

Pre-game ticket sales indicate that the Cotton Bowl in Dallas will have the same standing room only appearance that it had last year when the 75,347 fans pictured above packed the stadium to witness the game between the Sooners and the Longhorns.

National reputations will be riding on the outcome of the Texas Game. With a little luck the Sooners should return from Dallas with a whole skin

## And Maybe a 10-Gallon Hat

October 14 is the date that should prove how far the Sooners are going to go this year in national rankings. Shortly after lunch, Texas, rated best in the Southwest, and O.U., ranked at the top of the Big Seven, face one another.

Both teams have been given rankings in the top ten in the nation by most forecasters and which one will share the nation's spotlight should be determined by the annual Cotton Bowl encounter. If O.U. can take this one, it will be well on it's way to another undefeated season.

There's more at stake for O.U. than one more win. It is foolhardy to speculate on what a win or a loss might do to the morale of the young and experienced squad. But everyone concerned can see that a win might make the Sooner squad.

For some strange reason about as much emphasis is placed on the pageant and tradition that are a part of the Cotton Bowl meeting. Texas has become the top fan attraction of the season. True, Dallas has been the scene of a national challenger's birth for some time, but for fan money there seems to be more to it than that.

This year the O.U. Dallas Alumni Club has added one more feather to the Peacock's plummage. As a matter of fact the planned shindig will be held at the Peacock Terrace of the Baker hotel October 13, on the eve of the game. It's to be a Dinner-Dance for all Sooners. Dinner is scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m. and dancing will follow immediately. Music will have a Sooner touch also with the Ramblers from the University playing the dance music.

If anything else is needed to key up the Sooner spirit an All-Oklahoma breakfast will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the same hotel at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Oklahoma A.&M.'s Former Students Association will join with the University of Oklahoma Association in sponsoring. (Oklahoma A.&M. plays Southern Methodist U. Saturday night under the lights.)

A few lines back the tradition of the game was mentioned. And by-and-large it's a tradition that shows Oklahoma trying to beat Texas. The Sooners' All-time record against Texas shows the Oklahoman's sporting a 13 won, 29 lost and 2 tied record.

Benny Owen's great teams in the early part of the century accounted for wins in 1905, 1908 (by the phenomenal score of 50-0), 1910-11-12-15-17-19. Play was not continuous during the twenties and the next Sooner win came in 1933. When the Sooners rose to new national heights in the late thirties, they also recorded two wins against their arch foe in 1938-39. The drought set in in '40 and continued until the seasons of '48-'49 when the 10-gallon hat returned to Norman. The two tie games were played in 1903 and 1937.

The Texas-O.U. series is the oldest one still being played by Oklahoma. The first Texas team to meet the boys from north of the Red River was in 1900. This will be the 51st year of the series and the 45th meeting of the two-teams. (As previously mentioned, the series has not been continuous and in 1901 and 1903 the teams played two games in one season.)

A good deal of the pagentry is supplied by the care-free Oklahomans who invade the cultural seat of the Southwest—Dallas —to see the game and to explore the myriad methods of having a good time. A victory caps the climax, if it's in O.U.'s favor, with all sorts of good cheer short of blood letting.

By the time this issue of the Sooner Magazine is off the press, Oklahoma will have played Boston College and Texas A.&M. If those two games are Sooner victories, the speculation and ardor of an aroused state citizenry will make skirmishes like that in Korea seem minor indeed. It will take the same kind of enthusiasm for the Sooner squad to upset the dopesters and keep the Texas hat.

## A Difference of Opinion

By Riley Wilson, '50ba

Texas highschool football is tops. It's also big. Texas Panhandle boys and girls have been coming to the nearby University of Oklahoma for 40 years and will continue to do so regardless of the protestations of Harry Gilstrap, sports editor of the Amarillo *Globe-News*.

Recently Gilstrap wrote a column belittling the quality of Oklahoma highschool football. Texas schoolboy allstar teams have never lost the Oil Bowl game at Wichita Falls. Texas U. has licked Oklahoma U. at Dallas eight times in the last ten years. Although our product was already dazed and reeling, "Sportsman" Gilstrap put all Oklahoma football in the Alamo and then charged, using adjectives as scaling ladders, verbs as bayonets.

Gilstrap completely overlooked the factor that will always give both Texas high schools, and Texas U. wide superiority over Oklahoma U. in Oklahoma 214 highschools play football. In Texas 856 highschools—four times as many—play football.

A much fairer match in the Oil Bowl would be Oklahoma vs. northeast Texas, or Oklahoma vs. Texas west of the Pecos. And Oklahoma would still have a tough time winning.

Yesterday I cornered Jim Weatherall, Oklahoma's left tackle. Jim is a Texas Panhandle boy who played highschool ball at White Deer, Texas. He was mentioned in the Gilstrap column. Gilstrap objected both to Oklahoma's designation of Weatherall as an Oklahoman, and also to the fact Weatherall went to Oklahoma, and not Texas U., in the first place.

