



Producer of multiplied thousands of words in press copy over a series of 18 years as sports publicity director of the University, Harold Verne "Grantland" Keith, '29ba, '39ma, is shown in typical "work and labor" pose. Now Keith has come forward with a new book about football—OKLAHOMA KICK-OFF, wherein additional multiple thousands of words present a most interesting historical document not only on Sooner football but informative history, filled with humor and frankness, of the University and the origin of so much of O.U.'s unpublished tradition.

While the football is emphasized, your Range Rider particularly likes Harold Keith's background writing concerning the University's social history and development. The football is thrillingly told,

but right along with it the book also describes such vital milestones in the University's early history as the hiring of VERNON PARRINGTON, later a Pulitzer Prize winner; the old territorial oratorical

contest at Guthrie; the snipping off of PRESIDENT BOYD's mustache by the football players in 1901; the desperation of the first faculty to obtain students; the class fights; the burning of the first University building in 1903; DR. DAVID C. HALL'S intelligent efforts to make his physical education program build up the bodies of the undernourished students of the territory; the firing of President Boyd, Parrington, and many of the old faculty by C. N. HASKELL, first governor of the new state of Oklahoma, and the vivid characterization of all the coaches, the leading players, and the first three presidents, DAVID ROSS BOYD, A. GRANT EVANS and STRATTON D. BROOKS.

After you read *Oklahoma Kickoff* there will be no doubt in your mind what the University looked like in the old days, and what kind of people ran it. You will be struck by the total dissimilarity between the small, isolated but intensely loyal pioneer school at Norman, Oklahoma, half a century ago, and the big, sprawling, bustling, modern University of today, with its 12,000-plus students.

Yes, ole HAROLD "GRANTLAND" has made a contribution, and those along the Sooner Range will greatly enjoy *Oklahoma Kickoff* as they thumb through its pages in the quiet of their study in the months to come!

Correspondence . . .

Vienna, Austria

Mr. Emil R. Kraetli,
Secretary of the University of Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Kraetli:

Thank you for your letter of April 30 in regard to Dr. Herta Peschek.

Yes, I graduated from the School of Nursing, University of Oklahoma, in 1925, post graduate work at University of Pennsylvania, 1926 and 1927, and Major Lewis V. Smith, '24-'29, attended the University four years—later practicing law in Leflore and Muskogee Counties. He was called on duty in August, 1940, and was stationed at Fort Sill until 1944, coming overseas at that time, and was a Field Artillery officer during the campaign in Germany and later Austria. He was with the Division Artillery of 65th Infantry Division.

Major Smith was in the first group of Americans sent to Vienna in summer of 1945 and was the first officer to complete the transfer from Russian to American occupation of the 7th Bezirk district of approximately 50,000 Viennese. He was Bezirk commander (similar to mayor) for several months. Later he was executive officer for military government affairs in Vienna until August, 1946. Since that time he has been the staff judge advocate of



Some of the old-timers about whom Harold writes are pictured above. They are, left to right, Tom Tribbey, tackle in 1899-1903, who died more than a quarter of a century ago; Fred Roberts, Sooner half-back of 1899-1903, now a retired farmer at Caldwell, Kansas; Claude Reeds, full-back on the 1910-13 teams, now a prosperous farmer near Newcastle, and Homer Montgomery, Sooner footballer in 1914-16, now a prominent geologist at Mineral Wells, Texas.

Vienna Area Command which has recently changed to Headquarters Command, United States Forces in Austria.

Our new change of station will be Fort MacArthur, California. We hope to fly to good old U.S.A. around June 20, with our 16-year-old son and twin daughters, age 10.

We have enjoyed the two years spent in Vienna with Major Smith very much. As you know Vienna abounds in art and music (very good opera). We have had leave on various occasions and have toured Western Germany, Bavaria, Tyrol, Switzerland, France, U.S. Zone of Austria and last week returned from two weeks in Italy (Venice, Florence, Rome, Pompeii, Pisa, Genoa and Garda Lake.)

Yes, Oklahoma University has grown since I first arrived in Norman in 1924, and we doubt if we will see many old timers. We will visit in Oklahoma, we hope, in July, and plan to see as many friends as possible.

Sincerely, Mrs. Vera Jo Glenn Smith, '25nurse.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Ted:

Enclosed you will find my check for \$15.00 which covers the initial payment for life membership in the Association. While I had always intended to place my name on the life rolls, it had been a matter which seemed too easily postponed.

