

The New Sports Set-up

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As Told to Harold Keith, '28

FOR the information of alumni, the athletic council wishes to describe the present intercollegiate set-up at the University of Oklahoma.

On June 2 the board of regents took the following action concerning the departments of physical education and athletics:

1. Physical education and intramural athletics shall be separated entirely from intercollegiate athletics.

2. Ben G. Owen shall be appointed Professor of Physical Education and Director of Intramural Athletics.

3. W. J. Cross shall be appointed Business Manager for the year 1934-35 and shall be responsible for the handling of finances, accounts and tickets, and also shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the athletic council.

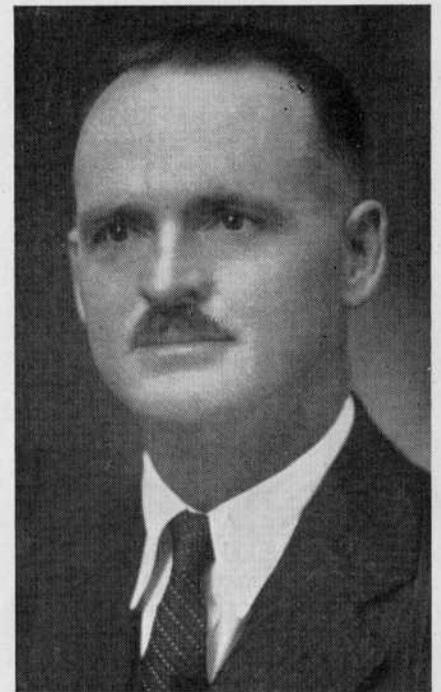
4. The executive committee of the athletic council shall be the exclusive directing agency of intercollegiate athletics for the year 1934-35.

5. The purchase of equipment and supplies on requisition, selection of officials, making of schedules, shall be the duties of the coaches, under the immediate direction of the executive committee of the athletic council.

Because of limited finances and the fact it might have been difficult to find a suitable director of intercollegiate athletics during the small time that remained between the adoption of the new set-up and the start of the school year, the athletic council recommended to the board of regents that the five-man executive committee of the council be the exclusive directing agency of intercollegiate athletics for the school year 1934-35.

However if this new set-up does not prove satisfactory or if a suitable athletic director can be found, the present plan of making the executive committee the sole directing agency will probably be discontinued after the coming school year.

Establishment of the university's athletic policy this coming school year will be the work of the athletic council as a whole. Personnel of this council at the present time is: Dr. Guy Y. Williams, president; Prof. L. N. Morgan, vice-president; Dr. S. W. Reaves, faculty representative; Dr. J. H. Felgar, Dr. V. E. Monnett, Dr. Edgar Meacham, Registrar George Wadsack, and Superintendent of Utilities Walter Kraft from the university faculty, and Neil Johnson and Hu-



Here are four prominent alumni who are doing much to shape the policy of Sooner sports under the new set-up. They are left to right, Neil Johnson, member of the five-man directorate; Dr. Guy Y. Williams, chairman of the council and chief executive; Bill Cross, business manager of athletics under the new regime; and Dr. Ed Meacham, member of the five-man board and recently appointed Oklahoma representative to the powerful Big Six faculty board that sets the policy for the conference sports. L. N. Morgan of the English department, and Walter Kraft, superintendent of utilities, are the other two members of the executive council of five.

bert Ambrister from the alumni association. A third alumni member to replace Henry Wooten, of Chickasha, who was recently drowned in Colorado, will be later appointed by President Bizzell while two student members will be appointed by the president from a list of four chosen by ballot of returning Sooner athletic lettermen this fall.

The five-man executive committee, appointed by the council from its membership, will enforce the athletic policies decided upon by the council and dispose of emergency matters. Personnel of this committee includes the president and vice-president of the council and the faculty representative, and two elective members, Neil Johnson and Walter Kraft. The president of the council will be the chairman of the executive committee.

