Draft Controversy

An OU student was a central figure in the recent controversy over a directive from Selective Service headquarters in Washington, recommending that young men with student deferments who attempted to impede the draft system through anti-war activities be reclassified I-A. John Ratliff, a sophomore from Tulsa, was reclassified by his draft board in November, soon after he received the directive from Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, the 74-year-old head of the Selective Service who has become a symbol of military conscription in this country. Gen. Hershey told the nation's draft boards to strip students who militantly opposed the war of their II-S deferments, and in doing so, drew a barrage of criticism from almost every corner of political thought, from Gov. Ronald Reagan to members of the New Left.

Ratliff apparently was reclassified because he had taken part in demonstrations against the national policy in the Vietnam War and because of his affiliation with the Students for a Democratic Society. He had not burned nor turned in his draft card, and his grades were satisfactory.

Among those who disagreed with Hershey's policy were Dr. George Cross and Dr. Morris. Dr. Cross was quoted as saying that the action by the Tulsa draft board was futile and probably not constitutional. Dr. Morris also questioned the legality of such a move. The chairman of the legal advisory committee of the Oklahoma Civil Liberties Union, J. D. Dalton of Tulsa, interceded on Ratliff's behalf. The Tulsa newspapers supported Ratliff's right to dissent, as did the SDS and the OU Committee to End the War in Vietnam, and it's been a while since all these groups agreed.

Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas called Hershey "a law unto himself" and a man who "respects only to his own conversation." Time Magazine, not exactly a leftist publication, described Hershey as a "19th century man" and admitted that he was "unread in Constitutional law." Columnist Carl Rowan wrote that he wondered how the troops in Vietnam would respond to the apparent Hershey concept that they were a penal colony and that those who disagreed with national policy would be punished by being put into uniform and sent to join them.

The presidents of Cornell, Brown, Yale, and any other school you can think of criticized Gen. Hershey. Senators deplored the action, and a group of Representatives called for Hershey's resignation. About the only place that was silent was the White House, and Hershey also kept his support with his draft board people. The chairman of the Tulsa board said he would use his influence to remove student deferments for anyone "who has a poor attitude toward the war." Said a student who disagreed with the draft board chairman, "He wants everyone to be a 'good German' and go along quietly. Well, we still believe that we have the right to speak without being taken away."

On Dec. 21, Ratliff checked his dossier at the draft board and discovered that his student deferment had been reinstated. At first the chairman of the board denied this. Another spokesman for the board said he had met that day and voted to drop the I-A classification. He said the board was given "new information." Ratliff said the only new information he knew of was a legal brief from the Civil Liberties Union.

Zap! You're Enrolled

Enrollment, which has often resembled the day after Christmas in a department store, hopefully is to be speeded up and simplified under a new system which uses a "zap number." "The zap number," says Dr. William Price, dean of admissions and records, "is a unique number identifying a specific course section. It's used to ensure that the student gets the class section he enrolls in, and it serves as guide in pulling class cards as each enrollment is processed." The zap numbers range from 1 to 7,089, which is the number of class sections at OU in the spring semester. The zap number for a course might be listed, "Zap No. 419, The History of Concrete, Sec. 1, MWF at 8 a.m.

"Mr. Portland." The new system eliminates the orange permit-to-enroll cards also. Advanced registration, which is what pre-enrollment is now called, was completed for the spring semester before school was dismissed for Christmas. It all goes accordingly, students will receive a longer break between semesters, thanks to the new plan, and enrollment will be as leisurely and relaxed as, say, shopping in a department store two days after Christmas.

Protecting Our Children

Under the visiting speaker limitations enacted by the OSU board of regents, Thomas Jefferson would be prohibited from speaking on the Stillwater campus. Adolph Hitler, on the other hand, would be allowed to speak under the regents' guidelines.

