

University Continues Growth Despite Early Day Setbacks

It is a long jump from 40 acres to 1,650 and from a value of almost zero to something like \$14 million. But the University did it in 54 years.

The original 40 acres were given by the citizens in 1892, 14 years before statehood, and the next year the first building was completed. The city of Norman donated 20 acres in 1902.

Land was acquired as follows: 47 acres in 1925, 5 acres in 1928, 45 in 1935, and 5 in 1943. In 1914 in an exchange of lands, a president's house and several lots adjacent to the campus were obtained.

The following year the first building was destroyed by fire, but Old University hall was completed in March, 1903, only to be destroyed by fire in December.

Science hall and the Carnegie library, now the Education building, were erected in 1904. With the exception of these two structures, nearly all the buildings on the campus are of collegiate Gothic architecture or modifications of that style.

The later buildings are planned in accordance with a systematic scheme for landscaping and design.

The Engineering laboratory, which faces Asp, was built in 1910. Numerous additions have been made to this building. The Administration hall, known officially as Evans hall, was built in 1912. It stands at the south end of the Vernon Parrington oval (north oval).

Monnet hall, or the law barn, was built in 1913, followed in 1916 by DeBarr hall, or the Chemistry building, which is on the west side of the north oval.

In 1919 the Geology building, first building up from the corner on Asp, and the Armory, which faces Brooks, were built. The next year the Art building, on the north oval, was completed.

The Women's building, adjacent to the Administration building, was completed in 1921.

Construction of building proceeded as follows: Press building, on Asp, 1923; Memorial stadium, east wing, 1925; west wing, 1928; Engineering building, Asp, 1925; Pharmacy, 1925; Hester and Robertson halls, Elm, 1926; Liberal Arts building, which is Buchanan hall, Asp, 1926, and the Field-house, 1927.

The year 1928 saw two buildings completed, Ellison infirmary, corner Brooks and Elm, and the Oklahoma Memorial Union. The tower of the Union was erected in 1937.

The Library was completed in 1929 as was the Petroleum Engineering laboratory.

The Business Administration building, corner Asp and Brooks, and the Biological Sciences building, opposite, were completed in 1936. The Military and Naval Sciences building, which includes four structures, was completed in 1939.

Jefferson and Franklin houses, for men, were finished in 1943.

In May of this year, the University acquired the \$7 million north base on a revocable permit to the State Board of Affairs. The installation includes 1,380 acres, 98 buildings and shops, offices and other equipment.

Included in the buildings are two hangars, four squadron administrative buildings, nine enlisted men's barracks, two enlisted WAVE barracks, five cadet barracks, seven officers' quarters, a recreation building, swimming pool, drill hall, chapel, mess buildings, armory and many smaller buildings.

Also recently acquired was the Masonic dormitory which will be converted for coeds.

The University now has a north and south campus. Future plans call for several buildings, among them a new Press building and a research laboratory. The University is truly a school with a future.

Press Prints Book On Business

Advice to veterans on operating small businesses is given in "How to Organize and Manage a Small Business." The book will soon be released by the University Press in October. Nelms Black, the author, is one of America's foremost price engineers and an authority on small businesses.

Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

Returning to wholesale adoption of the fast, tricky T formation for the first time in 36 years, the University of Oklahoma football squad began the school's 52nd annual fall practice September 1 at Owen Field.

Not only the formation was new, but also the coaches. Succeeding Dewey "Snorter" Luster, coffee-drinking little headmaster of the past five years, is Big Jim Tatum of North Carolina and four new assistants, Charles "Bud" Wilkinson of Minnesota, Walter Driskill of Wyoming, William "Dutch" Fehring of Purdue and George Radman of North Carolina. All were Navy lieutenants in the war, and all are approximately 30 years old.

Bennie Owen, now the University's 71-year-old director of intramural athletics, was the last Sooner coach to employ T formation for all his plays although Luster used it some the last two seasons.

While the old T lacked some of the fancy didos of the new, Owen's version of it was noted for his diabolically deceptive crossbucks and for a tackle pass he originated back in 1908. However he abandoned the T formation lock, stock and barrel in 1910 to introduce a speedy substitute, the direct pass, that then seemed ultra modern but which oddly enough has been recently replaced by the out-moded T it succeeded.

In the direct pass the quarterback was moved out to a wing and the ball was passed from the center directly to the deep man in the backfield instead of being handled under the center on every play, as the T calls for.

The 1946 Sooners reported in two contingents. Coach Tatum invited one squad of 75 August 29. Another group of players reported September 13. The unusual size of the squad, Oklahoma's largest of all time, prevents all the players reporting simultaneously, the coach explained.

Tatum's Sooners will strain against a terrific schedule with only four of the ten games booked for Owen Field, and such tough foes as Army, Texas, Oklahoma Aggies and Texas Christian all to be met on foreign gridirons.

With the game against Coach Earl "Red" Blaik's Army Powerhouse at West Point fast approaching Tatum rushed the Sooners through twice-a-day workouts through September 14.

It's a new staff and a new formation and the coaches haven't yet had an opportunity to see their spring and summer practice squads working in the same group.

