul singer James Brown, a reprint of a Jim Garrison speech, columns on records and movies, an editorial about the irrelevance of the megaversity, poetry, art, and the start of series on Vietnam by a political science major. Howard English, the editor, says he's disappointed in the advertising response. The first issue carried an ad for the Roundtable, the student spot which has been in the news for alleged discrimination against students who are members of the New Left or look as if they might be radical. The ad said "The Roundtable Welcomes You Back," but
those who visualized a sort of cathartic reconciliation were mistaken. Inglish says a "straight guy" sold the Roundtable management (which is a sponsor of The Proud American) the ad, and he hears the Roundtable people are reluctant to pay the bill after seeing the Wind.

The Wind's first breath was free as well as fresh, but future issues will cost money—10 cents for one, a buck for a year. It shows promise, its staff is competent, and its content is vital enough and interesting. It would be a healthy sign if it could survive. Few off-campus publications, however, live a long life.

The Big Red Eye is an enterprise of student Preston Moore Jr., who conceived the magazine while recuperating from brain surgery. The Eye is printed offset, 7,000 copies per issue, seven issues a year, which are distributed free to all University housing rooms, Greek houses, and private apartment complexes. The Eye is now beginning subscriptions, $3 a year. The magazine is a pretty professional job, and it carries rather extensive advertising. It seems geared to the more conventional student, and it employs the campus humor, the Playboy interview, which its main feature imitates. The five issues to date have had interviews with Ken Morris, the Student Senate president; Chuck Fairbanks and Darrell Royal (remember him?); Herbert Hollomon, and George Hendersen.

The lead article in December was on the Student Lobby for Higher Education. There is always some humor which teeters on the edge of good taste and some pictures of pretty girls. Moore says he is breaking even and that he expects to make a little if his subscription response is what he foresees.

Basketball: Rebounding

The Big Eight basketball race was terribly disorganized, and, consequently, terribly exciting. At times it resembled a group of Keystone Cops who keep falling out of the pursuit car, catching it again on foot, then dropping into an open manhole. When all the brawling was over and everyone had knocked off everyone else, embarrassing coaches, players, writers, oddmakers, moms, and pom-pom girls in the process, Kansas State, unlikely as it may seem, stood alone at 11-3. Kansas was right behind at 10-4, and then came three bruised and gritty streetfighters at 8-6, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Iowa State. All had been in the race until the last unsettlingly unpredictable week. Missouri was right behind at 5-9, and Oklahoma State and Colorado were all alone at 3-11 each.

No one deserves coach-of-the-year more than Oklahoma's John MacLeod (Sooner Magazine, November 1967), who made his debut this season and helped turn the league upside down. For the first time in eight long years OU finished .500 for the season at 13-13. Last year the Sooners were 8-17. This year's 8-6 loop mark was a jump from last year's 5-9 sixth-place finish.

MacLeod molded a smooth, tightly disciplined, accurate-shooting club which
knocked off Kansas State by 11 at Norman, took Kansas to overtime at home before losing, and dropped a 2-pointer to the Jayhawks at Lawrence.

All-American Don Sidle, who averaged 19.8 points a game with a nationally ranked shooting percentage of 59.9, led the team. Sidle holds every major school scoring record; he broke 13 this year which compliment nicely the 11 he knocked off in 1966-67. His running mate Willie Rogers, at forward, combined with Sidle to become the highest scoring twosome in league history with a career total of 2,701, breaking the old mark set by Clyde Lovellette and Bob Kenney of KU in 1950-52.

The other starters were guards Howard Johnson, who regained his old form in the latter stages of the campaign, Joe Holladay, who developed into a reliable floor leader, and forward Garfield Heard, one of the best sophomores in the conference. Heard averaged 12 points a game, was second in rebounding, behind Sidle, and gave the Sooners the most potent front line in the Big Eight. Heard is slowed by two battered knees which cause him pain much of the time, but the 1968-69 team will have to be built around his scoring, knees and all.