Police Brutality

"Lick" Willerson, the Norman policeman whose beat was Campus Corner, retired last spring after many years of patrolling the parking meters along Boyd, Asp, Buchanan, White, and University Blvd. Lick, who walked with a limp he received from a motorcycle accident injury, may not have been known by name to many college students through the years, but it's a cliché a large number knew who he was and many of them ended up with his autograph—on tickets for overtime parking which they found under their cars' windshield wipers. Lick became an institution of sorts; by the time he retired he was ticketing the sons and daughters of his first generation of offenders. He was always sporting about it, however—the ticket went to the driver—and it was unusual for him to show leniency, and sometimes mercy. Probably some even thought fondly of him, which is something when you think of what an unendearing job he had.

His successor is Patrolman Joe Dover, a nice man and a competent policeman even if he is reported to be a zealot in the administration of his duties. Says one veteran Campus Corner observer: "Lick gave enough tickets during his career to stretch from here to Los Angeles. Well, it looks as though Joe is out to make Santa Fe in his first year."

Wrestling Report

As Granville Liggins lay injured on the turf of the Orange Bowl playing field in the fourth quarter on New Year's Day
night, Chuck Fairbanks wasn’t the only coach who was upset. Coach Tommy Evans of the wrestling team must have been close to tears, for Liggins was to play a key role in his plans for 1966. It is now unlikely that the marvelous athlete will wrestle at heavyweight this year. The knee he sprained against Tennessee probably will prevent his competing.

Liggins’ injury is not a lethal blow to OU hopes, but it complicates matters greatly. The Sooners are weaker in the lower through the middle weights; it’s in the divisions from 167 on that OU is weaker.

Liggins was a most important asset.

As the season got underway, things were going pretty much as expected. Going into the opening dual against OSU in Stillwater on Jan. 6, the Sooners were undefeated after making their annual trip East, defeating Penn State (20-9), Lehigh (23-6), and Rutgers (33-0). The season opened with a tournament at OU in which the Cowboys edged OU 66-64.

Not surprisingly, the Sooners were being paced by senior Wayne Wells (152 lbs.), 24-2 last year and conference title winner and national runner-up trophy; NCAA 130-lb champ David McGuire, a junior, and NCAA runner-up Cleo McGlory (160 lbs.), also a junior. All were undefeated in six matches, and Wells had three pins. Also undefeated in his half-dozen starts was sophomore Mike Grant at 145 pounds. Steve Povalac, a senior who has wrestled behind Al Karaghoul and Dick Haxel for two years, was 5-1 at 137. Senior Bryan Rice, the superb 123-pounder Big Eight champ, is beginning slowly with a 4-2 mark, and he was soundly beaten by OU’s sophomore, which is not too bad. Steve Landrey, who must now carry the heavyweight burden, was 4-2 and usually outmatched since he is a natural 191-pounder. Senior Bud McDaniel, 3-3 at 167, is wrestling in a most difficult division, and Charles Shivers, a sophomore from Tulsa Washington, was 4-2 at 177 and improving.

It could be a very tough year. Iowa State has a top team, it appears. OSU is better than last year, and the Big Ten, with Michigan and Michigan State, has arrived.

Despite their deficiencies in the heavier divisions, the Sooners downed OSU in the first dual meeting of the two. The score was 17-5, and the credit goes not only to OU’s superbly conditioned wrestlers but to Evans for his clever juggling of a lineup hampered by injury and illness. Credit also to the aggressive wrestling philosophy of the Sooners, which believes that always going for the fast and easiest distance to victory. By constantly attacking, OU’s wrestlers dominated OSU.

The match was televised by an Oklahoma City station, KOCO-TV, making the fourth in a row of the duals between OU and OSU to be shown on the tube. OU has won all four.

It seemed that the best way to get the team to Stillwater would be by ambulance. Rice had jammed his thumb badly earlier in the week and had required eight stitches to close the resulting wound. McGuire had been in bed with the flu for most of the week. McDaniel was sidelined with an injury. It was easy to concede the match and begin talking about revenge in February, when the Cowboys would come to Norman. Evans wanted this one though, and he decided to manipulate the line-up.