It will be the 52nd annual pigskin practice at Norman since John A. Harts, an expression student from Winfield, Kansas, organized the University's first team in Bud Risinger's green-front barber shop at Norman back in 1895. Risinger died recently but Harts is still living in Los Angeles and recently was presented an "O" blanket.

Meanwhile Athletic Director L. E. "Jap" Haskell's busy office force continued to wrestle what has been the University's greatest advance ticket sale of all time. Here's Business Manager Bill Cross' latest report on its progress:

- (1) All season tickets are sold out.
- (2) The sale of tickets for the Oklahoma-Texas game October 12 at Dallas is already behind the goal. This sale will continue "as long as we have any tickets left" says Cross. The Texas tickets have arrived and are being mailed in the order the requests for them were received.
- (3) Reserved seats for the Texas Aggie, Kansas State, Missouri and Nebraska games at Norman are down between the 20 and 25-yard lines at both ends.
- (4) Approximately 1,000 ticket orders for the Army-Oklahoma game have been sold and 500 additional tickets ordered. None of the Army tickets have yet arrived.

Harry Kornbaum, co-manager of Rainbow's train tour to the Army game, reports one special train of 200 people has already been sold and he expects to sell another. His air tour is one-half sold. "Fans who plan to go to New York and West Point by tour and want to change portions of their trip should contact us at once, while there's time to alter their reservations," says Kornbaum.

The Santa Fe railroad will run special trains to Norman for the four home games provided they can get the necessary equipment. East Brooks street from the railroad to the stadium was black-topped this week, assuring special train fans dry footing for the three-block walk to Owen Field.

Following is the personnel of the early squad of 75 Sooner players now busily practicing:

Ends: Jim Tyree, Oklahoma City; Merle Dinkins, Blackwell; Bill Morris, Oklahoma City; Boyd Bibb, Sayre; Myrle Greathouse, Amarillo, Texas; Gene Heape, Nowata; Lloyd Biddick, Ardmore; Warren Giese, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Bill Caldwell, Durant; Joe Crowder, Muskogee; Jim Owens, Oklahoma City; Bob Gambrill, Oklahoma City; O'Quinn Dunn, Chickasha.

Tackles: Homer Paine, Enid; Norman McNabb, Norman; Earl Hale, Markham, Texas; Dick Shelton, Norman; Kelly Pelts, Columbia, Missouri; Jake McCallister, Okmulgee; Truman Wright, Houston, Texas; Robert Hinton, Drumright; Art Janes, Holdenville; Wade Walker, Gastonia, North Carolina; Jess Trotter, Borger, Texas; George Martin, Guthrie; Joe Hicks, Batesville, Arkansas; B. G. VanHorn, Oceanside, New York.

Guards: Plato Andros, Oklahoma City; Clare Morford, Lawton; Lee Kennon, Tulsa; Paul Burris, Muskogee; Stanley West, Enid; Dee Andros, Oklahoma City; Charles Paine, Enid; Frankie Anderson, Oklahoma City; John Husak, Curwensville, Pennsylvania; Ben Stout, Oklahoma City.

Centers: Max Fischer, Norman; Pete Tillman, Mangum; Ray Pearcy, Pawhuska; William O'Dea, Durant; John Rapacz, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Quarterbacks: Dave Wallace, Oklahoma City; Jack Mitchell, Ponca City; Claude Arnold, Okmulgee; Dennis Rountree, Fairview; James Drake, Texas City, Texas.

Left Halfbacks: Tom Meason, Ardmore; Darrell Royal, Hollis; Charles Sarratt, Belton, South Carolina; John Allsup, Tipton; Merle Harrell, Lawton; Warren Carmichael, Waurika.

Right Halfbacks: Joe Golding, Eufaula; Leroy Neher, Altus; Son Wright, Waurika; Laddie Harp, Fairview; Bill Remy, Norman; George Thomas, Fairland; Bobby Goad, Muskogee; Bill Lambeth, Maud.

Fullbacks: Eddy Davis, Muskogee; Don Fauble, Shawnee; Basil Sharp, Pawnee; Ed Kreick, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; James Martin, Norman; Ronald Dry, Fairland; James Hare, Sand Springs; Don Julius, Sioux City, Iowa.

The squad which reported September 13 includes:

Ends: Ed Mays, J. D. Roland, Bill Huffman, C. B. Thompson, Joe Breeden, Aubrey Anding.

Tackles: Kenneth Fogelson, Robert Gill, Bill Taylor, Calvin Kelly, J. D. Simpson, I. D. Simpson, Clifford Banks, Leon Manley, James Chapman, Clinton Williams.

Guards: Melrose Minton, Adolph Dickey, Hubert Chancellor, Delton Marcum, Albert Stover, Jim Cheadle, Jim Murphy, Clarence Paine, Don Burris, A. L. Sally.

Centers: Bill Fleming.
Backs: Wendall Sullivan, Clyde Clark, Bob Prince, Dean Sharpe, Gayle Pair, Jack Beeson, Dick Jackson, James Starr, Duard Givens, Jack Briggs.