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MR. HEISMAN: BILLY VESSELS—The first inhabitant of the new park east of OU's Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium is the bronze, heroic sculpture of the late Billy Vessels, the first (1952) of four Sooner Heisman Trophy winners who will be honored there. Dedicated in fall 2005, artist Shan Gray's likeness of Vessels will be joined in 2006 by one of Steve Owens (1969) and in 2007 by those of Billy Sims (1978) and Jason White (2003). Development of "Heisman Park" is a joint project of the University and the Oklahoma Centennial Commission.