

because the board of regents had not met since the student election was held.

The red letter day in rules making was May 1934. In that month students got a break when faculty members were requested to dismiss classes on the hour and not hold students over-time, thereby making them late for the next hour's class. Whether faculty members have become lax in regarding this request or students have found a good excuse and refuse to change it, no one knows. But students still walk into class and with a poker face tell their prof the 15-year-old story about being kept overtime.

Alcoholic beverages, gambling and raffles are included in the 1948 student handbook. "Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on the campus, or in any University building or student residence. Alcoholic beverages must not be taken to any affair sponsored by a student organization."

Another sobering little chapter in the 1948 student handbook is entitled "Cheating Penalties." They are not referring to rules to be followed in intramural sports.

Heartlessly they expound: "1. A student guilty of cheating on a paper or quiz, other than the final examination, may be suspended from the University for the remainder of the semester. 2. A student guilty of cheating on final examination may be suspended from the University for the following full semester." The reader will note that mention is made only of the guilt of cheating, not of the apprehension. Possibly students always confess to their crime when qualms of conscience get the better of them.

Each year the Student Handbook carries more and more regulations covering a wide variety of subjects. The 1949-50 handbook has regulations covering such subjects as loud speakers, decorations, sign painting, political meetings and soliciting. This handbook also contains the rules on alcoholic beverages, gambling and raffles, possibly included to remind students that such things do exist elsewhere.

President Cross receives a concession in the new regulations. To prevent his front lawn from being trampled periodically by holiday seekers the handbook says, "Athletic victory holidays will be granted *only* when the University wins a clear conference title in either football or basketball, or when the basketball team wins a national championship."

Students are again reminded in the 1949-50 handbook of the matter of class attendance "A passing grade will not be given in any course in which a student has not attended at least 80 per cent of the class recitations and laboratory periods." Some students are still confused over "going to school" and "attending school." This clarifies the point for them.

The old bugaboo, Calling Hours, has been revamped for the coming year. Girls gain 30 minutes time on Friday, being allowed to stay out until 12:30 a.m. instead of 12 midnight. But they lose 45 minutes of social time on Saturday night under the new University ruling. They have to be in by 12:30 a.m. on Saturday nights instead of 1:15 as it was last year.

The 1949-50 rules permit a student to own a car with a slight stipulation. "Every student who owns a car, or intends to use a car not owned by him for any period, however short, must register such car at once at the Safety Office on Felgar Street." Some students walk despite the liberalized ruling.

So the University rules and regulations which started out as a few page booklet covering only a few subjects has grown to a 70 page affair, touching on everything from "Absences" to "Withdrawal."



Sooner Co-captains, Jimmy Owens, No. 81, and Stanley West, No. 64, present a confident front before the Boston College game.

Predictions Are in Order

Just how strong will the 1949 edition of the University of Oklahoma football squad be? Who will replace General Jack Mitchell, '49, Blackwell, at quarterback? Can a replacement be found for Myrle Greathouse, '49bs, Amarillo, Texas? Will Paul "Buddy" Burris', '49bs, Muskogee, departure mean a slackening of the forward wall?

By the time this issue of *Sooner Magazine* is in the hands of the alumni some of these questions will be answered. By that time O.U.'s Sugar Bowl champs will have invaded Bean-Town for a September 23 opener against Boston College. Said George Trevor, veteran Eastern observer, in the 1949 *Illustrated Football Annual* in regards to what the Sooners will have met in Boston:

"Denny Myers, the coach who believes in his boys and dares to admit it, threatens to put the two platoon system to scorn by operating with three complete elevens. He has them big and he has them plenty up on Chestnut Hill, and the Irish cod-connoisseurs from the Hub of the Universe are spitting in the eye of a Finn McCool schedule and proclaiming the greatest Eagle aray since all-winning 1940, the swan song of Frank Leahy's consulship."

Sooner alumni will have a chance to determine whether this bit of journalese is prophetic or not.

If it is, then another veteran sportswriter, Grantland Rice, will stop something short of being a seer. In the latter part of August, Rice and *Look Magazine* announced to an awaiting world that the Oklahoman's would field the best eleven in the nation.

Said he, writing in *Look*, that he hated to name any team better than the rest in September.

He continued, "But if I were surrounded by king cobras and forced to make a selection, I would nominate Coach Bud Wilkinson's big, fast, deep, aggressive University of Oklahoma squad."

Rice singled out Darrell Royal, Hollis senior, as a potential replacement for Mitchell and pointed out several other Sooners headed for honors. The list included: Lindell Pearson, Oklahoma City junior, and George Thomas, Fairland senior, backs; Jim Owens, Oklahoma City co-captain and end; Wade Walker, Gastonia, North Carolina, tackle; and Norman McNabb, Norman, and co-captain Stanley West, Enid, guards.