The executive committee will meet regularly once a week to pass on the requisitions of the coaches and transact other business. The chairman of the executive committee will spend two or more hours daily in the athletic offices in the Fieldhouse to supervise ordinary routine business.

Accommodation of the public is an important aim of the athletic association under the new plan. Police will be given definite location within the stadium so that there will be two officers in every aisle in the stadium, and at least one at every ticket gate. New toilet and drinking fountains are being installed under both the east and west wings of the stadium. The university R. O. T. C. unit commanded by army officers will serve as ushers at football games. Every ticket gate will have a turnstile. A firm of certified public accountants will check the receipts after every game and make up the report that goes to the visiting team. The pass gate and the high school gate have been abandoned and every person obtaining admission to the stadium will be expected to show a paid admission, complimentary ticket or pass. The Knot Hole Club will be continued.

Recommendation five of the Board of Regents means simply that each coach on the university staff will have a great deal of freedom in the selection of officials, making of schedules, and selection and purchase of supplies within the limits of his budget. These supplies will be purchased on a basis of both quality and low bids. Of course no Big Six conference school can arrange its conference schedule with as much freedom as it can its non-conference schedule but the aim will be to secure for Oklahoma as favorable a conference schedule as any other conference school.

Adoption of a new policy as regards athletic labor also will give the coach more liberty. Briefly, this policy will be to furnish labor to deserving athletes who maintain their scholastic eligibility.

Coaches only will designate the athletes they wish to hire on the various stadium and athletic field projects but the council expects every athlete given employment to work and earn his pay, and if a deviation from this condition arises, the coach will be held responsible.

In other words, although the council has given each coach a great deal of freedom, it also has shifted full responsibility for the success of each sport upon the coach so that there will be no grounds for alibis and a coach will have only himself to blame if the schedule doesn't suit him, the material doesn't turn out well, the equipment doesn't wear or the officials go blind during a game.

The Schedule

It's doubtful if Oklahoma ever had as attractive a schedule of home games as the five the Sooners will play at Norman this fall. Four Big Six conference teams will show at Owen field and also Centenary will invade for the inter-sectional opener.

Here's the home slate:

Oct. 6 Centenary (inter-sectional).

*Oct. 20 Nebraska (Dad's day).

*Nov. 3 Missouri (Homecoming).

*Nov. 10 Iowa State.

*Nov. 17 Kansas State.

*Big Six conference games.

The colorful Centenary team, undefeated the last two years and good enough to place Paul Geisler, end, on the AP All-American team, should make the Sooners a much more attractive inter-sectional foe than Vanderbilt did last year. Biff Jones' powerful Louisiana State eleven, Francis Schmidt's strong Texas Christian team, Ray Morrison's galloping Mustangs from S. M. U. and teams like Texas Aggies, Texas, Arkansas, Baylor, Mississippi, Loyola and others have vainly stormed the Centenary stronghold the past two years. Louisiana State, boasting the greatest array of man power in the South and victor over the classy Tennessee eleven, hasn't been able to score on that stubbornly-fighting Centenary team the past two years, Centenary winning in 1932 and tying the Tigers last year.

Nebraska's prowess is well-known. For three long years now the Cornhuskers have won every Big Six game they have played. Eighteen in a row is the record they'll bring to Norman October 20 after playing non-conference games against Minnesota and Iowa.

Missouri, only Big Six team who has more returning letter men than the Sooners, should be stronger this year than either of the past two years and Sooner fans haven't forgotten how Coach Frank Carideo's team won a surprising 14 to 6 victory at Norman last time they played as a Homecoming day opponent.

Iowa State, which led the Sooners 7 to 6 going into the fourth quarter of last year's game at Norman, and Kansas

State, which has for coaches Lynn Waldorf, former Oklahoma Aggie mentor, whom the Sooners have never beaten, and Wes Fry, former O. C. U. coach, conclude the home schedule. Fact that Waldorf's Wildcats play seven games before engaging the Sooners here November 17 should assure a terrific battle for the Manhattan team will know and be able to execute the Waldorf system by then, and like Waldorf's Oklahoma Aggie teams will just then be reaching its peak.