The Association is fortunate to have Bruce Carter, '32ma; Roy Grantham, '34ba, '34law, '40m.ed; George Hann, '36m.ed, and Judge Robert D. Howell, '26ba, '28law, as the four newly elected members-at-large of the Board. As I wrote earlier in the year, it was an honor to be named one of the nominees for Board membership. The Association's work is extensive and important and I am anxious, too, to give what time and energy I may to that work in this part of the state.

Highest personal regards to you, Mrs. Turnbull, and the rest of the staff.

Yours truly, Sigfrid E. Floren, '41ba, '47law.

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Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Ted:

For a long time I have been planning to drop you a line, but I have kept putting it off for a better day. Just before I left Ponca City I was really busy getting the loose ends of my law practice together so that I could be gone for about three weeks.

I came out here for a short tour of Army duty. I brought the family with me, and they have enjoyed the stay here in Columbia.

There are several Oklahomans here whom I have met. I have met two who attended O.U. Colonel Shelton, my commanding officer, tells me that he attended O.U. thirty-five years ago. He is quite proud that he is from Oklahoma. He says he will always bet on a fight if they will let him put his money on the boxers from Oklahoma or Arkansas. The other O.U. man I met out here is Lt. Col. Wilbur Wilson, '33ba, '34law, who graduated in my class in 1934. He has decided to stay in the Army permanently.

The fellows are still commenting in Ponca City about the splendid talk you gave at our Legion birthday dinner. That speech could not have been better, and everyone appreciated it. It was perfectly timed for the place and the occasion.

Ted, I surely appreciated my election to the Alumni Board, and I do not want to shirk any duties or responsibilities. Therefore, when there is anything to be done, let me know, and I shall roll up my sleeves and go to work.

Give my best regards to everyone.

Sincerely Roy Grantham, '34ba, '34law, '40m.ed.

Dr. J. E. Reese, associate economics professor, serves as chairman of the economics section of the Southwestern Social Science Association.

John W. Dunn, director of University radio station WNAD, is vice-president of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters.

Association Progress

New Yorkers Have Party

M. L. (Maury) Clancy, '37ba, was elected president of the New York City Alumni Club in late May at the first spring meeting, a cocktail party, at the Roofgarden of the Beckman Towers in that city.

Elected to aid him in forwarding activities of the Sooner organization were Francis L. Stillely, '42journal, vice-president, and Mrs. Sylvan Cole, Jr., '39bs, secretary.

Clancy is division sales manager of the Wyeth International Drug and Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Clancy, live at Carter, where the parents of Mrs. Clancy, who are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. MacKenzie, also live. In New York the Clancys live at 230 East 71st.

Stillely is night editor of the New York Bureau of Associated Press. He was correspondent for the *Daily Oklahoman* while in college, and later worked on the *Shawnee News-Star* and in the Oklahoma City Bureau of AP before coming to New York. He and Mrs. Stillely (Joy Turner, '42 journal) live at 71 Orange Street in Brooklyn. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stillely of McCloud.

Mrs. Sylvan Cole, Jr., will be remembered as Vivian Vanderpool, daughter of Mrs. G. L. Vanderpool, Norman. The undecided but eventual question at 1494 Pine Knoll Lane, Mamaroneck, New York, will be whether their two children become Sooners or attend Cornell, the latter being their pater's alma mater.

Interest in the chapter was stimulated at the party by the presence of many alumni and Oklahoma friends who never before had attended a reunion. Especially prominent were many recent graduates. A poll of the assemblage indicated they were enthusiastically in favor of like social affairs frequently and would support the idea of establishing a regular monthly meeting date when autumn and cool weather return, according to the report received in the *Sooner* office from Betty Jones Robinson. Mrs. Robinson is the wife of Kenneth M. Robinson, '38ba, '38law.

President Clancy has announced the next session to be July 30, at the same place of the previous meeting. Charles Turnbull, '42bus; Vivian Cole, '39bs, and Morton Glass, '35ba, have been appointed to the reception committee for the July meeting.

Those attending the May meeting included: William G. "Bill" Adams, '38-42; Frances Adams, '42ms, Brooklyn; Julietta Kahn Arthur, '20ba; Bayden Bashe, '42ba; Bud Baer, '47journal; Kathryn Beck, '41bs, Brooklyn; Jessie A. Bloodworth, '20ba; Dr. Charles P. Brown, '40bs, Yonkers; Evelyn Brown, '41ba, Yonkers.

