Drama in the Decathlon

Bill Weaver, Oklahoma’s 168-pound drama student, lacks about 30 pounds having the size of such American decathlon greats as Jim Thorpe, Jim Bausch and Glenn Morris but his victory recently in the Colorado Indoor Relays septathlon indicates he is a possible Olympic candidate.

John Jacobs, for the past 26 years Sooner track coach, thinks Weaver is big enough. “I’m not worried so much about his size. What he needs is more form, especially in the weight events,” opines Jacobs who in 1928 put Tom Churchill, hunky Oklahoma sophomore, in the Olympic decathlon.

“I’ve always thought a jumper-hurdler type of track man is the best decathlon material,” says Jacobs. “I’ll admit that a big man who can also pole vault and high jump makes a dandy, but the jumper-hurdler type should not only be tops in the broad jump, high jump, pole vault and hurdles, but he should usually beat a bigger man in the three races, the 100, 400 and 1,500 meters run.

The only event Weaver isn’t ‘horse’ enough to do well is the shot put. But he’s big enough to do a lot better than he has in the javelin and discus. Those events are nearly all form anyhow. Bill is big enough to do 135 feet in the discus and 185 in the javelin if he digs in and learns the form,” the Sooner coach declared.

At Boulder, Weaver’s marks were: 60 meters 7.2 seconds, 600 meters high hurdles 8.5 seconds, 400 meters 55.7 seconds, pole vault 11-6, broad jump 22-2½, shot put 38-7 and high jump 6-0½.

“I just felt kinda right,” Weaver explained his Colorado victory, first he ever won in an all-around test. He greatly improved after the pole vault, doing: 11 feet, 11-3 and 11-6 on his third and last trial.

Churchill’s marks at Amsterdam were: 100 meters 11.6, 110 meters hurdles 16.8, 400 meters 51.6, 1,500 meters 4:55, pole vault 11-9½, broad jump 28-11½, high jump 5-6½, shot put 39-10, discus 124-0 and javelin 165.

In the Kansas Relays, which annually attracts big name tracksters from all parts of the country, the Weaver finished fourth in the decathlon with 6,535 points. Charles Baker, former University of Ar-

Sooner Snake Slayers

It takes courage, daring and plenty of know-how to trap and slay a rattlesnake, especially if you’re an inexperienced reptile killer like President Cross. However, Dr. Cross was cited for “Weaver” by civic leaders of Okceme, the home of the nation’s most unusual sporting event—rattlesnake hunting. Kenneth Harris, ’39ba, public relations assistant to the president; Bill Morgan, production manager of station WNAD, and Dr. Cross went to Okceme for a radio show over the University station.

The trio received citations which read, “With his bare hands, fearlessly succeeded in catching alive a most vicious, man-killing rattlesnake—thereby proving to the world that he has more guts than horse-sense.” The certificates for gallantry, presented by the city’s Junior Chamber of Commerce, are dated March 11, 1948.

The Okceme snakesters present were Earl Records, Leonard Butler, George Green Jr., Gene Gar-kin, Clarence Westhal, Johnny Walker and George Dubsdake.

The commendation entitles the University dig-nitaries to membership in the International Asso-ciation of Rattlesnake Hunters.

Also presented were five memberships into the group, John W. Dunham, director of WNAD; Frank Baker, chief announcer at the University station, and Lyle Copman, Oxford, Kansas, editor of the Oklahoma Daily, were admitted from the University. Two Norman citizens, B. E. Mansey, a national director of the Jaycees, and Estel Hart were made members of the association.

In addition to the citations, they were presented with skins of the snakes they allegedly captured, mounted on cloth strips. The reptiles averaged 4½ feet in length, with approximately 10 rattlers.

Sooner Gridsters Take to Air

With the emphasis on forward passing, Coach Charles “Bud” Wilkinson’s Oklahoma spring football squad is hard at work.

Known for their great passing clubs under Ben-nie Owen 1914-20, under Ad Lindsey in 1931 and under Tom Sidlin 1937-46, the Sooner Gridsters have learned far more about rushing with installation of the split-T formation.

Claude Arnold, rangy Okmulgee youth, Darrell Royal, letterman from Hollis; Bill Price, letterman from Norman, and Joe Cunningham, Purcell fresh-man, are all hitting the target nicely from quarter-back and in Jim Owens of Oklahoma City, Bobby Goad of Muskogee, Reece McGee of Norman and Ken Tipps of Oklahoma City the squad has good receivers.

