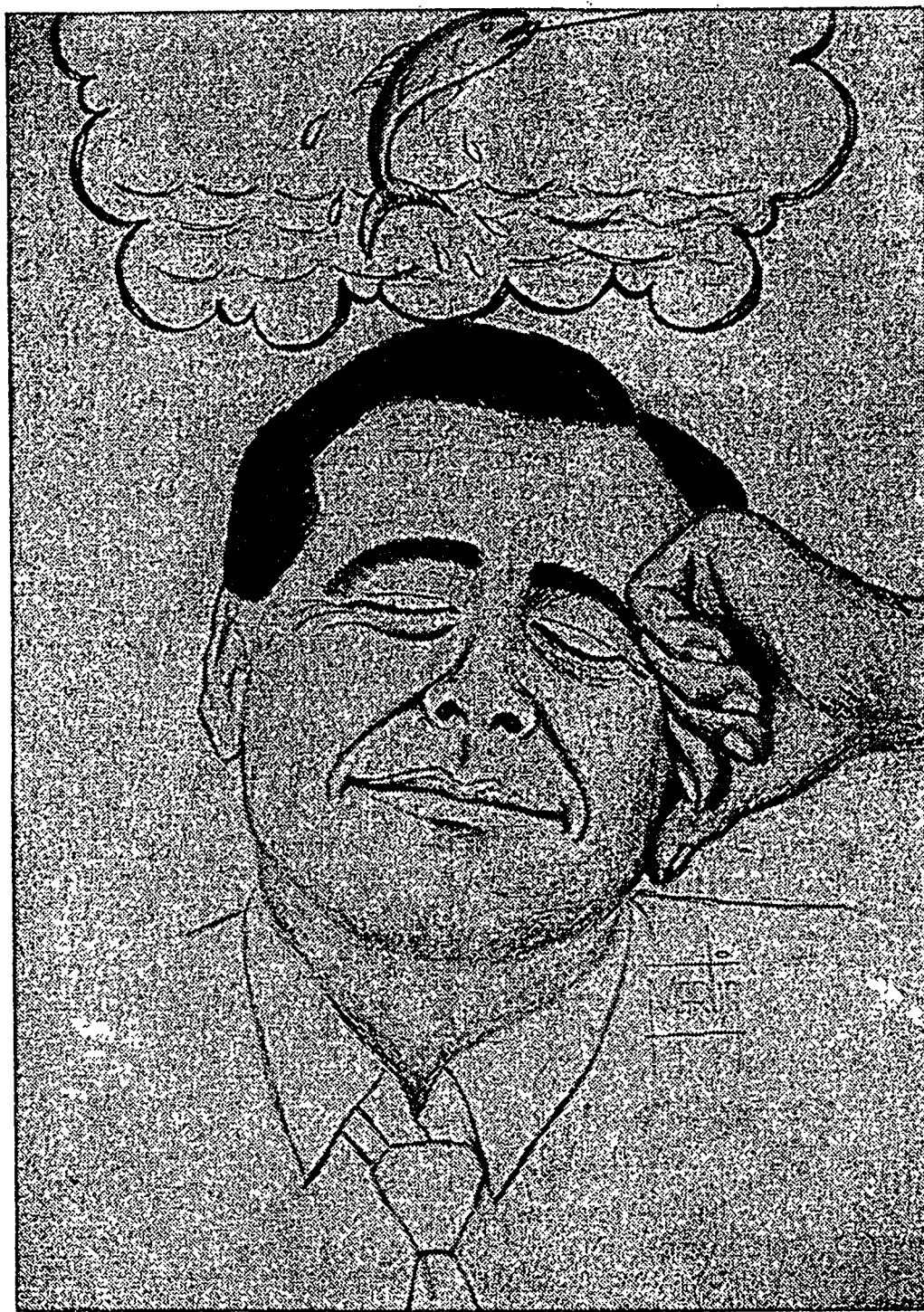


Faculty Features



Dr. Bacon of OU Faculty

by Beverly Finch

He leans forward, plants his hands firmly on his desk, and begins to speak intensely. The tones of his voice rise and fall. There seems to be a note of urgency in his lecture that compels everyone to sit forward and listen. This is Dr. John Bacon as his students know him in class. But look at the dream world which hovers above his head. John Martin caught him napping in his office and drew this cartoon.

Watching him as he stands before the class, one notices that his coat is never buttoned. It hangs loosely from his shoulders, appearing to be somewhat longer in front than

in the back. He doesn't seem to like to have the collar of his shirt starched. His eyes are dark and penetrating. They are firm, yet they hold a gleam of kindness and laughter.

Dr. Bacon always seems to be laughing except, perhaps, when he is impressing upon his students the importance of a subject.

From any classroom in Ward Science Hall, one can hear his laughter. The students who know him smile and tell the newcomer, "That's 'Bac.' He teaches biology here."

Anytime Dr. Bacon is not in class, he may be seen strolling toward the campus store smoking his pipe. It's coffee time. On holidays and week ends if one should see a man stretched out on a river bank with a pipe in one hand and a fishing pole in the other, chances are this would be Dr. Bacon.

Dr. Bacon's students find they must work very hard to make a good grade. He does not tolerate laziness. But, after a student has finished one of Dr. Bacon's courses, he can say to himself, "I have learned what I'm supposed to learn."

"HISTORY OF OU" TO BE FINISHED IN APRIL

Mr. Haworth's "History of OU", which he began in February of 1953, will be ready to go to the publisher sometime in April. The completed manuscript has been typed. All that remains before it goes to the publisher are the editorial corrections, selection of pictures, and the completion of the index. The completed manuscript will contain about 200 pages, 170 of which are actual history.