New Rules

The rule changes for 1934 are popular with players, coaches and fans, chiefly because they should boost the offensive side of the game at the expense of the now dominant defense, especially improving the forward pass. There should be more scoring, fewer ties, and a generally improvement in the attack this year.

Listed briefly, the principal rule changes are:

1. First incomplete forward pass thrown across the goal line before fourth down shall count as a down and not a touchback. However the second one in the same series of downs shall count as a touchback.

2. The five-yard penalty for each incomplete forward pass after the first one in the same series of downs has been removed. Now a team can shoot four incomplete passes in a row with no penalty save loss of the ball on fourth down.

3. The definition of a punt has been changed to allow a player to hold the ball in his hands for a team mate to kick.

4. The ball to be used this fall will be smaller, more pointed and less balloonish. The short circumference has been reduced three-quarters inch to permit a firmer grip for throwing purposes and to emphasize the nose and produce a more streamline effect, the idea being to improve the forward pass.

Admission Prices

Season tickets good for a reserved seat on approximately the 40-yard line are selling for \$5.50 in the east stadium and \$6.60 in the west stadium this year, including tax. By purchasing the season ticket, a spectator assures himself of the same choice reserved seats for every game, doesn't have to stand in line for tickets and can buy five games for the price of three. For instance, if you bought a reserved seat at each of the five home games this year, the total cost to you would be \$11. However the season ticket costs \$4.40 less.

The \$2.75 top for west side reserved seats charged for the inter-sectional clash with Vanderbilt last year has been dropped. Every home game on the Oklahoma schedule this fall will cost the

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1927

Earl Pruitt, '27as, Jefferson county attorney, has been appointed assistant federal attorney and will have charge of internal revenue cases at the federal court in Muskogee. Pruitt was a member of the University debate team before graduation and has won considerable recognition during his two years as county attorney.

1928

Helen Eades, '28he, is a member of the University of Illinois faculty. She is in charge of classes concerned with home decorations and related arts.

Kieran Morrison, '28as, formerly editor of the *Lexington Sun*, is working for the state highway department in Wisconsin. He is stationed in Madison and is graduate manager of the Sigma Chi house at the University of Wisconsin.

1929

Mart Brown, '29law, has resigned as assistant county attorney, Oklahoma County, to enter private practice of law.

Elizabeth Cox, '29as, '31law, has been added to the faculty staff of Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, for the coming year. She has been a practicing attorney in Norman and one of the law school's outstanding women lawyers. During the recent political campaign she was assistant campaign manager for James E. Berry, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor.

1931

Paul John, '31as, is a member of the Walters golf team that made a habit this summer of trimming town teams throughout the southern part of the state. Twenty golfers from Walters played on the team that defeated Lawton, 37 to 19, late in the season. Another Sooner on the Walters club was Jim Nance, '33ex. John is news and sports editor for the *Walters Herald*.

Mrs. Carol Constant Pim, '31drama, and Mrs. Mary Ann Bates Bond, '31ex, both of New York City, were entertained at numerous parties throughout Oklahoma when they returned for an extensive visit this summer. Mrs. Pim formerly lived in Ponca City and Mrs. Bond is a former resident of Oklahoma City. The former played the leading role in the prize winning three-act drama, "Black-Jack Davy," by Richard Mansfield Dickinson, Tulsa, when it was presented four years ago by the University Playhouse.

Jim Blanton, '31as, '31law, Pauls Valley attorney, was a star third baseman on the Pauls Valley softball team that holds the championship of McClain county. Mrs. Jane Bowman Blanton, '30he, was one of the team's staunchest supporters.

