



LT. CLIFFORD F. DROWN

Air Force Officer Graduates

First Lt. Clifford F. Drown, '40, of Oklahoma City was graduated recently from a two year course in engineering sciences at the U.S.A.F. Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Lieutenant Drown was a member of a class totaling 131 officers who were graduated, some in engineering sciences and others in industrial administration. The Institute of Technology offers the two courses to aid in the development of Air Force officers for the best possible leadership in carrying out the responsibilities of research, development and procurement in the U. S. Air Force.

Before entering the Air Force, Lieutenant Drown attended Oklahoma A.&M. College and the University of Oklahoma. During the war he served extensively as an infantry platoon leader with the 78th Division in Europe.

Sooner Sports

Crosscountry Practice

Opening against Colonel Frank Anderson's Texas Aggies, whose four-mile relay team won last year at both the Texas and Kansas Relays, Coach John Jacobs' University of Oklahoma crosscountry team has begun practice.

Returning lettermen from Jacobs' Big Seven conference runners-up are Kenneth Biggins, Okmulgee; Ray Burns, Tulsa; R. C. Slocum, Tulsa; Norval Smith, Tulsa, and John Carnaris, Eagle Lake, Texas. Carroll Swickey, sophomore who formerly ran at Oklahoma City Classen High School, and Bob Gregory, Tulsa squad man, are also training.

Last year the Sooners swept all their dual meets but bowed in the conference meet to Coach Bill Easton's Kansas Jayhawkers.

The Sooner schedule: October 2, Texas Aggies here. October 16, Kansas State here. October 23 at Oklahoma A.&M. November 6 at Colorado. November 13, Big Seven Conference meet at Manhattan, Kansas.

Dr. Oliver E. Benson, chairman of the department of government at the University of Oklahoma, has traveled in 11 foreign countries. He holds a Doctor of Political Science Degree from the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and the Graduate Institute of International Studies.

Panthers to Wrestle Sooners

The Iowa Teachers wrestling team of Cedar Falls, national collegiate runners-up two years ago, will wrestle Coach Port Robertson's Oklahoma Sooners, Big Seven conference champions, here this winter on a date to be set later.

Coach Dave McCuskey's Panthers had three men on the United States Olympic Wrestling team this summer—Gerald Lehman, 125½ pounds; Bill Koll, 145, and Bill Nelson 160½

The Sooners have lost three veterans from last year, Jim Eagleton, 165; Leger Stecker, 175, and Kenneth Watson, 145, but keep Bog Higgins, Shawnee, 121; Orville Wise, Tulsa, 128; Charles Keiter, Waterloo, Iowa, 135; Leonard Marcotte, Purcell, 155, and Henry Schreiner, Seminole heavyweight.

Football Roundup

Oklahoma should make and yield football points in greater profusion this year even than last, a glance at Coach Bud Wilkinson's Sooner material, now hard at work at Owen Field, reveals.

Better forward passing and speedier pass receivers should lift the offense to a two-dimensional status. However, loss of such linemen as Tackles Bill Morris and Earl Hale; Ends Merle Dinkins and Jim Tyree, each an all-Big Six choice; Johnny Husak, first team right guard, and John Rapacz, all-American center and ace line-backer, is bound to hurt the defense.

Most incongruous thing about last year's team was its record of seven wins, two losses and one tie for a winning percentage of .777, highest any Oklahoma team excepting one has made in the last 25 years.

Because the Sooners of 1947, Big Six co-champs, averaged only 19.4 points per game to their opponents' 16.1 and scored only 2.8 touchdowns per game to their adversaries' 2.4, almost even. The difference seemed to lie in the team's hustle and fighting spirit, and also in the expert conversion booting of Dave Wallace. With Wallace kicking extra points, the Sooners have lost no close games the last two seasons. But now Wallace is gone.

"We were behind in eight ball games last year." Wilkinson analyses it. "We never could win impressively. We weren't a real good football team. We got by on spirit and condition."

Loss by graduation of the two top offensive fullbacks, Eddy Davis and Ed Kreick, leaves Oklahoma without the bucking threat down the middle all coaches like. Two sophomores, Leon Heath of Hollis and Bob Wheat of Fairview, are being tried at the spot and some of the halfbacks had a fling at it in spring practice. It's a problem.