Despite the remarkable 1968 reversal of fortune, there were a number of disturbing aspects which do not appear to be temporary: The Field House is still standing; no one had the initiative to blow it up or burn it down. And few fans turned out incomparison with other schools. These things are puzzling and frustrating to MacLeod. Just before the close of the season, he called a press conference and asked why people wouldn't pack the Field House to watch a greatly improved team, 8-3 at home, with a genuine All-American, an all-time scoring duo, and a chance for the title. There are reasons. One is the losing tradition. The habit not to attend is entrenched. Another is scheduling conflicts. The Sooners play half their home games on Monday nights—meeting nights for the Greeks and others—and the other half on Saturday nights, another pretty big night for the Corvette set. Too, the ticket setup works against the basketballers. The athletic ticket bought at enrollment entitles a student to attend football games only; another winter sport ticket must be purchased later in the year to see basketball. This is an inconvenience which could be easily corrected. There also could be better publicity in addition to newspaper coverage, which was generous. The sure way to end the predicament is to field a winner, but this gets us back to the inadequate field house and the vicious cycle is rolling. It's a discouraging picture until better facilities are provided. And suddenly things look brighter, if the March Regents meeting is an indication.

Track: Running Strong

Oklahoma's track and field team finished second in the league indoor meet in Kansas City March 1-2, amassing 41 points. Kansas won with 69; Missouri was third with 35; Nebraska had 33 for fourth. The Sooners won two of 14 events, copping the first two places in the 60-yard dash with the Long twins, Glen (6.1) and Wayne (6.2), and taking the 600-yard run with Jim Hardwick.

On March 15-16 the Sooners finished third in the national NCAA indoor meet in Detroit with 17 points behind Villanova (35 1/3) and Southern Cal (25). Kansas was fourth with 15 1/3. (Last year OU was second behind USC, again finishing higher than KU.) The University's eight-man team performed well. Glen Long had a fourth in the 60-yard dash (6.2). Ron Tull

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was second in the high jump (6'-10). James Hardwick was third in the 600 (1:11), and the mile relay team (Tom Melton, Cline Johnson, Dennis Cotner, and Hardwick) was second (4:16) behind Villanova. Mike Gregory was second in the long jump (24'-8 1/2).

**Swimming: Splashing Back**

The swimmers stroked in a strong third (95 points) behind champion Kansas (132) and Iowa State (98) in the conference meet in Lawrence March 10. The Sooners, who dominated the conference for thirteen years until Iowa State threw cold water on them last year, swam well. Coach Jay Markley predicted they would battle Oklahoma State for third, and his youngsters pleased him by leaving the Cowboys high and dry at 45 points.

**Pfrimmer and Pfreshmen**

At the annual Big Eight Conference meeting of coaches, athletic directors, and faculty representatives in Kansas City in March, the league adopted an NCAA rule which will enable freshmen to participate in all varsity sports except football and basketball, beginning in the fall. The rule also gives Don Pfrimmer, the inspirational 165-pound linebacker and transfer from Trinity University (Tex.), another year of eligibility.

**The More the Merrier**

Main campus enrollment showed a gain of 397 students over the spring semester of 1967 with a total of 15,050 compared to 14,653 last year. Figures are not yet available for the off-campus resident centers. The total includes 9,648 men and 5,402 women. By classes the enrollment includes 3,405 freshmen; 2,034 sophomores; 2,738 juniors; 2,441 seniors; 3,447 graduate students, and 85 special students. The largest enrollment is in arts and sciences with 6,273. Second is engineering with 1,961, followed by business with 1,912. Other figures include 1,829 in education; 760 in fine arts; 196 in nursing; 413 in law; 293 in pharmacy, and 1,413 unclassified.

