

# Bannister Cracks Four-Minute Mile

OXFORD, England, May 6 (AP)—Roger Bannister tonight ended the athletic world's quest for the four-minute mile with a monumental effort in which he was timed at 3:59.4.

Competing in his first race of the year, and on his own track at Ifley Road, the shy former Oxonian burst through the legendary four-minute barrier as a meager crowd of 1000 mostly Oxford students, watched the memorable performance during which he drove himself mercilessly through a :58.9 final lap.

Thus he thrust into the dustbin of sports history the world record mark of 4:01.4 established July 18, 1945, at Malmo, Sweden, by the great Gunder Haegg of Sweden. Bannister also unofficially equalled the 1500-meter world mark of 3:43 en route to his mile mark.

Bannister was pulled along through the first three laps by a fellow Oxonian, Chris Chataway, and a former Cambridge steeple-chaser, Chris Brasher.

He was clocked at :57.5 for the quarter and 1:58.2 for the half. When he passed the three-quarter mark in 3:00.5 the handful of spectators seated in the small pavilion and scattered about the field gave a lusty cheer.

The great runner bided his time until about 300 yards from the tape, when he urged himself to a supreme effort. With a machine-like, seemingly effortless stride he drew steadily away from Chataway, and, head thrown back slightly, he breasted the cool, stiff wind on the last turn to come driving down the home stretch to climax his spectacular performance.

## Grade Plan--

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incentive to work for a higher percentage grade.

Another senate member felt the plan was not much change from the present system. He said the only fundamental question involved is whether there should be one or two failing grades.

## Music Hour Is Today

The Music department will sponsor an hour of recorded music at 1 p.m. today in 200 Carnegie.

Included in the program will be fugal choruses from the sacred works of Bach, Brahms, Haydn, Mendelssohn and Verdi. The program is open to the public.

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## Town Council Picnic

Town independents interested in attending the Town Council free picnic, tomorrow, at Greenwood Furnace, may sign up before 5 p.m. today at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

Transportation will be made available for those meeting in front of Old Main between noon and 12:30 p.m. tomorrow.

## Native Dancer to Race At Belmont Today

NEW YORK, May 6 (AP)—Native Dancer, the people's horse, will return to the racing wars tomorrow in the \$15,000 Commando Purse at Belmont Park against a sharp field of sprinters in a six-furlong event.

The great gray 4-year-old, fourth leading money winning horse in the world, hasn't raced since last Aug. 22.

## Faculty Luncheon Club

Francis L. Whaley, assistant professor of psychology, will address the Faculty Luncheon Club noon Monday in the State College Hotel. His subject will be "Human Dynamism."

## Two IM Titles Decided

Dick Robinson, Theta Xi, won his second consecutive intramural badminton championship Wednesday night as he defeated Bob Vanner, Sigma Chi, in straight sets, 15-7, 15-7.

Robinson had little trouble with his opponent, keeping both matches under control most of the night. In winning his second title, Robinson had to eliminate six opponents prior to Wednesday night's match. Only one challenger ever came close to upsetting him and that was Bob Vogin, Phi Sigma Delta, who extended him to three sets.

In the independent final, it was

the same story as last year. Hang Lim, a resident of Malaya, rolled to his second title in as many years. Lim, who had only three points scored upon him before Wednesday night's match, proved the master as he easily beat a game, but outclassed opponent Karl Segner. Lim won in two sets, 15-6, 15-6. Segner, in scoring six points in each set, scored more points than all of Lim's opponents both this year and last year put together.

Lim, with another year of eligibility remaining, seems destined to win his third title when next season rolls around.

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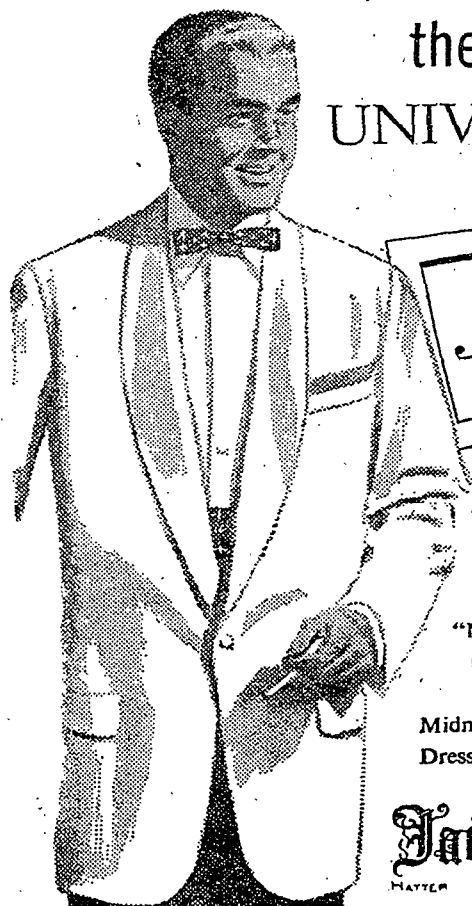
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