Pendleton Attends Inauguration

Richard T. Pendleton, ’26law, recently attended the inauguration of James L. Zwingle as President of Park College, Parkville, Missouri. While there, he visited with Dr. J. P. Findlay, former Dean of Men at the University and now at Drury College.

Pendleton is Trust Officer at the City National Bank and Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. E. D. Meacham, ’18a, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor in mathematics, addressed a conference of all state university liberal arts deans in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, on April 20 to 25. The subject of Dr. Meacham’s talk was “Is There a Place for Applied Music in a College of Liberal Arts?”

Correspondence.

Dear Ted,

I was sorry to miss seeing you on my recent visit to New York from the West Coast. Publicity in connection with the Sipuel case has disturbed me, but discussions with some of my old faculty friends reassured me as did the very fine reporting on the case by staff member Larry Stephenson in the January issue of Sooner. Particularly interesting were the poll figures which seemed to indicate the broadening effects of education at O.U.

I showed this article to an editor friend at the New York Times and you will be interested to know that the Sipuel referred to in the Sooner article in a piece on its page devoted to college happenings. The clipping read:

"The probability that a white student will favor admission of Negroes to a university law school increases in proportion to the number of years the student has attended the university, according to a Gallup-type survey made at the University of Oklahoma while the case of Mrs. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher was before the United States Supreme Court."

Mrs. Fisher, Negro graduate of Langston University, has applied for admission to the University of Oklahoma Law School. The percentage of freshmen favoring her admission was 29.7; of sophomores, 40.8; of juniors, 49.5; of seniors, 54, and of graduate students, 63.5. The survey was made by Larry Stephens-son, staff writer for Sooner Magazine, university alumni publication.

Not so reassuring, however, was your pro-con column in the February issue of Sooner Magazine in which J. G. Loefler’s letter was printed as a representative of alumni who opposed Mrs. Fisher’s entrance. Particularly ill-advised was the reproduction of this letter since it implies that Loefler is speaking for Washington alumni as a group. I cannot imagine the Washington alumni group or any alumni group sanctioning such a letter, regardless of differences in opinion as to the solution of the problems raised by this case. The intolerance and arrogance expressed in Loefler’s letter would certainly contribute nothing to a better understanding of the case and could hinder the effects of Southern good sense by working for better inter-racial relations if it were given wide publicity. As a student of human relations, I have found that problems of this type are not solved through emotionalism, but only through objectivity and understanding. I am a Southerner who has seen a good deal of the world and its cultures and believe that intolerance and prejudice are inconsistent with Christianity, as well as American tradition, and should be combated more strenuously as other forms of un-Americanism.

If our educational institutions do not help students to overcome intolerance and prejudice, we cannot see much hope for the Democratic world for which we are struggling.

Times like these demand unity, not division.
Very sincerely yours, Jessie Bloodworth, ’20ba.

148 East 48 Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Beaird:

Just want to express my appreciation for the good story on the Sipuel case in your January issue. However, I would like to say in connection with

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the second of the two letters on this subject in the February issue that there is a range of opinion amongst alumni in the Washington area. Mr. Loef- 

Dr. Aloha Hannah, '41ms (Phd University of California) is working on genetic research problems with Dr. Muller at Bloomington, Indiana. I believe she is intending to attend the Interna-

Miss M. Frances Adams, '42ms, is a medical editor for the publishing firm, Appleton Century Croof, in New York City. I have been writing it for several days and found that it is very interesting alongside the travelsof some of our more illustrious graduates. Also, goodluck to all the returned veterans at O.U. I imagine I'd be quite sur-

Miss Barbara Christian, '43ba, formerly of Oklahoma City and now a chief stewardess for American Airlines in Dallas, Texas, receives a gold five-year pin from Tull Pea, manager of operations, Dallas. This letter of March 5. All I have to offer this time is as follows:

APRIL, 1948

Dear Ted:

Wish I could write a long letter but am afraid I cannot. We have been holding up at home lately and liking it. You see, a fine little man came to live at our house December 30, and we have been pretty busy keeping him warm and fed and clothed. Haven't seen a Sooner since then. I'm getting all kinds of literature on it, and I received my share of the kidding. We all knew how much I have enjoyed the Sooner since I stayed so far from the old stomping grounds. It has always been wonderful getting news from school, but it has taken on added meaning now that I find myself in a group that seems to include people from all over the world except Oklahoma. I've been holding my own but these Yankees have given me a hard time on some occasions.

There are a few other O.Us around here that I have found, so I'll give you some information on them.