Rice was moved up a weight to 130 and McGuire moved to Povalac’s division at 137. Stan Keely, a soph, started at 123 and wrestled a good match before losing, 6-2. Rice beat his man, McGuire stormed from behind and won near fall points won handily. Bud Grant at 145 pounds remained undefeated, also winning points for a near fall. Wells was as good as gold used to be in decisioning his man, and McGlory fought to a 1-1 draw with Stone of OSU, a not unexpected development. The score was now 14-5 for OU and, if OU took the remaining bouts, it was favored to do. The dual would end in a tie. A pin among the wins would give the Cowboys a victory, and OSU has a man who knows how to get the fall in 177-pounder Fozdard. Thus if OU was to win, it needed an upset at 167. With great presence and superb performance, Evans can now carry a load. His senior, McDaniel, a junior, to make his first start of the season and replace the injured McDaniel.

Evans easily wrestled at 152. On the night of Jan. 6 he wrestled at 167, coming from behind to defeat Robinson of OU in the key bout of the dual to assure the win for OU. He wore his man down with aggressiveness and conditioning and picked up enough points to win in the last minute with a reverse and predicament points. OU led, 17-5. Anticipation, Fozzard pinned Landrey at 177, OU forfeited the heavyweight contest, and the Sooners won home with another victory. Liggins will be sorely missed, but the 1968 team is a good one, and a gutsy one, without him.

Press Conference

Dr. J. Herbert Hollomon talked with the Oklahoma Sooners Press Beat in Norman when that group met one November Saturday in Norman. During the press conference portion, OU’s president-designate answered some questions from newsmen. Wayne Mackey, of the Daily Oklahoman, reported some of his replies in an article thusly: Academic freedom? “Boiled down, his answer, which consumed several minutes, showed him a strong advocate of campus freedom, provided, however, the expression of divergent views is coupled with order.” Campus picketing? “Peaceful picketing hurts no one, Hollomon maintained, providing anyone can walk through his business without a sign clouting him on the head.” The loyalty oath? “It’s a question of law, Hollomon said, and needs a court interpretation.”

Speakers who advocate the violent overthrow of the government? “If they make remarks that are violation of the law, he said, they should be arrested and tried. At the same time, how are sponsors to tell in advance what speakers will say?” Speaker guidelines? “There must be a legitimate sponsor. The meeting must be open. There must be a moderator not involved on either side of a controversy. The speaker must be subject to questions. There must be no violation of the law.”

Basketball Report

The basketball team, at the semester break, stood 6-7 for the season and 2-0 in the conference for undisputed first place. What is perhaps most significant has been the notable improvement the squad has made during the season, often the fact it came called for most improvement if his team was to be a winner (Magazine, Nov. 1967). In addition, the Sooners were called upon to adjust to a radically different offensive system.

MacLeod demonstrated astute scheduling in his first three games. The Sooners won all three, two of them easily. The Centenary Gentleman, and they were polite to a fault, fell in the opener at Norman, 91-73. TCU of that lousy basketball conference, the Southwest Loop, fell to OU at Ft. Worth, 66-57. What was encouraging about the defeat, other than the fact it came on the road, was that OU had rallied for the closing spread in the final three minutes after allowing an early lead to dwindle to a single point. In recent times the Sooners have pulled away at the end about as often as Raquel Welch’s leading men. Next came Pullman’s Bulldoggs, and the Sooners crushed them, 97-56. Their answer to the question of who was the best team in the conference was that they were not with that win.

Failure followed. The Sooners left for the West, finding the same sort of success that Custer had. They were defeated by Caltech of that lousy basketball conference in Lubbock, and by two California teams in Los Angeles. Southern Cal did it one night—O. J. Simpson didn’t gain a yard incidentally—and Loyola dominated OU the next evening. About the best thing to be said is that OU didn’t lose to UCLA. Another West team, Wyoming, smelled blood, followed MacLeod’s leads back to Norman, and beat them. There was time for another loss, to Drake, before the Big Eight tournament in Kansas City over the Christmas holidays. There the Sooners blew 6-point first-half leads to eventual champion Nebraska and conference favorite Kansas before losing to both by the respective, if not respectable, scores of 75-65 and 73-57. In the fight for seventh place in the tourney the Sooners trailed Iowa State 33-22 at halftime in what appeared to be an undeniable surge toward

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their eighth straight defeat. MacLeod let his boys have it in the dressing room, and they came out like people who had suddenly tired of losing. In the second half, the Sooners outscored Iowa State, 54-28, playing offense and defense like the Green Bay Packers. The Sooners were showing signs of becoming a cohesive team. In their conference opener at Missouri a week later they played erratically and at times with little interest in pulling out an 81-70 win on Don Sidle's three free throws in the last 24 seconds.

