

Sooner Sports

BULLETIN

Sooner Football Coach Jim Tatum resigned his position at the University January 18 to accept a position as director of athletics and head football coach at the University of Maryland on a reported five-year contract at \$12,000 per year, President George L. Cross announced.

Charles "Bud" Wilkinson, Tatum's chief assistant last fall, was appointed head O. U. football coach on a four-year contract following the resignation of Tatum. His salary has not been disclosed.

Sooner Cagers Win 11, Drop 4

Big things are expected from Oklahoma University's fast moving basketball luminaries this season. The prospects for a championship club seem great; but the truth is, moans Coach Bruce Drake, that practically everybody's "loaded" this year, and that's where the rub comes in.

In fact, many cage followers expect collegiate basketball to go through the same upset motif that characterized collegiate football this fall. Every school has a four or five-year accumulation of talent back from the war, and it still takes only five men to play the game. The Sooners appear to be better offensively than in recent years, but their ability to hold down the tall boys hasn't yet been fully determined.

"Dr. "Phog" Allen returns Black and Evans, not to mention Otto Schnellbacher, all-Big Six, and some very strong new talent. True enough, my Oklahoma club returns Gerald Tucker and Allie Paine, each also an all-American, but when these two clubs last met, in 1943, Kansas won both games and went all-victorious in the conference. Kansas also defeated us all three times we met last year."

A forward on Coach Hugh McDermott's great 1928 outfit, Drake is widely known for his successful plotting against opponents of national reputation. He's a bold strategist, and in 1944 organized and led a national fight against goal tending, which resulted in its being stricken from the rules.

Oklahoma's conference record since Drake began coaching:

| Year | W. | L. | pct. | pts. | opp. pts. | rank |
|------|----|----|------|------|-----------|-------------|
| 1939 | 7 | 3 | .700 | 462 | 416 | first (tie) |
| 1940 | 8 | 2 | .800 | 425 | 354 | first (tie) |
| 1941 | 5 | 5 | .500 | 405 | 391 | fourth |
| 1942 | 8 | 2 | .800 | 446 | 390 | first (tie) |
| 1943 | 7 | 3 | .700 | 485 | 387 | second |
| 1944 | 9 | 1 | .900 | 409 | 314 | first (tie) |
| 1945 | 5 | 5 | .500 | 420 | 412 | third (tie) |
| 1946 | 7 | 3 | .700 | 529 | 431 | second |

Assisting him with this season's flock is Jerome "Shocky" Needy, a dead-eye shot on McDermott's 1937 squad. Needy enlisted in the Army Air Corps at the beginning of the war and served four and one-half years before being discharged. He is married and has a son two and one-half years old.

A letterman at Oklahoma in 1941, 43 and 44, Paine was all-American and all-Big Six the latter year when he captained Drake's small team against a veritable forest of basketball "lengthies." He's a fine passer, an ace defensive player with an accurate eye for the basket. Twenty-five years old, Paine is six feet tall and tips the scales at 166 pounds. Home, Oklahoma City.

Tucker, Mr. Finesse of the Sooner hardwoods, towers 6-4 and weighs a hefty 208, but was inconspicuous in size beside many opposing giants he held in check while winning an all-American center berth in 1943. He was a first lieutenant in the

Army and was player-coach on the crack 41st Division team of Honshu, Japan, winner of the national service basketball championship last year. Holder of the Big Six individual scoring record of 175 points for one season, Tucker was also loop tennis title holder in 1942. His home is at Winfield, Kansas.

A trio of other all-conference athletes is being heavily counted upon to see a lot of action during this year's rough grind. Back from the Navy after 36 months is Kenneth Pryor, a clever passer with a variety of shots, who earned top honors as a freshman in 1944. A pair that paced last year's Sooners are Paul Courty, tall, freakish-shooting sophomore forward who formerly piloted Navy planes, and Jack Landon, fine all-Big Six guard in 1945 and 46.

Pryor is one of the finest high school athletes ever to be produced in Oklahoma, having been nominated for all-state honors three consecutive years; first at Terral, then at Friendship and finally at Capitol Hill, while playing under his coach-dad, John Pryor, former Durant Teachers star. Kenneth played with the Norfolk, Virginia, Naval Air Station team in 1945.

Possessor of one of the hottest left-handed jump shots in the business, Courty was second only to Kansas' Charley Black in conference scoring last year. He's 6-3, weighs 187 pounds, and hails from Windsor, Missouri.

As a sophomore in 1945, Landon, 6-1, 175, twice stopped Cecil Hankins, Oklahoma Aggie flash, with one field goal. A fine passer, screener and team man, Jack attended high school at Oklahoma City Capitol Hill.

