

# Opening Days in Other Years

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**1899**  
**O**CTOBER 20—*The Umpire*, student paper, gets away to a flying start under the editorship of Vernon L. Parrington with an announcement of the marriage of John Barbour, 1897 graduate of the pharmacy school, to Miss Phronie Jackson at the residence of the bride. Rev. A. C. Pickens, of the M. E. Church, South, performs the ceremony.

*The Umpire* staff includes Ross Hume, associate editor; Maud Rule, literary editor; Sylvia Watson, C. C. Roberts and Jay Ferguson, local editors; and Paul Mackey, business manager.

## 1906

October 8—"All freshmen desiring red caps must see Miss Bessie McLennan or Charles Gray before 12:30 Friday, October 12," says *The Umpire*.

October 8—Results of a Y. M. C. A. track meet alleged to have been held at the city park are announced. The winners are:

200-yard dash for fat girls—Miss McGill, first, Cordelia Wilhite, second.

200-yard dash for lean girls—Emma Alexander, first, Eloise Williams, second.

200-yard walk for lean girls—Miss Grady, first, Bertha Salter, second.

Shoe race (oxford)—Miss Thompson, first, Miss Boyd, second.

Three-legged race—Miss Salter and Blanche Ruedy, first, and Miss McMakin and Miss Alexander, second.

## 1908

September 15—Freshmen, using one of their class as a decoy, succeed in capturing Woods, Conklin and one other sophomore near the north end of University boulevard. Woods and Conklin and the third sophomore are blind-folded, their faces painted black and turpentine poured down their backs. Sophomores stay in doors at night or go about the streets in gangs.

September 18—Earl Baker leads his freshman raiders successfully through a skirmish with the sophomore class. Vern Alden, a sophomore, is captured by the first year students and his hair is clipped. T. J. George also is taken prisoner but escapes in the early hours of the morning.

At a critical combat late at night the freshmen take Nairn, Earl Gray, Bud Dawson and Warren Hazeltine prisoners, and tie them to trees on the campus.

Kates, another sophomore, is tossed in a blanket.

## 1911

September 19—Two important weddings are announced in the student paper. Jess Rader, '08, a Sigma Nu, has married Fannie Simpson, Norman high school teacher and a member of Delta Delta Delta.

John Foster, pharmacy graduate and now pharmacist in Fred Reed's Drug store, has married Eva Blake, a Norman resident.

September 22—The sophomores win the annual class fight from the freshmen for the first time in eight years.

Parson, Reeds and Boatman are the sophomore leaders who lead their classmates against the yearlings directed by Ray Flood and John Rodgers. The sophomores sleep in Prof. Felgar's barn and come out fifty-eight strong at midnight to meet the freshmen who sleep in a barn 200 yards southwest of the campus. The first year students have sixty-six men in their ranks.

Martin, a junior, is caught by the sophomores and chastised for playing a "too prominent" part in instigating the fight.

## 1916

September 18—Advertisement in *Oklahoma Daily*: "Monday, only, Bluebird Photoplays, Inc., presents *Love's Lariat*, an American comedy drama in five appealing acts introducing Harry Carey, Olive Fuller Golden and a company of superior merit. Tuesday, only. James Morrison in *The Redemption of Dave Darkey*. University theater where the crowd goes. 5 and 15 cents.

September 29—Bennie Owen's powerful Sooner football team gains almost at will to trim the Oklahoma Baptist college eleven, 107 to 7. The Sooners score seven touchdowns in the first half and nine in the second. Tyler and James kick 11 goals.

## 1918

September 23—A special course in philosophy, interpreting the philosophic thought that has led to the World war will be offered by Prof. Holly Estil Cunningham.

September 30—Skivy Davis kicks 23 goals out of 26 attempts as Bennie Owen's Sooners beat Kingfisher college 179 to 0 on the Norman field.

## 1919

September 16—*The Oklahoma Daily* announces that "for the second time in the last six years, University of Oklahoma nearly lost its football coach, Bennie Owen, who has been here since 1905. The University of Nebraska made a strenuous effort in August to land Owen as a coach there. Owen has never told anyone here about the offer. When questioned, he admitted it had been made."

