What Are They Doing?

*this hand* might hold the answers to the mysteries which are baffling our scientists and delaying the completion of their experiments . . . but it doesn’t

*this hand* could be recording computations of a delicate instrument which is removing some of the roadblocks in the progress of research . . . but it isn’t

*these men* might be engaged here in a long quest of the unknown quantity . . . but they aren’t

*these men* could be watching for indications of a scientific breakthrough . . . but they aren’t

actually they are engaged in one of the hardest fought contests to involve the University faculty and staff in recent years. The week by week developments have all but replaced politics and student inadequacies as the favorite topic for coffee break discussions. In a few short months these men have become experts in a field far from their courses of study. . . . For exactly what they’re doing (and how it’s done), turn the page.
The Science of Bowling

Bowling is sweeping the country, and the University of Oklahoma is no exception. Since last fall, the fast-growing sport has scored high in leisure-time interest with O.U. faculty members, among them the scorekeepers on the preceding page and the bowlers pictured below. The 71 participants in the 10-team Faculty Bowling League take to the alleys every Wednesday evening, and every Thursday morning over coffee they replay each frame.

The men’s physical education department was the guiding spirit behind the organization of the league, which is sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress. Dr. William F. Eick, the department’s chairman, heads the bowlers; Army R.O.T.C. Lt. Col. A. S. Washburn, Jr., is vice president, and CWO James N. Roberts, also from R.O.T.C., is secretary. To keep the coffee table conversation current, a weekly news bulletin is mailed to each league member.

At the end of the first semester, the Air Force Institute of Technology was leading the departmental teams, followed by Physics, Army No. 2, Business Administration, Public Information, Men’s Physical Education, Library, Plant Sciences, Army No. 1 and Navy R.O.T.C. Individual leaders included Gaylord A. Jentz’s high game of 250, Lieutenant Colonel Washburn’s high series of 634 and high average of 173, Public Information’s high team game of 927 and A.F.I.T.’s 2,568 for high team series.

In October many of the faculty bowlers didn’t know a strike from a gutter ball, but weekly duty on the alleys has made them all old pros with their own formulas for success—as these photographs should prove.
Concentrate, take aim slowly and give it all you've got — but be careful not to bite off your lower lip in the process.

Never become discouraged. So you had a bad night. There is always next week. Your team will forgive you — in time.

Develop a distinctive style of delivery. It may not help your score, but you will be noticed.

If it will make you feel any better, take out your frustrations on the scorekeeper.