

## Wilkinson Stays; Still Has Problems

With bulletin after bulletin, flash after flash trickling over the wires since the final gun ending the Sugar Bowl classic in New Orleans, *Sooner Magazine* staff cartoonist Barrett "visualizes" the O.U. fan looking with admiration at Coach Bud and dreaming of the future.

One early bulletin stated, "Development of a quarterback to replace Jack Mitchell, All-American standout, and rebuilding the left side of the line are problems confronting Coach Charles "Bud" Wilkinson and his aides in the coming spring practice for Oklahoma's Big Seven Conference and Sugar Bowl football champions.

"Players lost to the Sooners are Mitchell, A. & S. Arkansas City, Kansas; Myrle Greathouse, Business, Amarillo, Texas, standout linebacker; Co-Captain Homer Paine, Business, Enid, three-time all-conference left tackle; Paul "Buddy" Burris, Business, Muskogee, All-American guard; Pete Tillman, Business, Mangum, starting center; Truman "Teabone" Wright, A. & S., Houston, Texas, reserve tackle; and Bill Remy, A. & S., Norman, reserve back."

Musing over what everyone was excited about as he landed back on home soil following the National Coach's Association meet in San Francisco, Coach Bud said, "The situation is the same as it was before the Sugar Bowl game. I was satisfied with things here at O.U. then, I have always been satisfied here and I am satisfied now."

Busying himself following his strenuous tour of duty at the National Coach's meet in San Francisco with the one biggest problem at hand, namely, the completion of plans for University athletic building expansion program, the Sooner Coach cleared up one other widely discussed point. He stated, "We are planning no change from the split-T to the single wing formation. Our team knows the split-T and I would not think of scrapping it for some other formation unless it is absolutely necessary."

By the time this issue of *Sooner Magazine* goes to press, it is expected that Bud will be enjoying his deserved rest in Arizona with his wife and family—then back to O.U. for a strenuous 1949 spring practice.

## Oklahoma Quarterbacks

(Alumni football fans will be interested in the following letter written to the Alumni Association office by Hal Middlesworth, sports editor of *The Daily Oklahoman*, which explains the origins and aims of the Oklahoma City Quarterback's Club.)

The Monday Quarterbacks Club is a somewhat unusual organization in these parts, although there are similar plans in operation elsewhere. It was started three years ago by the sportswriters and broadcasters of Oklahoma City—with Curt Gowdy of KOMA and myself taking the lead in getting the ball rolling. Since then we have acted as sort of unofficial committee of two to direct the thing.

As you can see, it is a rather informal unit on the executive end but it has worked out well.

Our idea was this: The sportswriters and broadcasters want to talk with the coaches each week about the weekend's games and about the games coming up. The fans would like to hear what the coaches have to say. Therefore, the writers and radio men will invite the coaches to come to a luncheon, conduct their interviews so the fans can