Behind the Sooners were listed Michigan, Vanderbilt, Cornell, Southern Methodist, Notre Dame, Army, Minnesota, Michigan State and Tulane, in that order, for national football supremacy.

Said Coach Wilkinson on being notified of the Rice ratings: that if they (the Sooners) get by the Boston College Eagles, "we'll have a pretty fair club."

So much for the predictors, who are also starting the drums rolling for Owens, Walker, Royal, Thomas, et al, for All American honors. What is important is the basis for the prognosticators pickings.

Gone from the Sugar Bowl Crew are All-American Burris and standouts Mitchell, Greathouse, Nute Trotter, '49, Borger Texas; Pete Tillman, '49, Mangum; Truman Wright, '49, Houston, Texas, and Bill Remy, '49bs, Midland, Texas.

Says the football brochure prepared by Harold Keith, '29ba, '39ma, Sooner Sports publicist:

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homa City. He and his wife, Virginia Gray, have one child, Ronald B.

Durward O. Dearing, '49eng, is now employed as an electrical engineer at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, in the communications section. Dearing was a member of several honorary fraternities while attending the University. He belonged to Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Tau and Eta Kappa Nu.

Dalton L. Eads, '49m.ed, is teaching at Capitol Hill Senior High School in Oklahoma City.

Charles E. Cline, '49ba, is employed by the Journalism Press Incorporation, Norman, as a printer. Cline was a member of Alpha Delta Sigma, honorary advertising fraternity, and worked as a printer on the *Oklahoma Daily* while attending the University.

Robert H. Cobb, '49eng, and Mrs. Cobb, the former Dorothea Mac Dyer, '44-'47, are now living in Norman. Mr. Cobb is employed as a civil engineer by Fred Cobb, consulting engineer. The Cobb's have one child, Susan Jeanne.

Dean R. DeMerritt, '49bus, is now selling insurance for Empire Life Company. DeMerritt was active in intramural athletics while attending the University, participating in basketball, horseshoes and volley ball. He was a member of the Sigma Chi social fraternity and played in the Collegian orchestra.

Forrest S. Dunbar, Jr., '49ba, and his wife, Alcene, are now living in Freeport, Long Island, New York. Dunbar is employed as assistant claim correspondent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in New York City. The Dunbar's have one child, Debra Lynn.

Homer Charles English, '48eng, '49m.eng, is employed as a graduate assistant in the petroleum engineering department of the University.

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"*Main headache* . . . Quarterback: With Mitchell gone, this is definitely the focal point of Coach Bud Wilkinson's worries."

And well it may be. Sooner Sports fans consider Mitchell the only one of his breed. Yet, the Big Red will have the services of Royal, triple-threat back, who may get the starting assignment in the Mitchell role. If he should not deliver, Wilkinson still has Claude Arnold, Okmulgee junior, and Bob Ewbank, Norman junior, both returning lettermen in the quarterback position. One of the most promising sophomores is Frank Silva from Crooked Oak who showed a marked skill in scampering with and schooling a football in the spring game of the alumni-varsity. He may well be the answer to the Mitchell dilemma. Much of the speculation should be answered by the assignments given in the Boston game and the way in which they are carried out.

The rest of the backfield looks like a coach's dream. Available for service are Thomas at right half, one of the nations leading ground gainers last year; Leon Heath, Hollis junior, at full; and Pearson at left half.

Nor will any of these positions be a one man job. If the above do not get the starting nod, then there will be Buddy Jones, Holdenville junior, ready at left half; George Brewer, Lubbock, Texas, senior, and Tommy Gray, Seminole, junior set at right half, and Ken Parker, Wichita Falls, Texas, senior, and Ed Lisak, Kalamazoo, Michigan, junior, at fullback. Other lettermen and sophomores will be ready to step in and take up the slack if it is necessary.

The line looks strong. The ends should be the best in the nation. At left end Owens and Ken Tipps, Oklahoma City senior, will hold out. And at right end are the veterans Frankie Anderson,

Oklahoma City junior, and Bobby Goad, Muskogee senior.

Tackles will crowd the ends for honors with Wade Walker on the right side heading the list. On the left side of the line will be Leon Manley, Hollis senior, and the much touted sophomore, Jim Weatherall, Hooker.

Guard is a well lettered position with McNabb, and Dee Andros, Oklahoma City senior, to the left of center and West, Clair Mayes, Muskogee junior, and Dean Smith, Tulsa junior, on the right.

Center may be a bit weaker this year with Charley Dowell, Tulsa junior, and Bob Bodenhamer, Waurika, senior, and several more trying to work their way into the king size shoes of Pete Tillman.

There's the backfield and there's the line. Other names will be seen in the lineup from time to time which should give Oklahoma some of the best reserve strength in the business.