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Guess that's about all I know, if there are any others around here I would certainly like to see them before I leave. If all goes well, I hope to have my work completed for a M. A. in June, and what happens after that is anybody's guess—I wish I knew.

Sincerely yours, Bondie Knight, '45ba

Dear Ted:

Here's that letter you've been asking for. I've been holding my own but these Yankees have given me a hard time on some occasions. The 25th anniversary of the class of '23 will effect a change in my plans. I had intended to drive to Norman about the 10th of June, but will now make it there by May 30th.

As my wife and child probably will not be with me, I shall have room in the car for two or three others. So if there are any of my classmates, either here in California or along the road to Oklahoma, who might like a ride to Norman, please have them drop me a line. Sorry I have no phone but I am still invisible to get one.

Will you see me May 30th.

Sincerely, Leo E. Whitter, '23ba, 8505 Kester Avenue, Van Nuys, California

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in the Legion for so many years. ... Did they continue innumerable 14-year-old boys and girls starry-eyed with the stars showing in the sky? I hope so, I would like to get photos of these events and bring them up to date. I am a charter member of Post No. 91 at Oklahoma City and a member of the Post No. 117. I retired from teaching at Norman (Fletcher Odell Pledger No. 8), one year ago. Today is my birthday. I am still a P.O.W. in Japan. The present and future of Oklahoma is in the hands of young people and it is up to us to shape the future and make it better. At each conference we have a young man who for a long time has been a P.O.W. in World War II and has served as a member of the State Board of Education. Recently I visited the campus of many of the universities and colleges of other countries and I am proud of the Sooner school system and the progress made in Oklahoma. Our predecessors were proud to mention our Alma Mater. We have always hoped that C. E., Jr., might some day attend O.U., but so far we have been D.P.s from World War II. Cordially and sincerely, Charlie E. Forbes, '22ba, '25ma.

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I met some other Sooners at the AP office, too. George Cornell, '34ba, works on the night desk with Francis. He has been writing a book about the Philippine Islands, entitled That Man Rogers, but it is not yet finished. He obtained the material for his book when he was stationed in the Pacific as an Army officer. He edited the Daily Pascifian, an Army publication.

Here's some stuff on non-journalists:

I recently talked to Morris Haggard, who attended O.U. last year and was a Sig Ep there. He was formerly at the Los Angeles Regional Office, but is now at the Los Angeles Regional Office, and has been employed by Western Union and the Los Angeles Regional Office. He has been spending the past six months looking for a job. He is the son of Key Wolf, who married a sister of Trim and Fred Capshaw. Key played guard or tackle for the Sooners on old Boyd Field. Si, though commercially blind, chuckles as he relates his experiences with his guard, Chuck Hylwash.

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Last Wednesday I attended the Phillips 66-Kentucky Olympics championship game at the Garden. As you know, the Oilers won 53 to 49. I chatted with Gerald Tucker and Dick Reich for a while, and we also with ex-Aggie Kurland. They played beautiful basketball that evening. Tucker contributed nine points to the Oilers' total. He played most of the game. Reich did not get in as much as Tucker, but he was also good. He picked up a field goal and a free throw.

Oh, yes, I almost forgot something. Let us go back to journalism for a minute. Francis Staley told me that Charlie Brown, '35ma, '34ba, former O.U. journalism professor, but now at Penn U., visited him recently.

That gets it, Ted. I think I have exhausted all the information I have to tell. I am slated for graduation in June. I am still not certain where I will end up.

Here is one more news item, Ted, that I almost overlooked. John Forston, '34ba, recently accepted a position with the N. W. Ayre advertising firm. He was formerly a public relations director of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ. When he was at O.U., he edited the Oklahoma Daily.

Sincerely, Bud Baer, '47journ.

Albert Kulp Takes New Law Job

Albert G. Kulp, '34law, was recently appointed general counsel for the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Kulp is the son of Dr. Victor H. Kulp, professor of law, and author of many books on oil and gas law. He has collaborated with his father in the publication of the first edition of Kulp's Cases on Oil and Gas Law and in the Digest of Oil and Gas Decisions.

Mr. Kulp has resigned his position as a member of the legal department of the American Airlines to form a partnership with Paul Pinson and O. L. Lupardus, formerly of Tulsa. During the war years he was on duty in the Judge Advocate General's department.

The newly organized firm of Kulp, Pinson and Lupardus will represent Oklahoma Natural Gas Company and will engage in the law practice of oil and gas law. Their office will be located in the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company Building.