E. A. Butts, '35-39; Robert P. Calvert, '09ba, '10ma, and Mrs. Calvert, Scarsdale; Patricia Cole, '45fa; Betty Cole, '42ba; Howard Fitts, '41law, Elmhurst; Carolyn Kinney Fitts, '41bm, Elmhurst; John L. Fortson, '34ba; Robert G. Fiddes, '33ba; William Gutman, '44ba, and Mrs. Gutman, Brooklyn.

Morton M. Glass, '35ba; Byron George; Lowell F. Hess, '38-42, Brooklyn; Geraldine Hess, '44fa, Brooklyn; Morris Haggard, '47; Patrick L. Hamilton, '43; Neva Wilkerson Hamilton, '43bus; Dr. W. B. Hamby, '24ba, '24bs, '28med, Buffalo; Ann Hamilton, '39.

Julia L. Herrmann, '44fa; M. H. Klein, '36ba, Yonkers; Bonne M. Knight, '45ba; Dorothy Ann Perkins, '37ba; Mrs. Lou B. Paine, '30ba; George Parnell, '43; Joan Parnell; Robert H. Parker, '34ba, '36law; John S. Redfield, '24ba, '26geol, '29ms; Mrs. John S. Redfield, '26ed; Kenneth M. Robinson, '38ba, '38law; Frederick E. Reimers, '35eng, Plainfield; Yvonne N. Strong, '47ba, Brooklyn; Kathryn K. Smith, '22ba, Larchmont; Virginia

Schubert, '45bus.

William D. Schubert, '47; Lucille Turner, '37fa, Scarsdale; Charles Turnbull, '42bus; E. D. Uman, '33bs, and Mrs. Uman, Dobbs Ferry; H. B. Wilson, Jr., '29eng, Bronxville; Hale Wingfield, '36 journal, and Mrs. Wingfield, A. H. Walker, '31, Brooklyn.

Harold L. Mueller, '19, and Mrs. Mueller; Tom Bartlett; J. W. Elig, '32, Okcene; Winifred Jordan; Otis Sullivant, '24, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Aline Lynch Knight, '30, Dallas, Texas.

Executive Board Meets

Opening with President Hal Muldrow, '28bs, presiding, the annual meeting of the University of Oklahoma Association Executive Board was called to order May 31 in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building.

A report of the 1948 election committee was given and the new Executive Board members were seated. Four new members seated to serve at large were Bruce Carter, '32ma, Miami; Roy Grantham, '34ba, '34law, '40m.ed, Ponca City; George Hann, '36m.ed, Ardmore, and Bob Howell, '26ba, '28 law, Holdenville.

Kenneth Harris, '39ba, gave a report on the first awards and citations program, and outlined plans for selections in the future. He pointed out that in selecting persons to receive the annual "Distinguished Service Citations" a committee composed of seven members will make final choices. Nominations for recipients may be made by any person, but the committee is not limited in choice to those nominated, but rather may consider others that it chooses to consider.

According to the plan, the committee is appointed as follows: (a) the president of the University appoints three members; (b) the president of the Association appoints three, and (c) the president of the Dads' Association, or a member of the Dads' Association appointed by him, is to be a member.

Harris reported that it is planned that not more than five honorees will be chosen annually to receive the awards made to distinguished Oklahomans and/or alumni. The Executive Board approved the plan outlined by Harris.

Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37law, director of the University of Oklahoma Foundation, also reported to the Board at the annual meeting. He explained that while the basic financing of the University program will always be from legislative appropriation, private funds can do many things to make the University great. In 1941-42, for example, according to a study made by the American Council on Education, alumni of universities and colleges in this country raised a total of \$45 millions.

The University of Oklahoma Foundation, organized in 1944, is for the purpose of securing, investing and administering funds for the benefit of the University. It may accept funds from anyone and for any designated purpose so long as that purpose benefits the University. The Board of Trustees is composed of 11 members, 8 of whom are elected by those who have contributed to the Foundation in amounts of \$100 or more, and three members who serve ex officio—president of the University, president of the Alumni Association, and president of the Dads' Association.

As a part of the fund-raising plan, Gunning asked that solicitations of a large number of small annual gifts to an alumni fund be operated by the Alumni Association. The plan was adopted by the Executive Board.

The Board resolved that all current interest accumulations on the Life Membership Trust Fund, except whatever deductions might be ordered by the Executive Board for a reserve against capital loss, be transferred to the operating fund of the