**OU's Wilsons**

Two OU students have been named Woodrow Wilson Designates, and two have received honorable mention from the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation, the only designates or honorable mentions from Oklahoma. Designates are Michaelyn Barker, Frederick, who is studying classics, and Steve Wilson, Rush Springs, who is majoring in English literature. Wilson was a member of the University's championship College Bowl team of 1966. Receiving honorable mention were Gary Lee Hensler, Ada, and Sidney Warren Kitchel, Tulsa.

The 1,124 designates were selected from 309 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Their names, and those of the honorable mentions, are being sent to graduate deans with the recommendation that all are “worthy of financial support in graduate school.”

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Galbraith Declines

John Kenneth Galbraith, noted economist, withdrew March 29 from a speaking engagement at Oklahoma State University because of the school’s speaker policy (Soonerv Magazine, Nov. and Jan.). Galbraith, former ambassador to India, professor of economics at Harvard, and author of the nation’s best-selling nonfiction book, The New Industrial State, was to have appeared April 8 to give OSU’s annual Bennett Lecture, named after its late president, Dr. Henry Bennett. Galbraith sent the following telegram to the professor who heads the school’s Great Issues Committee: “On reflection, I have decided that I should yield to the plea of your student leaders and perhaps even to your own ultimate concern in the matter of the Bennett Lecture. Although my instinct is that the ruling of the regents on speakers should be treated as a purely comic phenomenon, I realize that I would be giving a measure of sanction to the pompous idiocy of their attempted censorship by coming.

“More important, it now occurs to me that Henry Bennett, a liberal of an old and stalwart style, would possibly not have wished it [the ruling]. I won’t, however, cancel my acceptance. I will postpone it until the first free weekend following the repeal of this ridiculous interference. Then, if you wish me to come, I’ll even do so at my own expense. I trust that you will make these views known to the larger community.”

It may be awhile before the ruling is abolished. A bill is now in the state legislature which contains almost the identical wording of the OSU Regents’ policy, which prohibits the appearance of those who would likely (our italics) use the occasion to advocate lawlessness or disregard for our laws, to propose any change in them other than by peaceful means, or to urge the violent overthrow of the country.

Passage of the bill appears probable. An amendment proposed by Rep. Ralph Thompson and Rep. Dave Boren, which would allow such speakers on the campus but only in controlled and moderated debates, failed.

The bill, if passed, will probably be ruled unconstitutional because of its vagueness. A UPI article quoted Capitol sources which said the attorney general’s office had already termed the bill “unconstitutional on its face.”

Loyalty Oath Unconstitutional

The state’s loyalty oath has been declared unconstitutional by the Oklahoma attorney general’s office. A copy of the opinion by Atty. Gen. G. T. Blankenship was released March 29, though the official announcement was postponed.

The decision was requested by Dr. George L. Cross on Feb. 28 after graduate student Vincent Maefsky indicated that he intended to test the validity of the oath, in effect since 1953, in the courts. Maefsky declined to sign the oath in accepting a teaching assistant position in the department of philosophy because he believed it to be unconstitutional. (Soonerv Magazine, Jan.)

Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, academic vice president of the University, when he was asked to comment on the decision, said the ruling clears up confusion about the oath that has existed for some time and has been intensified since Maefsky’s action. The confusion occurred because of the similarity, which was noted in the attorney general’s opinion, of the Oklahoma oath with those of three other states which have recently been found invalid by the U.S. Supreme Court.

An assistant in the attorney general’s office said he believes it possible to write a constitutional loyalty oath which places no restrictions on the political or philosophical pronouncements and beliefs of public officers and employees, including faculty members. He suggested that Oklahoma could follow the Colorado oath, which has been held valid, in language such as, “I solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the state of Oklahoma and of the United States of America and the laws of the state and the United States.”

Late Scores

Oklahoma picked up a couple of third-place finishes in the national wrestling tourney and in the conference gymnastics meet in late March. OSU and Iowa State placed ahead of the Sooners in wrestling; Colorado and Iowa State beat OU in gymnastics. The April News-Makers will have the details.

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