Cliff Lane, '31eng, '33M.S., and Mrs. Jane Field Lane, '31as, are living in Long Beach, California, where he is an architect.

1932

Vic Holman, '32as, has joined the staff at the Bank of Frederick. Previously, he worked at the First National Bank of Guthrie, the Bank of Crescent and the Liberty National Bank of Oklahoma City.

1933

Bob Webb, '33ex, who contributed leading stories to the July and August issues of *Space*, creative monthly published at Norman by Dr. B. A. Botkin, University faculty member, was in charge of educational activities at a camp for transient youths in south Texas during the summer. Webb, who has been writing for magazines as he "tramps" the country for the past year, has gone to Madison, Wisconsin, where he may stay for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanna of the 1933 class are living at Madison, Wisconsin. Hanna is on the research staff of the economics department at the University of Wisconsin and Mrs. Hanna is literary editor and writes a column in the *Madison Journal*.

Camilo Gutierrez, '33eng, Bogota, Colombia, South America, is working for the Carter Oil company in Ponca City. He previously was stationed at Carter Nine but was transferred when the division office was moved to Ponca City.

John B. Turner, '33M.Ed, although only 38 years old, will start his nineteenth year as a teacher at Northwestern State Teachers college, Alva.

Milo O. Redmund, '33ex, a graduate student during the summer, has been named principal of Guthrie high school.

Ervin Lewis, '33as, has accepted a position as announcer and continuity writer for station KTLU, Tulsa. Lewis has been on the editorial staff of the *Carlsbad Current-Argus*, Carlsbad, New Mexico, for the past year.

Angus McDonald, '33as, '34M.A., has been elected to the high school faculty at Konawa. He will teach history. McDonald completed work on a master's thesis during the past summer session and since has published several articles on the study he completed. It was concerned with the creation and administration of NRA codes. Mrs. Frances Lee McDonald, '31as, and their young son, James Angus, have accompanied him to Konawa.

Ray Parr, '33as, has been added to the editorial staff of the *Oklahoma City Times*. Parr was enrolled at the University last year as a graduate student. Three years ago he wrote the popular humor column, "Below Parr," in the *Oklahoma Daily*.

William L. Dougherty, '33ed, who was a teacher last year at Keifer, has been elected to the Sapulpa high school faculty. He will be in charge of instruction in physics and general science.

1934

Dr. Charles M. O'Leary, '34med, has been selected as one of twenty young doctors for service as surgical interne in the Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. Dr. O'Leary made the highest grade of the six hundred young medical graduates in all parts of the nation who took the competitive examination.

Herman Ziemer, '34fa, has accepted the position of band director and teacher in the Medford schools. Mrs. Ziemer formerly was Miss Floranna Ruhl, '32fa.

BIRTHS

Albert Nance, '25as, and Mrs. Nance, a son, Thomas Jefferson, June 25. Home, Clinton. Mrs. Rita Higgins Lottinville, '28as, and Savoie Lottinville, '29as, a daughter, Marie, August 31. Home, Norman.

Herbert K. Hyde, '18ex, and Mrs. Hyde, twins, Patrick Hurley and Helen Kathryn, July 8. Home, Oklahoma City.

DEATHS

Charles J. Irving, '21as, died in a government hospital in Tucson, Arizona, May 7.



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same—\$2.20 tax included for west stadium reserved seats and \$1.50 tax included for east stadium reserved seats. There are no east side \$1.10 general admission seats this year. However, by buying the east stadium season ticket, the average price per game will be \$1.10, same as the general admission seats last year, and in addition the purchaser won't have to stand in line and will get a reserved seat on the 40 or 50-yard

mark instead of inside the 20-yard line, the general admission section last year.

Condition of the Field

If a rain storm blows up on the day of a game, the fan should don his rubbers and slicker and come on anyway. Paved and graveled highways assure spectators a hard-surfaced road from their home to Owen field and return.

