

All-Star Sportswomen

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LOOKING back over my fifteen years' supervision of women's sports at the University of Oklahoma, the faces and accomplishments in athletics of thousands of young women are recalled pleasantly to mind. Likewise, many interesting and amusing incidents stand out as bright spots through the years.

More than three thousand girls during the period from 1918 to 1932 have placed on winning class, intramural or all-University teams. It is impossible to estimate exactly who has been the best at each position in each sport, but roughly there have been stars who, I would say, merit mention on all-time University women's teams. I should not consider those girls taking work now.

I remember that when I arrived at Norman in the summer of 1918, I found S. A. T. C. barracks all over the campus with the officers quartered in the old gym, thereby necessitating the removal of the women's physical education department to Brooks Field, which facilitated nothing more than games and drill work. And there was no rain that summer from June 1 to July 4. I particularly remember Uncle Buck behind his desk as Dean of Arts and Sciences.

In the fall of 1918 as a result of Guy Y. Williams' kindly interest in women's physical education, I was given an office in the basement of the chemistry building. This "office" was a room, six by nine, which served also as locker room for the girls. Class work at this time was held in the wide open spaces west of the Fine Arts building. It was in this fall session that the lawyers doctored the engineers' coffee.

1919. The odors of the old gym to which we returned after the armistice was signed, arise now in my memory as I recall the wrestling matches held in one end of the building which I conducted a dancing class in the other, under the surreptitious survey of masculine eyes glued to the peep holes cut in the south wall. During that winter Janitor Dad Smith and I shovelled coal into those stoves in a continual contest with the rattling blasts of Oklahoma wind.

In the spring of 1919 Callie Weist was elected May queen, and Elizabeth Giles

appeared as Cupid in the May Day celebration. The D.D.M.C.'s caused some excitement that year by their dance held in a vacant farmhouse. Mary Noble went to the dance with a football captain.

1921. Moved into Women's building, the front of which was kept locked and packed in moth balls for the time being. "Happy" Lorraine Meyers became the first life guard. Annette Jacobson in D.D.M.C. dance at May Day festival at which Ruth Owen and Louise Hutto officiated as flower girls. Outstanding example of student loyalty evidenced by Judith Virgin who went through her dance on the May Day program immediately after the death of her brother, killed in an airplane accident. Square dances in Johnson's barn featured intermittently. Jazettes—sister organization to Jazz Hounds—lasted for almost two games. Charter members were Inez Beavers, Edna Meacham, Elvita iMinteer, Sue Haley, Ruth Allison, Fredrika Trent, Frances Treadway, Estelle Collier and Jimmy Farrar.

1922. First inter-sorority basketball, with Mabel Leahy and Callie Weist starring. Fifty members in Ducks Club. Florence Henry champion in long distance swimming under water. Black small pox epidemic necessitating compulsory vaccination. Year book printed spurious list as if of my selection of All-American football team with the following line-up: Ina "Bill" Boone, L.E.; Elizabeth Head, L.T.;

ROLL OF HONOR

This all-university sports team selection represents the highest attainment in sportsmanship and ability of women's physical education at O. U. throughout the past fifteen years. These fourteen girls have made excellent records in at least four major sports, and all have been winners of the W.A.A. sweater.

Marianne Whitman McKeithen, '21
Fidelia Wheatley, '21
Theresa Wamsley Hurst, '26
Dorothy Blanchard Blackman, '25
Mary Somerville, '33
Pamelia Massey, '23
Maurine Bowling, '31
Jewell Brooking, '33
Opal Wilson Cowan, '28
Cordia Price, '29
Anna Belle Busby, '25
Laura Dougherty, '27
Virginia Hillard, '27
Elizabeth Morley, '32

Edna Brown, L.G.; Georgia West, C.; Mattie Muldrow, R.G.; Mattie McCarthy, R.T.; Mabel Leahy, R.E.; Sanderson, Q.B.; Blanche Brunt, L.H.B.; Pauline Clute, R.H.B.; and Jurkee Galloway, F.B.

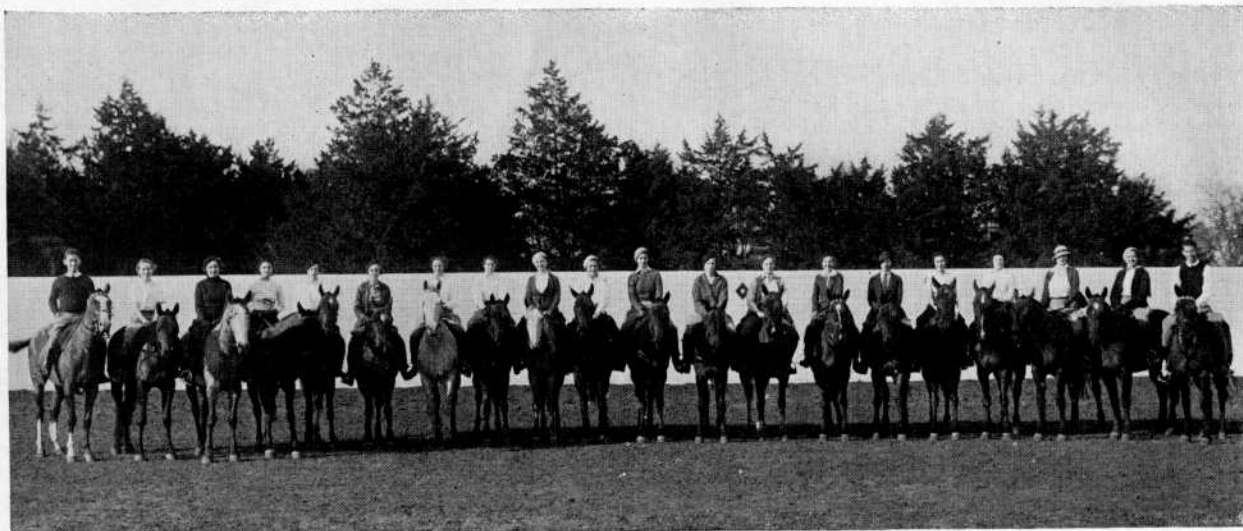
1923. Sandwiches doctored at Psi Kap slumber party when Idabel Seitz and Nig Newblock were hostesses.

