

knows the shuffle offense backwards, sideways and inside out. The same thing can be said for Owens as was said about Norton in respect to the team spirit angle. Though barely topping six feet, Radar takes more than his share of rebounds and is a ball of controlled fury all over the court.

Mention of Grossman automatically brings a comparison with Paul Merchant, the past master of play-making. It is the contention of this observer, be it heresy or not, that the "Ox," as the 5-10 junior from the sidewalks of New York is affectionately called, will make a place for himself in Sooner memory on a par at least with the undeniably brilliant Merchant. The diminutive ball hawk is the crowd's delight with his spectacular passing and guarding. Not an outstanding shotmaker, he'll take the six or eight good opportunities offered each night and hit half of them. But it's in the ball-handling department that Stan excels.

The supporting cast of Jim Terrell, Johnny "Motor" Rogers, Doug Lynn and Snuffy Turner are capable reserves. Rogers shows promise of breaking into the starting lineup at any time. The Centralia, Illinois, education senior is almost too fast. He can dribble downcourt as fast as the ordinary player can run. But Rogers has a tendency to be erratic, and a little stability is needed before he can move to that coveted starting role. Terrell, also a June grad, is the most accurate jump and push shooter on the squad, but has been hampered by injuries. He can be counted on for help, along with Lynn, a 1948 and 1949 letterman who is an aggressive rebounder and three inches shorter than Freiburger. Turner, senior letterman from Purcell, is a capable floorman and excellent setshot.

Beyond those nine, prospects are somewhat dim. Last year's freshman squad was anemic, although Sandy Borofsky, Tom Churchill, Bill Cummins, Jack Angel and Norm Fleshman show promise and will bear watching. It would be senseless to base predictions for a banner year on material alone; other conference squads hold an edge in that department. But there's an intangible quality present in the current squad that presages victory.

Call it spirit, hustle or will to win—it's there. It's the factor that upsets the dope chart. The Sooners have it. A youthful squad—15 of the 19 squadmen are 21 or younger—they have an intense desire to win. Part of this flame has been kindled by Drake, as vital and enthusiastic a man now as in his playing days at Oklahoma in 1926-29 when he was All-American in basketball and tops in track and football. His players want to win for him, they believe in the shuffle offense (an all-important

factor), and they have the verve of youth that hates to lose. Moreover, there is an undercurrent of desire to win to show Sooner fans that they're missing something by not watching them, for crowds have been at an all-time low in 1950.

So the writer is inclined to go along with the Big Red of the hardwoods. They are alert, sound ballplayers. They possess an indefatigable spirit that spells victory. They have an effective if exacting offense. Their coach is a tolerant perfectionist whose teams have won or tied for the Big Seven title six times in the 12 years he has coached, have been first or second nine times in a notoriously tough league from top to bottom.

Predictions would be much simpler had the writer not seen the Sooners in their first three starts. Irrepressible Shockey Needy, Drake's sharp-tongued and perpetually satirical assistant, prepositioned four losses in the first six games, already an impossibility. "We'll be lucky to score," insisted the Shocker with a straight face.

But the Sooners dropped a fine S.M.U. team, 47-39 in the opener, and made the Mustangs look highschoolish in losing. And S.M.U. rated one of the top teams in the Southwest, pushed a St. Johns team to the limit before losing a two-pointer. The Drakemen were even more impressive in tripping Jack Gray's Texas Longhorns, 50-35, and Minnesota, 66-45, showing smoother ball-handling and fewer errors than in the S.M.U. encounter.

It might be dangerous to forecast a successful season on the basis of early season victories. Little things win and lose ball games. Big tests coming in December are a return bout with Minnesota and CCNY. If the Drakemen weather those. . . . But there are a dozen "ifs" qualifying the predictions. If the team spirit doesn't force them to crack and press too hard. If injuries don't crop up in bunches. If deflation doesn't occur because of early season reversals.

Foregoing the ifs, it can safely be said that at worst the Sooners will be a club who can and will cause trouble for the mightiest of the mighty on any given night. Their offense definitely is a crowd pleaser with intricate plays winding up with a man free for a crisp shot. But from this rosy view, it looks like the Men of Drake will finish no less than second in conference play—and that a pretty strong order. And with the brightest freshman crop in history now matriculating at Norman, it looks as if the 1952 harvest season will not only produce a bumper crop, but yield a veritable victory garden.

Signs of the Times

Capt. Orel B. Lindsey, '38bs, formerly of Oklahoma City, has been assigned to the engineer section of the Japan Logistical Command with headquarters in Yokohama. Prior to his present assignment, he performed similar duties with headquarters, Eighth Army, and with the Black Hills Ordnance Depot, Igloo, South Dakota. During World War II, Captain Lindsey was awarded the Distinguished Unit citation.

Lt. George R. Robinson, '50Law, has been recalled to the armed services and is living in East Point, Georgia.

Nathan W. Anderson, '39eng, assistant professor of military science and tactics at the University, has been promoted from captain to major.

Ens. Charles Joel Mauch, '48eng, has reported for active duty in the United States Naval Reserve, Monterey, California. He is under instruction in the Communications indoctrination course at the U. S. Naval General Line school in Monterey.

Lt. Comdr. Jay B. Smith, '36-'37, now assigned to new duty in Washington, D. C., recently received an honorary citizenship certificate and keys to New Orleans upon his detachment as assistant public information officer for the Eighth Naval District. Smith has been in navy public relations work since 1942.

