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## The Cover

George D. Hann, '36m.ed, Ardmore, past president of the Dads, and Grady Harris, '18, Alex, newly elected president, flank the winners of this year's Dads award. The outstanding senior woman, Pat Stath, Oklahoma City, and the outstanding senior man, Harold Coulter, Houston, Texas, hold their trophies.

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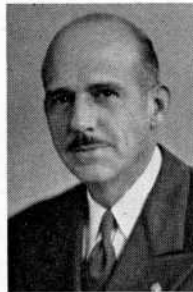
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# Riding the Sooner Range

By Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law

Your favorite "Range Boss," Ted Beard, '21ba, is still out of circulation, recovering from a coronary acculusion. The latest report is that Ted will have to take it easy for some time before he is back in the saddle again. Like thousands of other Sooners who were unable to be in Columbia, Missouri, Ted listened to the game and enjoyed the demonstration of solid power put on by the great O.U. team.



TED BEARD

This eighteenth straight victory for the Sooners cinched the conference title, making it four in a row. By the time you read this issue of your *Sooner Magazine*, here's hoping that talk about including a bowl in your New Year's resolutions is no longer taboo in Soonerland.

A top hand and chief outrider for the Sooner camp, George Cummings, '49bus, along with his charming wife, Katie, were swamped with Sooner fans and sideline quarterbacks at the O.U. headquarters in the Tiger Hotel in Columbia, Saturday morning. Many stayed at home only because tickets to the game were scarce. They were sold out early in the season.

The favorite Sooners of them all, President and Mrs. G. L. Cross, were present to greet many old friends and to share in the festivities.

Some of those who were at the Sooner party were Dr. Warren T. Mayfield, '18bs, '20med, and wife Delores; and a crew of four who say they each have four years of eligibility left in case they're needed. These gridiron terrors are Garner Collums, '19ba, Fred Thompson, '41bs, Harold Belknap, '25ba, and Hartwell Hill.

"That biggest little Sooner town in Oklahoma, Madill, (on authority of the 'chief outfitter' himself) was well represented by Norman Brillhart, '17ba, and Mrs. Brillhart, '22fa, Ellen Rowe Brillhart, '49fa, Don E. Welch, '48Law, Charles B. Jones, '48bus, and several others who, for some reason or other, never did make it to the point of registration.

Other alumni were helping the Ruf Neks in the warm up ceremonies. The pepsters were Knowlton E. Carson, '32ba, Kansas City, Kansas; Gayle Childress, '34-'36, Joplin, Missouri; Dr. G. H. Guthrey, '44med, Oklahoma City; Dr. H. Ray Johnson, '42-'44, Britton; George Sappington, Oklahoma City; Arno C. Adams, '33-'37, Dallas;

E. B. Rhodes, '23pharm, Grove; Hulette F. Aby, '30, Tulsa; Herbert P. Johnson, '30bus, and wife Helen, Sapulpa; Riley Smith and Mrs. Smith, Poteau; James T. Blanton, '31ba, '31Law, and Mrs. Blanton, '30h.ec, Pauls Valley; J. B. Dixon, '37pharm, and Mrs. Dixon, Kansas City, Missouri; Roy Spears, '14ba, McAlester; Charles Kemp, '42bs, and Mrs. Kemp, '44ba, '44bs, St. Louis.

Now, let's backtrack a bit to October 29 and take a look at the Homecoming weekend—one of the most successful in Sooner history. The many activities were planned by a committee of students, faculty and alumni, headed by Ted Beard, who was not able to share in the final celebration. Better than ever were the house decorations, the homecoming parade, the variety show and the Friday night party in Oklahoma City.

There must have been at least 500 Sooners present for the Oklahoma City party, organized and put over in a big way by R. L. 'Dick' Virtue, '44ba, and his fine committee. A. S. 'Mike' Monroney, '24fa, and Elmer Fraker, '28ba, '38ma, did a whale of a good job running the show. This party is always one of the highlights of the homecoming events.

At the same time, another Sooner party was being held in Minneapolis, organized by Dr. Curry Bell, '16ba, '16bs, who played football for O.U. on the great teams of Bennie Owen. At that party I had a pleasant visit with the Bells, Dr. Frances P. Olson, '27ba, '35nurse, '38bs, '40med, and her husband; Harold Edwards, '15ba, and Mrs. Edwards; B. A. McClellan, '31bs, and Mrs. McClellan, '47ba; Sidney Miller, '28bs, '30ms, and Mrs. Miller; V. A. Newcomb, '40m.ed; Dr. R. H. Wilson, '40med, and Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. Leota Wintin Goodson, '10-12, and Miss Marian Alden, '48ba.

But now back to Norman where it is Saturday, day of the homecoming game. Four attended from Caracas, Venezuela—Jose Antonio Delgado, '33bs, T. A. Kibby, '33ba, '44bs, and Mrs. Kibby, and Carl C. Von Elm, '36bs. Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, of Altus was taking a day off from his heavy duties as member of the Federal Power Commission, and Carl Albert, '31ba, congressman from McAlester, who rose to fame as a debator on the O.U. campus, then became a Rhodes scholar, was greeting friends. In all, thirteen states were numbered among the registered alumni. Oklahoma, of course, took the lead, with Texas following. Others included New York, Kansas, Arizona, Missouri, Iowa, California, Colorado, Louisiana, Washington, New Mexico and Wyoming.