1924. First W.A.A. sweaters awarded. Life Saving Corps installed examined by Joe Law, national examiner, with the very kind assistance of Chancey Dolph and Oscar Pyle.

1925. School of Physical Education for Women installed. First rifle team, started under supervision of R.O.T.C., lived one year to be revived in 1931.

1932. Martha Lindsley in national rifle match.





From some three thousand girls who at various times throughout the fifteen years from 1918 to 1932 have placed on winning class, intramural, or all-university teams, the following have been selected as the most outstanding in particular sports:

BASKETBALL

First Team

Jump Center, Beuna Vista Morrison,'21; Running Center, Ruth Heckler,'22; Forwards, Maurine Bowling,'31; Dorothy Blanchard Blickman,'25; Guards, Gladys Stratton,'21; Mattie Cal Gibson,'18; Laura Dougherty,'27.

Second Team

Jump Center, Olive Crosbie, '26; Running Center, Gordon Peeler Jordan, '33; Jewell Brooking, '33; Forwards Rider Wauhilla,'30; Thelma Wayne,'23; Guards, Sarah Naley,'21; Reland Britt Holsapple,'21; Clennie Killgore,'33.

SWIMMING

Fidelia Wheatley,'21; Lucile Moore Lester,'22; Pauline Brooks Hanley,'24; Florence Henry,'24; Velma Maness Cole,'24; Aileen Conally,'25; Elizabeth Price,'26; Opal Wilson Cowan,'28; Cordia Price,'29; Mary Ellen Haines,'31; Elizabeth Morley,'32.

On the opposite page are Sooner riflewomen with Miss James at the extreme right and Lieutenant Ivan Yeaton, coach, at the left. Above are members of the Timber Cruisers, equestrian club.

TENNIS

Marianne Whitman McKeithan, '21; Faye Hudson,'21; Pamela Massey,'23; Thena Hay McBride,'25; Theresa Wamsley Hurst,'26; Ramona Todd,'29; Leah Conally,'29; Grace Beaulieu,'29.

VOLLEY BALL

Robbie Lawrence,'22; Velma Maness Cole,'24; Elsie Montgomery,'27; Norma Huffer,'29; Marion Luton,'27; Jaunita Kildrew,'31; Jewell Brooking,'33; Martha Overmiller,'29; Mary Somerville,'33.

TRACK

Dorothy Blanchard Blackman,'21; Xenia Bryant,'25; Elvira Hooper,'25; Cleo Kirk,'25; Cordia Price,'29; Gladys Kirk,'29; Floretta Ratliffe,'31.

HOCKEY

Idabel Seitz Jones,'24; Mildred Madole,'24; Jean Green,'26; Elizabeth Roemer,'27; Virginia Hillard,'27; Elizabeth Garee Bullard,'27; Arabell Lee,'32; Mary Reid,'33; Kathleen Owen,'28; Anna Belle Busby,'25; Mary Somerville,'33

ARCHERY

Eunice Lewis,'28; Imogene McClain,'29; Marian Mills,'32; Mary Doyle,'33; Maxine Hoover,'33.

EQUITATION

Clara Bonebrake,'21; Ina Annett Ewing,'21; Reva Clark,'31; Evelyn Anderson,'33.

DANCING

Katherine Duffy,'18; Louise Buckley,'20; Annette Jacobson Marvin,'20; Helen

Brittain, '23; Dorothy Thompson, '27; Nora Elizabeth Edwards Gale, '28; Ethel James Byrd Benjamin,'27; Delores Shaner, '31; Hylagene Robberson, '33.

RIFLE

Florence Lesch,'31; Josephine Chapman,'32; Reva Clark,'33; Martha Lindsley,'33.



Prize-Winning Mother-in-Law

The mother-in-law of a Sooner alumnus won second place in the "Mother-in-law contest" sponsored recently by the *Daily Oklahoman*.

She is Mrs. Fred L. Hoyt, of Oklahoma City, the mother-in-law of George Birdseye, '31bus. Her daughter, Vivian Hoyt Birdseye, was graduated from the arts and sciences college in 1932. Mrs. Hoyt also has a son, Fred Hoyt, jr., now enrolled in the University.

In explaining why he nominated Mrs. Hoyt for the ideal mother-in-law, Birdseye told of the many accomplishments and charming personality of Mrs. Hoyt. She was the fourth woman in Oklahoma to be admitted to the Oklahoma bar association and is a good sport on all occasions, he said. Birdseye is a member of Phi Delta Theta and Mrs. Birdseye is a member of Delta Gamma.



Bynum Medical Graduate

Turner Bynum, '31bs, who attended the University medical school for one year, was graduated from the Northwestern Medical school, Evanston, Illinois, in March and returned to Oklahoma City to complete his internship.

The late Dr. E. T. Bynum, his father, was once a member of the University faculty, and his mother, Mrs. E. T. Bynum, is one of the founders of the Kappa Alpha Theta chapter on the campus.