September 16—H. H. Lane, president of the local alumni chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, announces that a national charter for a University of Oklahoma chapter has been granted the petitioning group here. An installation will be held soon.

## 1920

September 24—Dr. E. E. Dale returns from Harvard where he has been granted his Ph. D. degree. He served, while he was in Boston, on the volunteer police force. The regular police force of 1,200 men walked out on a strike when they were not allowed to join the American Federation of Labor. Dale was on duty in an exciting slum section.

September 25—Miss Ima James, women's physical education instructor, says that 85 per cent of the women taking physical education are under-weight and that 50 per cent of them have flat feet.

## 1923

September 19—After electing Winston Jeidie, El Reno, class president, the freshman class marches downtown and raids drug stores. The first year students stock up on toilet water and lip sticks. Merchants place claims for \$974.60 in stolen and damaged goods. The students vote a class assessment of two dollars a man to pay for the fun.

## 1924

September 24—D. D. M. C.'s appear on the stage at the freshman election and explain to the class of new students that their organization is in existence to preserve Soonerland traditions. The class cheers them and sings Boomer-Sooner and then elects the following officers: Leon Vinson, Shawnee, president; Georgia Harter, Ponca City, queen; Charles Robbins, Tulsa, vice president; Loretta West, Oklahoma City, secretary; Tom McBryde, Ardmore, treasurer; and Bill Maurer, Oklahoma City, yell leader.

## 1926

September 18—Erschel Crow, Ponca City, is pledged to Kappa Epsilon, local, (now Phi Kappa Sigma, national) while taking an airplane ride. M. Mullins pins the colors on Crow while the plane rockets through the sky.

September 23—The university girl's track team wins sixth place in the national telegraphic meet. Dorothy Blackman, Xenia Bryant and Amy Corneliuson place in the national results. Other Sooners to compete are Cleo Kirk, Idabel

## Sooner roll call

COX-BECKER: Miss Milbray Cox, '32ex, and Herman A. Becker, '30ex, July 16 in Carmen. Home, Meno.

GRABLE-NAY: Miss Margaret Gladys Grabel, and Joseph Boyd Nay, '31bus., July 22. Home, 428 Southwest 28th Street, Oklahoma City.

BARR-WEST: Miss Angie Barr, and Johnie West, '31ex, July 19 in Nashville, Tennessee. Home, Louisville, Tennessee.

SITTON-DAWSON: Miss Louise Sitton, '32ex, and Madison Dawson, August 6. Chi Omega. Home, Ardmore.

SILVER-SULLAWAY: Miss Myona Belle Silver, and Guy Burrell Sullaway, '30eng., August 16. Home, 1816 Northwest 15th Street, Oklahoma City.

HARRAL-BACHELOR: Miss Virginia Harral, '28ex, and James W. Batchelor, '28as., '29law, August 24. Home, Durant.

BEARY-HEWES: Miss Elma Beary, and Leslie Hewes, '28as., June 24 in Earlville, Iowa. Home, Norman.

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An unusual record as a fine prosecutor of criminal cases is being made by David Rutherford, '23law, as Jackson county's attorney at Altus.

Helen Myers, '33as, Oklahoma City, is attending the Horner's Conservatory in Kansas City this fall. She studied piano under C. F. Giard while she attended the university.

John Squire, '33eng., Chandler, has been employed by the Standolind Pipeline company in Oklahoma City. He was a major in electrical engineering. He is making his home at 1501 East 10th Street.

J. F. Hatcher, '13as., Chickasha lawyer, has been appointed to membership on the state board of education. He resigned to accept a nomination to the university board of regents, but was reappointed to the board of education when the legislature failed to approve his regent appointment.

Ab Walker, '33phys ed., Okmulgee, was one of the principal speakers at the closing session of the three-day coaching school held for Oklahoma and Kansas mentors at Blackwell. Walk was a backfield man on the 1933 and 1932 Sooner grid teams.

Homer Courtright, '33fa., has accepted a position in the department of music, at the Murray School of Agriculture, Tishomingo. He will have charge of the school band.

John Clark, '32phar., Lawton, has accepted a position as registered pharmacist in the new Earl Drug company which opened recently in Lawton. Clark has been employed for the past year in Stillwater.