But best of all is that crackerjack sanded field Coach Lewie Hardage has built at Norman. Last year it rained nearly an inch the night before the Homecoming game with Kansas yet next day the game was sensationally played with the players holding their feet beautifully as the Sooners scored three touchdowns and won decisively by 20 to 0, a feat they could never have achieved on the average muddy field. The field has been resanded this summer and no matter how great the rain, will be fast. So don't let the rain keep you home.

Prospects

We'll try and give you the facts and let you draw your own conclusions.

The team's kicking game can't be as strong as it was last year due to loss of Bob Dunlap, finest quick-kicker ever developed at Soonerland and ranking close to Claude Reeds and Ram Morrison as greatest Sooner punter of all time. Dunlap was also a good passer and although the team's aerial game last year was poor, it wasn't Dunlap's fault. He threw a mean pass as his feat of single-handed chucking 832 yards of completed flips in 1932 proves. So the Sooner kicking and passing apparently will be poorer this fall.

The quarterbacking, with Pat Page, jr., and Karey Fuqua available, should be better. Page, son of the former Indiana and Chicago coach, is stacking up as a real quarterback find, due to lifetime training by his father. Besides he has a year's experience on the Chicago university varsity. Fuqua, smart field general of Lawton's great team of 1931, has had a year's experience with the Sooners and since he already is a fine blocker and tackler, is bound to see service. Art Pansze may also be used some at this position.

Coach Hardage himself has given the biggest hope for an improved team this year.

"We spent last year developing our sophomore material," he recently asserted, "Now we have 16 juniors and 6 seniors ready to go and are ready to take up advanced football, stuff we didn't dare attempt with green sophomores last fall."

However, lots of things can happen between now and Thanksgiving day, end of the 1934 season. The schedule is very hard and it is only reasonable to suppose that somewhere along its course the Sooners will encounter an "off" day

and the opponents "on" days that often spell the difference between victory and defeat. Injuries, bad luck, and ineligibility could very easily take their toll. Also there's no getting around the fact that there are bound to be more powerful teams on the schedule than Oklahoma, any one of which may be capable of defeating the Sooners strictly on the merits of the two teams.

Speaking generally, the squad is experienced and well-stocked with reserves and if it can surmount the tackle obstacle should be able to put up a sharp battle in every game and win its share of them.

Among the better-known sophomores available this fall are:

Ends, Harry Allen, Tulsa; Jay Thomas, Seminole; Ralph Brown, Hobart.

Tackles, Ferd Ellsworth, El Reno; "Hoss" Milam, Chelsea.

Guards, Connie Aherns, Oklahoma City; Mike Montgomery, Lawton; Bill Frickett, Oklahoma City; Bob Stephens, Oklahoma City.

Centers, Mickey Parks, Shawnee; Red Conkright, Tulsa.

Blocking Backs, Pat Page, jr., Chicago, Ill.; Bo Hewes, Wayne; Vivian Nemecek, Wayne; Tee Connelley, El Reno.

Tailbacks, Joe Meyer, Hot Springs, Ark.; K. A. Cox, Muskogee; Mack Boring, Fort Worth, Tex.; Jelly Ragan, St. Louis.

The 21 letter men eligible to return are:

Ends, John Miskovsky, Jeff Coker, Jack Harris, Mutt Miller.

Tackles, Cash Gentry, Dub Wheeler, Ken Little, George Parrish, Dewey Tennyson.

Guards, Red Stacy, Wesley Beck, Clay Chiles, Harry Ellis.

Center, Morris McDannald.

Blocking Backs, Beede Long, Ben Poyner, Art Pansze, Rob Robison, Karey Fuqua.

Tailbacks, Nig Robertson, Raleigh Francis, Delmar Steinbock.

Outstanding squadmen back from last year are: Bill Allen, blocking back; Dodo Walters, guard; James Monnett, tackle; Delbert Haynes, tailback.

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Nov. 29 George Washington at Washington, D. C.

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