In the last game before final exams against OSU at Norman, the Sooners played as fine a game as any Oklahoma team in 15 years, beating the Cowboys, who had already beaten Oklahoma State, 101-81, 61-58, outstanding, outdefending, and outrebounding Hank Iba's team, which like all of Mr. Iba's is a smooth, superbly prepared outfit.

The shortcomings which the opening 3-0 record covered are being conquered. The defense is more formidable in the 13th game than it was in the first three. The execution of the controlled offense, downright terrible in early games, is showing marked progress. The rebounding is sounder, and the aggressiveness, oddly missing in opening games, has been quite apparent since the second half of the Iowa State game in Kansas City. The outside shooting is still lacking though the guard situation has improved.

MacLeod has tried eight players at guard, without any tandem standing out until the OSU game, when Joe Holladay, the Duncan junior, and Steve Ayers, a sophomore from Stillwater, played together. Holladay has displayed desire and defensive attitude, and Ayers is a ball player whom MacLeod describes as "a kid who won't quit." Holladay has also been the best outside shot among the guards, and Ayers is consistent from outside though he doesn't shoot well. An early appendectomy, a tumor attack, which required surgery, side-lined Harry Brown, the soph on whom MacLeod counted heavily as a catalyst in former years, has been quite apparent since the second half of the Iowa State game in Kansas City. The outside shooting is still lacking though the guard situation has improved.

A promising statistic is the Sooners' 48 percent field goal shooting. Against OSU, they battered the Cowboys with 13 of 20 and 65 percent in the second half. The Sooners are not going to the NCAA this year, but they are becoming a solid club. Hopefully, they'll get better as the season goes on. It's too bad that the Field House can't be improved with coaching, too. There has been an attempt to do something about its dreadful appearance. Its interior has been given a fresh coat of paint, which is like an aging hooker dying her hair red and doubling her rouge load. What OU needs is a fresh Field House.

Sabbaticals
Sabbatical leaves of absence for five professors were approved by the Board of Regents in December. The five are Dr. Richard G. Fowler, Research professor of physics and chairman of the physics department; and Dr. John W. Morris, professor of geography and chairman of the geography department, Sept. 1, 1968, to June 1, 1969; C. M. Stookey, professor of music and director of the School of Music, and William Harold Smith, professor of art, Sept. 1, 1968, to Jan. 16, 1969, and Dr. Gerhard Wiens, professor of modern languages, Jan. 16 to June 1, 1968.

People

Dr. Richard V. Andree and Arthur F. Bernhart, professors of mathematics, have been selected to be visiting lecturers during the 1967-68 academic year by the Mathematical Association of America. The program, originated by the association in 1954, enables small colleges to bring outstanding mathematicians to their campuses for formal lectures, conferences with students and discussions of teaching problems and curricular matters with mathematics faculty members.

Robert G. Summers, a personnel officer for the University of Illinois, was appointed director of Employment Services at the University of Oklahoma, effective Oct. 1, when the OU Board of Regents met in Norman in September. Since 1959 Summers has worked in Springfield, Ill., with the Division of Services for Crippled Children, which is administered by the University's Medical Center in Chicago. From 1953 to 1959 he was a personnel officer for the university's Office of Nonacademic Personnel on the main campus in Urbana.

Appointments of two members of the faculty as assistant deans were confirmed when the OU Board of Regents met in September. Dr. Gerald Braver, professor of zoology, was named assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Herbert R. Hengst, associate professor of Education, was named assistant dean of the College of Education.