These then are some of the reasons for Rice's selection. But as Keith said when asked which would be the toughest games of the season:

"The toughest games? All of 'em. After you have a good year, they all put you on their homecoming date and direct their season's concentration at you." The tough games ahead following the Boston encounter are:

Oct. 1—Texas Aggies at Norman

Oct. 8—Texas at Dallas

*Oct. 15—Kansas at Norman (Dad's Day)

*Oct. 22—Nebraska at Lincoln

*Oct. 29—Iowa State at Norman (Homecoming)

*Nov. 5—Kansas State at Manhattan

*Nov. 12—Missouri at Columbia

Nov. 19—Santa Clara at Norman (Band Day)

Nov. 26—Oklahoma A.&M. at Norman

*Big Seven Conference games.

Manley May Move Mountains

"I was sure glad when you got that first team out of there, but say! Who in the heck was that big, rough left tackle that came in with your second team?"

Mel Sheehan, Missouri's big right end whom the Oklahoma team named on their all-opponents eleven in 1948, was talking to Sooner players after the Tiger-Sooner battle at Norman last year.

The player Sheehan meant was Leon Manley of Hollis, Oklahoma's second team left tackle who played behind Homer Paine. Now that Paine, three-time all-Big Seven conference tackle, has graduated, Manley will be the Sooners' starting left tackle this season.

He's a popular choice with the Sooner players. They call him "One Round," because of his hustle and determination. While he isn't as neat a blocker as Wade Walker, Oklahoma right tackle, Manley blocks so aggressively that he gets the job done anyhow. Fastest tackle on the squad, he's a good downfield blocker, too.

A quiet, good-natured 205-pound boy with an unruly shock of blond hair, Manley likes offense better than anything else in football.

"The most fun in football is when we've got a split-T drive under way, and are makin' yards down the field," he says.

Manley enjoys the strategy of split-T line play. On handoffs straight ahead, the charging Sooner halfback watches the blocking develop in front of him instead of keeping his eye on the ball. It's up to the quarterback to put the ball on the half-

back's hip. The halfback feels for the ball, and clutches it on his way to the hole, but he never takes his eye off the hole.

"I like to block in the direction the opponent cuts," Manley asserts, "If he crosscharges, you take him the way he wants to go and our halfback goes the other way. Makes no difference what the guy in front of you does, he's always wrong."

Manley says the left halfback on his side of the line, fellows like Lindell Pearson, the shooting 190-pounder, and Buddy Jones, the 154-pound Holdenville Flitter, are good at helping him set up blocks. "If I'm to take my man out, Pearson and Jones fake out to help widen him, then cut in," Manley explains.

Al Weiner, strapping North Carolina wing whom the Sooners encountered in the 1949 Sugar Bowl game, is the best end Manley ever faced.

"He got out well in spite of his great size." Manley says, "On offense, he lined up on first one side of the line, then the other. When we knew a pass was coming, we doubled-teamed him, trying to hold him up. On our side of the line, Jim Owens and Paine took him, then Ken Tipps and I. On the other side Wade Walker and Bobby Goad had him, then when our second team came in, Nute Trotter and Frankie Anderson. On the first play of the game, Walker and Goad held him up and that was why Owens tackled Rodgers for a loss. But Weiner was good."

Manley says Texas' line of last year was the best he ever played against, with North Carolina second. He enjoyed playing behind Homer Paine, superb Sooner left tackle, but complains "When I got in, Homer usually had the opposition end all softened up." He says Jim Weatherall, his 220-pound sophomore understudy from Hooker, is a comer on downfield blocking. And Wade Walker, Sooner right tackle, is his blocking model.

"Wade goes on the count. He fires hard and he turns 'em. That's what it takes in the split-T, that and the downfield blocking," Manley declares.

Manley has played virtually every position in football. At Hollis, his home town, he was three years a 100-pound single wing blocking back on the junior high team, then played tackle and guard in high school. Joe Bailey Metcalf and Dick Highfill were his coaches.

After a tour in the navy, Manley came to Oklahoma in 1946 and played left end on the B team. His only varsity experience that season was four minutes at end in the Gator Bowl game. In 1947 he was being groomed at Oklahoma's starting fullback against Detroit when a siege of boils benched him.

"They can have that fullback position," says Manley, "I don't like it. I carried the ball once against Texas that year. Bill Morris, our tackle, forgot to pull. The Texas middle line-backer met me in the hole."

Manley likes Coach Bud Wilkinson's two-team system. After ten minutes rest, you can go twice as hard, he says.

"I wish we had three teams," he concluded, "Look how hard you could go then."

No More London Bridges

Oklahoma is in for some better constructed highway bridges as a result of a new course offered at the University. D. W. Bardwell, '42eng, Oklahoma City structural engineer, will teach a four-hour course in the design of highway bridges.