Big, hollow-checked Dick Reich, veteran of 1942, 43 and 46 seasons, is one of the most polished Sooner cagers and has been Drake's choice for a starting guard position in most of the successful December campaigns. The first experienced war vet to return to the campus last spring, the Oklahoma City lad served as a lieutenant in the Marines

How the Sooners have fared so far:
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| Warrensburg Teachers | 49 | 21 |
| Texas Tech | 60 | 37 |
| Texas Christian | 76 | 54 |
| Southern Methodist | 66 | 41 |
| *Kansas State | 55 | 59 |
| *Missouri | 61 | 53 |
| *Nebraska | 63 | 54 |
| Wisconsin | 56 | 40 |
| **Baylor | 64 | 47 |
| **Kansas | 45 | 51 |
| **Texas | 50 | 62 |
| City College of New York | 55 | 52 |
| Bradley Tech | 65 | 64 |
| Nebraska | 41 | 44 |
| Kansas | 50 | 47 |
| * Played in Pre-Big Six tournament at Kansas City, Missouri. | | |
| ** Played in All College tournament at Oklahoma City. | | |

and was awarded the Purple Heart for a foot injury received while leading a rifle platoon through 26 days of Iwo Jima hell.

It's not all easy sledding for the older and more experienced hands who are having to hustle plenty to ward off the challenge of a host of fine, young cagers for starting positions. Drake's reliable reserves include:

Don Buelow, Enid, a fine ball hawk and dribbler . . . won letters in 1944, 45 and 46 . . . stands 6 feet . . . weighs 157.

Harly Day . . . a springy-legged freshman from Ada, whose wierd but accurate shots are especially noticeable . . . played at East Central College, Ada, and Norman Naval Skyjackets . . . is a pupil of Floyd McBride, '26ba, former Sooner star.

Harold Hines . . . tagged "Scooter" because of speed and size . . . is only 5 1/2 . . . former state

STATION WNAD WILL BROADCAST HOME CAGE TILTS

Coming at a time when the need is most urgent, WNAD received early in January authority from the Federal Communications Commission to broadcast play-by-play reports of all the Sooners' home basketball games.

Jack Payne, radio student from Okemah who aired the home football games for WNAD, will be at the courtside mike for the first basketball broadcasts by WNAD in many years.

The University station operates in daytime only between the hours of local sunrise and sunset and had to apply to the F.C.C. for an extension of time for the dates on which games are scheduled here.

The station will go on the air at 8 p. m. for games and be on the air until 10:15 p. m. WNAD operates on 640 kilocycles.

WNAD received permission for the broadcasts on the basis that the Fieldhouse is not large enough to accommodate all the basketball fans.

Top crowd ever to be jammed into the University arena was approximately 7,000 and there are 10,000 students enrolled here at present. The broadcast will especially be a boon to the public followers of the Sooners who will not even get the chance at a ticket for the home games.

Delayed broadcasts of the home games have been carried this year by an Oklahoma City station, but WNAD's report will be while the game is in progress.

high school badminton and table tennis champion at Oklahoma City Central . . . lettered at O. U. in 1945 and 46 . . . good set-shot and backline passer . . . served in Navy.

Jack Hughes . . . ace of Muskogee high school's state runners-up last year, coached by John Grayson, who played with McDermott's Sooner Boy Scouts of 1938 . . . 5-9, 160 pounds . . . served 30 months with Army Paratroopers . . . was awarded Purple Heart.

James Jones . . . towers 6-4 . . . played last season on Gerald Tucker's service team in Japan . . . from Tulsa but played high school ball in Illinois.

Paul Merchant . . . one of Coach Drake's pre-war freshmen of 1942 . . . promising passer and shot-maker . . . played at Tulsa Webster High School . . . spent 36 months in Navy.

Jimmy Mitchell . . . another '42 freshman who joined the Navy and is back trying for his first varsity letter . . . from Oklahoma City Classen High School . . . 6 feet, 180 pounds.

Charles Pugsley . . . joined Navy Air Corps after playing freshman ball in 1942 . . . played in 1945 with Iowa Pre-Flight's Seahawks . . . even 6 feet tall, 170 pounds . . . from Oklahoma City Classen . . . married.

Bill Waters . . . big 6-5, 208-pound center who is sharing spotlight with starters . . . freshman with no previous collegiate experience . . . fine under-the-basket man with deadly shot . . . was all-state high school center at Capitol Hill two years ago . . . served in Army Air Corps.

Dayton Spaulding . . . long shot artist who won letter last year . . . played high school ball at Stamford, New York . . . was "discovered" by Laury Myer, Sooner star of '29, while playing service ball in the Pacific.

Wayne Speegle . . . freshman from Oklahoma City Capitol Hill . . . only 18 . . . 6-2, 150 pounds.