Braver, who has done extensive research in genetics, came to OU in September 1958 from the University of California at Berkeley where he was a junior research zoologist in 1954-55, an acting instructor in 1955-56 and a research geneticist for the Atomic Energy Commission from 1956 to 1958. He was graduated from James Madison High School, Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1941 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946. Following his discharge from service, he entered Brooklyn College where he received a bachelor of science degree in biology in 1949. He earned a master of arts degree in zoology in 1950 and a doctor of philosophy degree in 1955 at the University of Missouri, Columbia. He served as an associate instructor in biology at Brooklyn College and as a research assistant at Missouri. He and his wife, the former Norma Blanksteent of Brooklyn, live at 816 Oakbrook Drive, Norman. They have three children, Susan Loura, Nancy and Robert. Mrs. Braver is the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. William Fisher, fireside and Dorchester Road, Brooklyn, and Braver's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Braver, 52 Broome Ave., Atlantic Beach, N.Y.

Prior to joining the OU faculty in 1964, Hengst served as director of higher education for the Michigan Education Association. Before going, Mich., held since 1961. From 1951 to 1953, he was principal of Barnum Junior High School, Birmingham, Mich., from 1953 to 1958. He was a research associate at the Michigan State University Center for the Study of Higher Education from 1958 until 1960 and in 1960-61 was director of education at MSU. Hengst was graduated from South High School, Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1942 and served in the Army Air Force from 1943 to 1945. He received a bachelor of arts degree in American history from Albion College, Albion, Mich., in 1948 and a master of sciences degree in education at Green State University Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1949. He earned his doctoral degree in administration and higher education from Michigan State University in 1960.

Jack M. Cochran, a recent graduate of OU, has been appointed assistant director of high school relations at the University. Cochran also will serve as administrative assistant to James E. Swain, director of the Office of University Relations. A graduate of Wagoner High School, Cochran received a bachelor's degree in business administration from OU in 1965 and was a member of the first President's Leadership Class.

A collection of poems by Dr. Ivar Ivask has been published by the Frederick Ungar Publishing Co., New York. Ivask is professor of modern languages and editor of Books Abroad, the international literary quarterly which is published at OU. He joined the faculty in July and formerly served as chairman of the German Department at St. Olaf, Northfield, Minn. Ivask's 63-page book, "Gespiegelte Erde" (Mirrored Earth), contains 36 poems in German. They were written between 1953 and 1963. Dr. Inci Incikava Terry, a woman who has strong personal feelings that elderly persons should retain an active and re-
spected position in their communities, has been appointed director of OU's Southwest Center for Gerontological Studies. Her appointment fills a vacancy left by the resignation of Ernest E. Sellars, who had directed the center since it was established in 1965. Sellars plans to continue his studies toward a doctoral degree in education. The gerontological center, located at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education, offers short courses and workshops to further research in aging processes. It is funded by a contract with the gerontology branch of the United States Public Health Service. Born in Istanbul, Turkey, Dr. Terry, 34, was educated in Turkey and the United States. She brings to her new job a strong background in psychology and education. She received the bachelor of arts degree from the American College, Istanbul, in 1951 and the license degree from the University of Istanbul in 1956. She earned a master of arts degree in psychology from the State University of Iowa in 1958. During the June 4 commencement exercises at OU, she received the doctor of philosophy degree in psychology.

Dr. David P. French, associate professor of English, is chapter president of the American Association of University Professors at OU. Other chapter officers are Dr. Ed F. Crim, professor of economics, first vice president; Dr. Geoffrey Marshall, assistant professor of English, second vice president, and Dr. John M. Canfield, associate professor of physics, secretary-treasurer.

Awesome Absurdity

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell was invited to speak at OSU by the Afro-American Society during that group's Black Heritage Week observance Feb. 12-17, but authorities at the school announced that Rep. Powell would not be allowed to speak under the provisions of OSU's visiting speaker guidelines adopted recently by its board of regents (Magazine, Nov. 1967). The society, the OSU statement said, was not a recognized campus organization, and even if it were, Powell couldn't speak. The reason he can't, OSU said, is because he advocates civil disobedience.