Darrell Royal, 165-pound Hollis junior, is an important figure in Wilkinson's plans. Royal quarterbacked the offense and is the No. 1 forward-passer. Besides, he was one of the best spot-punters in the country last year and he holds the university's modern pass defense record with 13 interceptions in two years. He's great on both offense and defense and yet so slightly-built that the coaches cringe every time he gets bumped.

Jack Mitchell, Arkansas City, Kansas, senior, has been moved to Joe Golding's old position at right half so that full advantage may be taken of his running skill. Last year Mitchell led the Big Six in net yards gained rushing although playing T quarterback, a spot notoriously hard to run from.

But this fall Wilkinson has moved him out to right half, where his exceptional running talents may be more widely utilized, and despite the fact he is also a fine quarterback, he will probably stay at right half if Royal can give the club both the quarterbacking and throwing the coaches want.

In early practice sessions Oklahoma's top drawer offensive line is shaping up as follows: LE, Jim Owens; LT, Homer Paine; LG, Paul "Buddy" Burris; C, Pete Tillman; RG, Stanley West; RT, Wade

Gator Bowl Team Selected

The University of Oklahoma placed five men on the first annual all-time all-star Gator Bowl Football Team selected by members of the Gator Bowl Association, Inc.

The Sooners given berths were Halfback Joe Golding, Eufaula, Fullback Eddy Davis, Muskogee; Center John Rapacz, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Guard Plato Andros, Oklahoma City, and End Jim Tyree, Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma's five places led single school representation. The University of Georgia landed four on the all-star aggregation and Maryland two.

The team: Ends—Dan Edwards of Georgia, and Tyree; Tackles—Ray Krouse of Maryland and Jack Bush of Georgia; Guards—Herb St. John of Georgia, and Andros; Center—Rapacz; Halfbacks—Lu Gambino of Maryland, and Golding; Fullback—Davis; Quarterback—John Rauch of Georgia.

Walker, and RE, Bobby Goad. Owens, Tillman and West have been moved up from last year's second team. Tillman is a doubtful starter because of a slowly-mending arm broken last winter when an auto in which he was riding struck a steer on the highway at night.

The second team line lacks experience at both end positions. Here's the way it shapes up now: LE, Ken Tipps; LT, Truman Wright; LG, Norman McNabb; C, Charles Dowell; RG, Dee Andros; RT, Nute Trotter, and RE, Frankie Anderson.

Oklahoma opens against Santa Clara's Broncos at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco, scene of the annual East-West game. The first home game follows October 2 against Texas A.&M., handled by the new coach Harry Stiteler. Then comes the annual combat with Blair Cherry's Texas Steers, Sugar Bowl champs before a crowd at the Dallas Cotton Bowl that will approach 70,000 now that the stadium has been enlarged and double-decked on one side.

On the home slate besides Texas A.&M., are Kansas State, October 16; Missouri on November 6, and Nebraska on November 13. A season ticket sale that has reached 7,500, forced purchasers of reserved seats for individual games to start buying on the 15-yard line. Weather permitting, attendance at Norman games this fall may average 30,000 on the auditor's report.

Openhouse at Cotton Bowl

Openhouse for all visiting Sooners—students and alumni—will be held following the Dallas played O.U.-Texas U. football game October 9 by the University of Oklahoma Association, and will be directed by the Dallas club of the alumni group.

Immediately following the annual fall classic, all Sooners are invited to the Picnic Pavilion of the Texas State Fairground, which is located across the street from gate number three of the Cotton Bowl, for the festivities.

Dallas officials who are in charge of the openhouse are headed by Jerry J. Nolan, '39bus, Dallas Alumni president; Cotton Mendenhall, '35bus, vice-president; Joe Mekan, '45eng, secretary; Henry McConnell, '36ba, '39Law, treasurer, and Walter Ditzler, 14ba, 17Law, past president, are directing the arrangements for the celebration.

The Dallas officers advise that the Picnic Pavilion Building will be well marked.

Carl Mason Franklin, newly-appointed executive vice-president of the University, holds five degrees. They include an A.B. from the University of Washington, Master's Degrees from Stanford, Columbia and Harvard Universities and a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Virginia.