Jack Watkins . . . a pre-war freshman in 1942 from Tribbey . . . was ace of Coach Jack Baer's Big Six championship baseball hurling staff last year . . . pitched in National College All-Star game and held opposition scoreless . . . served 40 months in Marine Signal Corps . . . 6-2, 162 pounds.

Games remaining on the Ramblers' schedule:

- *Jan. 18, Kansas State at Manhattan.
- *Jan. 25, Missouri at Norman.
- Jan. 28, Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.
- *Feb. 1, Iowa State at Norman.
- Feb. 3, Texas Christian at Norman.
- Feb. 7, Denver at Norman.
- *Feb. 14, Kansas State at Norman.
- *Feb. 17, Nebraska at Norman.
- *Feb. 21, Iowa State at Ames.
- *Feb. 27, Missouri at Columbia.
- *March 4, Kansas at Lawrence.
- March 11, Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.
- *Big Six Conference games.

Besides "Warming"—It's Hot

Lyman Bryan, Norman, Arts and Science Sophomore spoke words of wisdom in his special column "Bench Warming" in the Friday, January 10, 1947 issue of the Oklahoma Daily—Here 'Tis:

BENCH WARMING with BRYAN

Tonight approximately 6,000 fortunate fans will pack the Field house to watch Phog Allen's Jayhawks clash with Bruce Drake's Sooners in the renewal of an old conference rivalry.

When I say "pack," I mean just that, for the athletic department could easily have peddled 10,000 ducats for the game. *We need a new Field House!!*

Gallagher Hall at Stillwater, besides being built on modern lines, can hold 8,000 fans and often does. Oklahoma A. & M., according to a recent Associated Press dispatch, is also building a stadium to seat 30,000 spectators.

When that stadium is completed, giving the Aggies equal football facilities and a superior basketball arena, much of the non-collegiate Oklahoma City fandom will adopt the Aggies as their own, if they haven't already. They've been feeding on Cowboy propaganda up there so long, that during the All-College tourney, they applauded the Sooners politely when they came on the court, then went berserk when the Farmers trundled on.



Thoughts of old times when he edited the Oklahoma Daily were recalled to the mind of Congressman "Mike" Monroney, '24ba, when he visited the Daily office and University campus recently. And he appears to be enjoying those memories. Student journalists eagerly watching him "operate" in the news room horseshoe are, left to right: Peg Marchant, present editor of the Daily; James Jackson, managing editor; Charles Ward, president of Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity and former managing editor, and Quinton Peters, issue editor.

Geographically, it would seem the Oklahoma City crowd would logically prefer the Sooners, but the cowbells clanged a song of the saddle at the All-College tourney. As it turned out they were backing the right horse.

Anyway, if we want to compete with Oklahoma A. & M., we must have a new field house. Perhaps when the fans nurse enough mangled toes and bruised backs, they'll revise the old "We wanta touchdown" chant to fit cage needs, and start shouting, "We needa Field house."

The University of Texas is planning a new basketball arena to seat 20,000 fans. They also plan to enlarge Memorial football stadium from 42,000 capacity to 60,000 and add lights with the avowed purpose of scheduling big teams.

The University of Maryland, rumored to be after grid mentor Jim Tatum, plans to construct a \$400,000 stadium seating 50,000, so built that it could be enlarged to seat 90,000 double-decked. Michigan State will enlarge its present 27,000-capacity stadium to a stadium-dormitory seating 52,000. The Orange Bowl, at Miami, Florida, is planning to doubledeck its present plant.

Mayor Woodall Rodgers of Dallas has received authority from the city council to negotiate with Cotton bowl officials on building a new stadium to seat 100,000 people.

And with a record enrolment anticipated in the next few years, what is being planned for the University of Oklahoma? Nothing.

It would be necessary for the new state legislature to appropriate money for a Field house. As yet the solons are apparently unaware of the need. At the risk of repeating myself, we need a Field house. The one we have now looks like an Oklahoma A. & M. barn.

The Ambassador Comes Home

A recent visitor on the campus was a life member of the O. U. Alumni Association, Congressman "Mike" Monroney of the Fifth Congressional District, Oklahoma City-Washington, D. C.

Congressman "Mike" returned to the campus after first following the trail of scented ink to his old desk and typewriter in the Journalism Build-

ing, where he was once editor, printer's "devil" and ALL of the Oklahoma Daily. While student editor, Monroney contributed greatly to the development of the Daily. Following his graduation in 1924, "Mike" was an outstanding member of the University Alumni Association. His services on the board culminated in his being elected president of the Alumni Association in 1931.

As Ted Beaird remarked following "Mike's" recent selection as the "outstanding congressman of the United States," wherein he received the *Colliers Magazine* award of \$10,000, "Well, there's not a reason why he should not be chosen for this distinction. He had the RIGHT training here at the University and the RIGHT training as president of the Alumni Association—therefore he should be able to reorganize and recondition Congress."