J. Harvey "Zek" Van Zant, 23as., '26M.S., was elected secretary-treasurer of the Grisso Royalties company. He also is chief geologist for the Eason Oil company at Enid. Van Zant is remembered at the university as the winner of the first Wrightsman scholarship in geological engineering.

Cecil Rhea Crawford, '32fa., was to open a studio to teach piano and violin September 1 in Wewoka. Crawford was a student under Charles Francois Giard during his undergraduate days. His early training was done under Mrs. Carl Soderstrom of Pawhuska.

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Charles C. Miles, Manager

Seitz, Ruth Hackler, Leota Smith, Pauline Foreman, Florence Henry, Mary Williamson, Mary Elizabeth Filson and Bertha McGuire.

### 1927

September 25—Six schools, including Oklahoma, announce withdrawal from the Missouri Valley conference and the establishment of the Big Six conference. Unwieldy schedules with too many teams to compete for the titles is given by Dean S. W. Reaves as the reason for the withdrawal.

September 28—Excavation work is started on the new \$130,000 university infirmary.

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### 1929

September 20—Mex Curry's anti-administration party sweeps the administration group out of office in a big student council upset. Curry is elected dance manager in the place of Clarence McElroy. Each party has the same number of votes on the floor, but the deadlock is broken on each question by the ballot of President Merton Munson.

September 28—Suspension of all Ruf Neks and Jazz Hounds from the university is threatened by the board of regents as a result of rough initiations. After numerous meetings, the pep leaders are reinstated in school with a warning never to paddle again.

### 1931

September 28—Swede Ellstrom plunges for a touchdown and kicks a field goal to give the varsity eleven a close 10 to 7 victory over the freshmen. The Boomers score when Bud Browning sails a pass to Melbourne "Nig" Robertson who runs 25 yards to the goal line.

### 1932

September 30—Marian Mills and Bernard Doud, both of Norman, are elected to the *Whirlwind*, humor magazine, hall of fame. The pictures of the university's two outstanding students will appear in the first issue of the publication.



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lahoma football games to avoid traffic and save time, will be marked soon, Ben G. Owen, athletic director, has announced. One will route fans driving south on highway 77 from Tulsa, Ponca City and Guthrie, around Oklahoma City via the gravel road cutting south off highway 77 at a point three miles east of Edmond. The other will divert fans from Shawnee, Seminole and Wewoka straight west off highway 270 from Mc-

Loud, saving them eight miles and allowing them to dodge the Oklahoma City traffic. Both detour roads are either graveled or hard-surfaced.

Ben G. Owen will watch his twentieth consecutive annual Sooner football practice this fall. Owen coached at Oklahoma from 1905 through 1926, and not only developed powerful teams but also teams that were known all over the southwest for their hard, clean playing and sportsmanship.

Starting time of all University of Oklahoma home football games this fall will be 3 o'clock instead of 2 o'clock, starting hour in the past.



## YOUR ASSOCIATION

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be kept from being active, loyal, enthusiastic supporters of the University. Some thorough revision of these pledges, satisfactory alike to the Union and to those who made the commitments, is an early essential.

III. Activities for the protection of the University in times of need.

A. This is largely political activity. The Association through alumni who are scattered throughout the state, should keep in closest contact possible with candidates for legislative and other state offices. Activities of the Association should result in the thorough education of candidates before their election, rather than in the attempted defeat of unfriendly candidates. The latter could be resorted to only in extreme cases. An active interest by alumni in political affairs will result in most candidates' committing themselves to a friendly attitude toward the University before their election, and also will cause those elected to be careful not to take a destructive attitude toward the University, whose interests are watched over by a large band of active and aggressive men and women.

B. This activity must be handled with the greatest discretion and judgment. Above all, care must be taken not to build a "University political clique." The latter would result ultimately in great harm to the University. Political activity of the "University folk" as such must be confined to building up soundly and protecting the University of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma school system.

IV. Activities for strengthening the Association itself, i.e., adding to its membership, keeping it alive and active.

A. Despite the fact that the Association has been built from nothing over a period of a few years to its present position of some influence and assistance to the University, the fact is that it now has only a few hundred voluntarily paying members, a very large number of them