"I didn't know anybody was interested in where my home is," grinned Jim. "My folks lived at Hooker, Oklahoma when I enrolled at Oklahoma. They lived at Hooker three years. Before I moved to White Deer, I went to grade school at Shidler, Oklahoma, and also at Lee school in Oklahoma City Capitol Hill, just 18 miles from the Oklahoma campus. So it's okay with me if they call me an Oklahoman. They've got grounds.

"But I played all my highschool football at White Deer. That's my Texas home, not Amarillo as the Gilstrap column said."

Weatherall disagrees with Gilstrap's inference that it is unnatural for good football players from the Texas Panhandle to want to go to school "across the border" at Oklahoma. A junior in the University school of business administration, Jim talks very articulately about the wide mutuality of interest between the two areas.

"Although Mr. Gilstrap writes as though the Texas-Oklahoma Panhandle border was the Naktong River or the Chinese Wall. I'm sure he didn't mean it that way. Anybody living in the Panhandle realizes the friendship and commerce that exists between Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle, and how much alike the two peoples are.

"Oklahoma is much closer to the Panhandle than any Southwest Conference school. Amarillo is only 250 air miles from the University of Oklahoma, as compared to 320 air miles from Fort Worth and Dallas, nearly 400 from Waco, 425 from Austin, 440 from College Station, 480 from Fayetteville and 520 from Houston. It's much easier for my folks to drive to Norman and see our games than anywhere else.

"The two areas are linked up closely in Continued on Page 27



All available Sidewalk and street space in front of the Baker Hotel in Dallas was paved with people—most of the Oklahomans—when the cameraman snapped his shutter during the 1949 Dallas weekend. Location of O.U. alumni activities in the Baker will bring about a repeat performance when the south of the border trek begins.

## Sports . . .

wholesale trade. Nearly all the livestock in the Panhandle moves straight east to Oklahoma City packing plants. Enid is an important terminal for Panhandle wheat. Farming and ranching conditions in the two areas are very similar. Oklahoma railroad rates are very favorable. The Panhandle is full of Texas-born geologists and petroleum engineers who are Oklahoma graduates.

"I think Texas Panhandle boys and girls go to college in nearby Oklahoma for the same reason Oklahoma Panhandle students go to college in Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico—it's closer.

"And Texas Panhandle students in large numbers are attending Oklahoma without being 'persuaded' by our Oklahoma football coaches. We had 766 Texas students at Oklahoma last year, most of them from the Panhandle, but only nine football players from Texas. More Texas Panhandle boys should be playing football at Oklahoma.

"There are 168 registered Sooner alumni living in Amarillo, 59 in Pampa, 77 in Borger and probably hundreds of other Oklahoma graduates in those cities with whom our University Alumni office isn't in contact."

Getting back to the Gilstrap column, I can't understand why Texas U. hasn't made a clean sweep over Oklahoma U., like the Texas highschool all-star teams have made over the Oklahoma highschools.

Coach Blair Cherry's Texas Steers should lick Oklahoma every year at Dallas. They've got four times as much highschool material to draw from. Surely Gilstrap isn't so naive as to expect anybody to believe Texas U. equally divides all that stunning Texas schoolboy talent with the other Southwest Conference schools. Texas U. still gets the cream from that 856-school windfall. Only Notre Dame rivals Texas U. in the quality and quantity of its football material.

## Eugenia Kaufman . . .

short of a joiner. However, she is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, the League of Women Voters, the South Central Modern Languages Association, the Norman Chamber of Commerce ("I don't know whether I've paid my dues this year or not"), Kappa Gamma Epilson, Gamma Phi Beta (alumna) and Delta Phi Alpha.

She didn't have too much time for undergraduate extracurricular work at the University and contented herself with membership in Eudelphian, Teutonia, Custer County Club and YWCA.

Miss Kaufman has several committee assignments in the department and heads the textbook committee for beginning Spanish.

The University of Chicago, the University of California, and the National University of Mexico are other major schools Eugenia Kaufman has attended. A distinct feather in her cap was her selection for an intensive course in Portuguese, sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies and the U. S. State Department held on the University of Wyoming campus just before World War II. This latter course testified to her standing among her colleagues. She was one of three or four, she can't remember which, teachers who were admitted. Others attending were diplomats and officials from government service.

While Miss Kaufman was at Laramie, she made records of some of the voices of Brazillian teachers for use in her classes at O.U. She thus became one of the teachers who pioneered the teaching of languages through the medium of records at the University.

Right of the South Oval in the relatively new Kaufman Hall there's a class in Spanish being taught. At the front of the class stands a middle-aged teacher. Relaxed and talking informally with the class, she is trying to get even with the world. She's attempting to do as much good as she has done harm. Those who sit before her will soon realize that her attempt is not a futile one. Those who sat there seasons before

know that Eugenia Kaufman is ahead of the game. Her account books are in excellent shape.

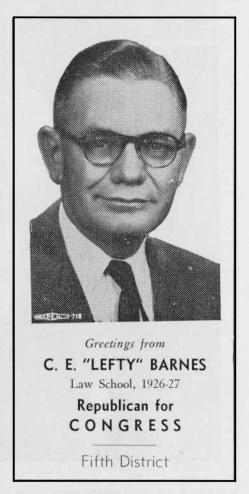


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