"Mike" is one congressman who, paradoxically, got his start in journalism—his old love—via politics, and then into politics through journalism. At least, that's the way he jokingly put it when asked how he entered into politics, after he had been a reporter for five years.

The Democratic congressman spun this yarn recently in an informal afterdinner talk to members of Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalistic fraternity, and Theta Sigma Phi, honorary and professional women's journalism fraternity. "Mike," who is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, was guest of honor at the dinner.

"When I was a student at O. U., the editor of the Daily was elected by the student body," "Mike" explained, with a twinkle in his eye. "Before one election, we convinced the election committee that another name should be added to the ticket. That's where I came in—I was nominated.

"On election day, I learned through the grapevine that I was slightly behind," he said, smiling, "We had to do something about it. Then we suddenly realized that the students in the Infirmary had not voted, and, by all means, should not be deprived the right of franchise.

"After persuading the election committee to allow those students to vote, we arranged to have

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O.U. School of Pharmacy has complete collection of Sooner Yearbooks. Begun several years ago by Librarian Mrs. Otto Walter (left) with one copy of her own, it received a priceless bolstering when Mrs. Daisy Clifton, Norman (right), early day photographer, came through with a gift of the 1905 to 1914 copies. The 1905 issue, being examined in the picture, as well as several subsequent numbers, was known as "The Mistletoe." Other donors to the collection have been Mr. Emil Kraetli, Mr. J. L. Rader, Mr. Cecil Brite, Mrs. Ralph Bienfang, Mrs. Roy Gittinger, and Miss Blanche Sommers. Mrs. Leroy Elmore filled the last gap several weeks ago when she presented the library with her copy of the rare 1918 edition.

The Ambassador—

the ballots taken to the Infirmary . . . When the final ballots were tabulated, I was elected editor," he said, laughing.

The debonair congressman then told of the publicity stunts he and his Oklahoma Daily staff pulled to fill up the newspaper columns.

"At that time, we didn't have any news services or much advertising to help us—and we didn't want to leave any white spaces in our paper."

"Oh, we have an advertising staff, now," quipped Peg Marchant, mistress of ceremonies, and present editor of the Oklahoma Daily.

"Well, in those days," retorted "Mike," grinning, "we were under a Republican administration."

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Books Abroad—

Now that publishing has begun again throughout the world, the books and magazines are accumulating so fast in the BOOKS ABROAD office that one can scarcely see the editors, behind the growing mountains of foreign literature. But the editors are still there, even if you can't see them. Frederick D. Eddy, late of the Phillips Exeter Academy and one-time managing editor of the French Review, has joined their staff as editorial assistant.

Other on-campus members of the BOOKS ABROAD staff include W. A. Willibrand, assistant editor; Edith Mahier, staff artist; Pierre Delatre and Oliver E. Benson, contributing editors; L. J. Carrel, Advertising manager, and Delora Tinsley, circulation manager.

Two editions of the magazine are now being distributed, one from Norman, Oklahoma, and the other from the Phoenix House, London, England, called the British Empire edition.

Dr. House says he is sure that BOOKS ABROAD could never have weathered these last chaotic years without missing an issue or abandoning a department if it had not been for the backing of President Cross and other executive officers in the University of Oklahoma. He is especially appreciative of the help and encouragement of Savoie Lottinville, the magazine's business manager and director of the University Press.

O.U. War Heroine—

"I have resumed private practice, and would like for my patients to see one or two diplomas or certificates on the wall so that they may know that I graduated from an A-1 medical school, and please notify me as to my financial obligation to you or to the University of Oklahoma for having said diplomas replaced, duplicated, or certified, depending which you deem best.

"My sincerest gratitude for any help you may give me, and wishing you continued success as President of a great American university, may I remain

Very truly yours,
Dr. Bertha Mueller Baltazar
40-D Jones Avenue
Cebu City, Cebu
Philippine Islands."

Special editor's note: Since no diplomas were available upon receipt of this letter, President Cross and O. U. Registrar George E. Wadsack sent Dr. Baltazar a notarized statement giving the degrees she received at the University, date of each degree and other pertinent facts. Duplicate reprint diplomas will be given to Dr. Baltazar when diplomas for the spring commencement are available. G.S.

Law School—

court, six of them are graduates of the Law School. Two of the three members of the criminal court of appeals are University Law School graduates. Law School representation in the legislature usually includes ten senators and 20 to 25 members of the house.

The graduates of the School have also been prominent in the business and civic life of the state and their respective communities. But it is impossible to call the roll of honor in this respect.

The lawyer is a great conservative and yet progressive force in social affairs. Through his knowledge of law, which means his knowledge of the interrelations of the movements of society the lawyer becomes a most expert leader in social, governmental and political affairs. His education, his training, his opportunities, are greatest of all to mold and guide society toward a higher goal.

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