

Arkansas City, and I took my team to the game, where I acted as lineman.

I came to Norman for the Thanksgiving game, and I think we played Kingfisher college, with John Alley on their team. The football field was in the northeast corner of the campus.

The crowds were growing and the interest was increasing each successive season.

#### Fifth Year (1899)

I returned to school in the fall of that year and roomed with Fred Roberts from Wellington, Kans., one of O.U.'s greatest halfbacks. The team was very heavy, averaging 200 pounds. The field was where the Auditorium stands now, with goals at east and west ends, and with the first bleachers erected at the University. I served as lineman again.

The game had become a definite part of college life, and increased enrolment gave us a greater number of men to pick a team from.

The following table of men students shows how limited the choice was at first:

Year	Preparatory Dept.					Total
	Col.	Pharm.	Sen.	Middle	Jun.	
1895	7	3	7	13	26	56
1896	6	7	13	16	38	80
1897	16	11	15	24	120	186
1898	18	14	14	28	58	132
1899	26	37	20	30	62	175

The foregoing table is compiled from the lists of students in the catalogues. The pharmacy course was two years, and had the same entrance requirement as the college. The preparatory department offered a high school course.

It can be shown that the football teams were composed largely of high school students, so that contests with other high schools were not unequal.

#### Later Years

I was a student at the University of Kansas in 1903 when O.U. played its first game there, and acted as lineman my last time.

In 1915 I saw my next game at the first



Homecoming when it had become possible to go by automobile to Norman and return the same day. The field then was west of the Fieldhouse site, with temporary wooden bleachers.

During the last dozen years I have attended one or two games a year, generally on Dads' day or Homecoming.

I have watched the large crowds in the Stadium, listened to the bands, the organized pep squads, and seen the stunts and the well organized football machines go across the gridiron.

As I look back forty years to my first and only game, and think of the environment then and my old mates who have

passed, I am reminded of that anonymous poem:

I've wandered to the village, Tom,  
I've sat beneath the tree  
Upon the schoolhouse playground  
That sheltered you and me.  
But none was there to greet me, Tom,  
And few were left to know  
Who played with us upon the green.  
Just forty years ago.

Well, some are in the church-yard laid,  
Some sleep beneath the sea,  
But none are left of our old class  
Excepting you and me.  
And when our time shall come, Tom,  
And we are called to go,  
I hope we'll meet with those we loved  
Some forty years ago.

## Remember back when . . . ?

### 20 YEARS AGO

Gladys Drennan and Lewis Morris were in charge of plans for the annual Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Mixer.

Ben Allen Ames was president of the junior law class. Ray Evans was vice-president and Louie Kneeland, secretary-treasurer.

*A "Young Men's Democratic Club" was organized at the University by a group of 200, which was proclaimed the largest Democratic rally ever held at the University. J. William Cordell was elected president; Leroy Elmore, vice-president; and Mark Grimes, secretary-treasurer.*

Work was to start immediately on the memorial arch of the senior class of '15, according to Clifford C. Loucks. The arch was to be located over the walk at the west side of the Oval.

Willard H. Campbell was editor of the Daily, and W. Irvin Nunn was business manager. Staff members included: Ellis Foster, assistant business manager; Luther Russell, circulation manager; Fayette Copeland, jr., news editor; J. William Cordell, editorial; H. Merle Woods, exchange.

The 1927 Sooner was being started by Editor Hearn Smith and Business Manager William S. Warner.

*Corduroy pants for collegians were being advertised by R. C. Berry.*

Program for the annual Y. M. C. A. stag party included: address of welcome, Stratton D. Brooks; student association, Harry L. S. Halley; Sooner yearbook, Hearn Smith; stories, Prof. Lyman P. Wilson; University publications, Willard H. Campbell; Y. M. C. A., O. A. Brewer;

oratorical association, R. R. Pruet; impersonation, Joshua Lee; athletic association, Homer Montgomery, football captain; tumbling, Jack Frost and Ben Cooley.

David Hilles, Sapulpa, was elected freshman president; Guy Woodward, Ada, vice-president; Margaret Potter, Indianola, secretary; and George Hartford, Ponca City, treasurer.

Wilburn Cartwright, a student, was seeking re-election to the legislature. The Oklahoma Daily also reported that Roy St. Lewis, '15, was Republican candidate for county judge in Hughes county; Fletcher Riley, former student, was running for the legislature from Comanche county; Earl Foster, '13, was candidate for county attorney in Creek county, and Orel Busby, '14, was running for county judge in Pontotoc county.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Jack Dow, editor of the Sooner, was in the infirmary with a case of chicken pox.

Campus Notes—Nancy Bacon carrying gym clothes . . . Thyra Mae Blount anticipating rain and dragging a slicker. . . Jo Bernays wearing a red hat . . . Wayman Thompson threatening to discontinue his medic course . . . Bill Warren whistling . . . Pete Jacobs, Augusta Buckles and George Ross blue carding on blue Monday . . . Blanche Cordell reading Vanity Fair . . . Granville Norris returning to the football squad after going to the infirmary with a severe cold.

*Lexie Marlin was appointed assistant editor of the Oklahoma magazine. Other staff appointments were Hollis Russell, poetry editor; Richard Green, literary editor; and Betty Kirk, Maxine Curreathers, Harold Keith, Tarleton Jenkins, Adeline Rubin and Robert Harris, contributors.*