The absurdity of OSU's regulations is awesome. Similar regulations at other institutions have been struck down by the courts for their disregard of the U.S. Constitution. OSU is in effect convicting persons of criminal acts (advocating disobedience of laws is what is generally alleged) without a trial and without the acts being committed. When a university forbids an individual to speak because of what he might say then it is no university in the purest meaning of the term. Such control of who speaks whether practiced in Moscow or Stillwater or Peking is still tyranny.

License

Reports that the 1968 Oklahoma automobile license tags featuring a garish "barnyard orange" and despondent "roofing tar black" and known as "Aggies' Revenge" will be recalled by the state as a matter of good taste are apparently unfounded.
Hair-raising Development

For all those Nervous Nellies, to borrow a phrase from one of our more eloquent statesmen, who tend to associate student beards with dissent and all that unpleasantness, these are the times which try their discernment. The annual beard-growing contest sponsored by the College of Engineering for its annual observance March 11-16 began Jan. 29. For a couple of months beards will be sprouting on more faces than usual. It could harry some people a bit, but we hope not.

Bomling Incident

Some nut threw a tear gas grenade into Sudie Trippet’s house about 4 a.m. Jan. 14, starting a fire which was extinguished after causing slight damage. Miss Trippet is a member of Students for a Democratic Society and former chairman of the Committee to End the War in Vietnam (Magazine, Nov. 1967), and it can be assumed that her opposition to Johnson administration policy in Vietnam and her involvement with minority political groups prompted the attack. The Norman Police Department, which has been accused by some members of the SDS of harassing them, will conduct an investigation. What kind of job the department does will indicate its commitment to protecting equally all citizens, no matter what their political beliefs.

Recent Speaker

Charles Bolduc, traveling representative of the Young Socialist Alliance and a Marxist, spoke Jan. 9 at OU on “Che Guevara and the Latin American Revolution.” Bolduc’s talk was sponsored by the campus chapter of Students for a Democratic Society and was a public forum, held in the auditorium of the Botany-Microbiology Building.

The YSA was formed in 1960 and is composed chiefly of students. Bolduc, 21, of New York City, had spoken in Dallas and Houston before coming to Norman. Faculty members who participated in the discussion following Bolduc’s talk were Dr. Richard Baker, political science; Dr. Fred Silberstein, sociology, and Dr. Heydar Reghaby, philosophy. Students participating were John Ratliff, vice chairman of SDS at OU, and George Vallandares, a senior from Cuba.

Violate a Regulation and Help a Student

The University has reduced traffic fines and has reassigned the proceeds from them to the Office of Financial Aids where they will be used for work scholarships and fellowships. Formerly the money from violations went into the general operating budget.

The recommendations were among those made by the Public Relations Advisory Council, composed of students, concerning modifications of student regulations. The council also proposed that the fine for illegal parking be $5 and that the fine for driving on campus (which is prohibited for students from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.) be set at $10. An additional $1 will be assessed if the fine isn’t paid within a week. At present the fine for illegal parking is $10 ($5 if paid within 48 hours) and $20 ($10 is paid within 48 hours) for driving on campus.

Though the reductions aren’t significant—they only liberalize the time required to pay actually—the use of the money for financial aid is a good idea.

The recommendations were approved by the president’s office Jan. 10.

Information on Threshold (see page 1)

Any high-school senior may apply to Project Threshold (see page 1). Priority will be given, however, to the students whose standard scores on the American College Test are under 19 (particularly in English and math) and who meet the minimum legal requirements for admission to a regular semester at OU. These are as follows: A composite ACT score of 16 or above or a 2.5 grade average in high school (on a 4-point system) or ranking in the top 50 percent of your graduating class. (About 20-25 percent of the freshman class will have ACT scores of from 16 to 19. This group accounts for 75 percent of dropouts.)

The cost will be $348, which includes $108 for fees, $25 for books, and $215 for room and board. Cost of non-residents is same except for a $216 in fees. A number of scholarships are available. For further information on Project Threshold parents should write Dr. J. R. Morris, dean of University College, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., 73069.