Lt. Alex K. Adwan, '50journal, formerly of Seminole, left early in October for active duty in the United States Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he performed temporary duty before being transferred to Camp Polk, Louisiana. Previous to his recall into the armed service, Adwan was a reporter on the staff of the *Seminole Producer*.

M-Sgt. Marion H. Alderson, '49journal, has been made personnel sergeant major of a combat command unit of the 6th armored division, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. A veteran of World War II, Sergeant Alderson returned to active duty October 12. He was awarded the purple heart from the Okinawa campaign and also holds two bronze star awards, the combat infantry badge and four battle stars. Following graduation from the University where he was a member of the *Oklahoma Daily* staff, Alderson was news editor of the West Plains, Missouri, *Journal-Gazette*.

Capt. Chester A. Hazelwood, '37-'40, has been assigned to the 1500th air base group, Hickman airforce base, Honolulu, T. H. A graduate of the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson airforce base, Dayton, Ohio, Hazelwood is a former Oklahoma Cityan.

Lt. Charles Terry, '41, and Mrs. Terry, the former Frances E. McCool, '46ba, Norman, visited in Norman in November. Lieutenant Terry is an instructor at the air force weather school at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois. The Terrys have two children, Carol Anne, 3, and Thomas Dale, 15 months.

Five former University students, now stationed in the Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C., have been promoted from the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel. They include: Col. John Embry, '27 Law; Col. Eldon H. Larecy, '26; Col. Marvin W. Ludington, '28Law; Col. Carlos E. McAfee, '28 Law; and Col. Merton E. Munson, '29ba, '31Law.

Lt. Col. Herber C. Leney, '34Law, Lt. Col. Thomas V. Munson, '35bus, and Lt. Col. Ray W. Whitson, '34eng, were recently promoted from the rank of major.

Major Charles W. Allen, Jr., '40ba, '42Law, Guthrie, has been named executive officer to the

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'50ed, Seminole, and Ralph A. Dickinson, Oklahoma City, were married in a late autumn double-ring ceremony in the First Methodist Church in Seminole. At the University, Mrs. Dickinson was a member of Alpha Phi sorority. Dickinson, a senior in the University's School of Business Administration, is affiliated with Delta Upsilon social fraternity. The couple is making their home in Oklahoma City.

Jack Davison, '50ba, '50m.ed, formerly of Norman, is on the faculty of the Sky City grade school in Gallup, New Mexico, where he is a teacher and coach of the Sky City Angels football team.

W. E. Richardson, '50eng, is employed in the geophysical department of Continental Oil Company in Tahoka, Texas.

KENDALL-BRUMWELL: Miss Betty Ray Kendall, '50fa, Cheyenne, became the bride of Norman Stanley Brumwell, '50bs, in an evening ceremony Saturday, June 17, in the First Methodist Church in Cheyenne. Mrs. Brumwell was a member of Gamma Alpha Chi while attending the University. The couple is making their home in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where Brumwell is employed by an oil corporation.

ROBBERSON-MORGENSEN: Miss Martiena Robberson, '50geol, and Dean Morgensen, '47eng, were united in marriage at an evening candlelight service held June 21 in St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. While attending the University, Morgensen was a member of Phi Delta social fraternity. The couple is making their home in Oklahoma City.

SAMUELS-DAVIS: Miss Frances Ann Samuels, Norman, and Del D. Davis, '50pharm, Elk City, were married September 2 in the First Christian Church in Norman. Mrs. Davis is a sophomore at the University where she is affiliated with Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Davis was a member of Phi Delta Chi, honorary pharmaceutical fraternity at the University, and a member of Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association. The couple is making their home in Oklahoma City.

Leo D. Reynolds, '50journal, is employed as sports editor of the *Pampa Daily News*, Pampa, Texas. He is a former sports editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*.

BLACKWELDER-MORRIS: Miss Paula Blackwelder, Hobart, became the bride of Walter W. Morris, Jr., '50bs, Shawnee, Saturday, August 19, in the First Methodist Church, Hobart. The couple is making their home in Oklahoma City.

CARTWRIGHT-ARNOLD: Miss Wilburta May Cartwright, '46-'50, Oklahoma City, and Roland Kelbert Arnold, Jr., '50ba, Duncan, were married September 10 in the Crown Heights Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. At the University, Mrs. Arnold was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, Gamma Alpha Chi, the University Symphony and Gamma Phi Beta sorority, which she served as president. A student in the University school of law, Arnold is a member of Phi Alpha Delta and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

William L. Richards, '50bs, Andrews, Texas, is employed by Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in the producing department, South Fullerton gasoline plant.

George F. Conant, Jr., '50geol, is employed in the exploration department of the Big Spring, Texas, office of Stanolind Oil and Gas Company.

Billy H. Sellus, '50bs, is living in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he is employed as plant engineer for Thompson Hayward Chemical Company.

Paul R. Brokaw, '50bus, Corpus Christi, Texas, is employed by the Arthur Anderson and Company, certified public accountants, in Houston, Texas.

David W. Frank, '50bs, Dallas, Texas, is em-

ployed as junior engineer in the substation design department of Texas Power and Light Company.

METZ-CORNELSON: Miss Jane Ellen Metz, '49-'50, Oklahoma City, and Jodene James Cornelson, '50bus, Braman, were married in a late summer wedding in the Crestwood Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. Cornelson was affiliated with Delta Chi fraternity at the University. The couple is living in Blackwell.

BALE-McGRAW: Miss Charlotte Marie Bale, '48-'50, Oklahoma City, became the bride of George William McGraw, Jr., '50geol, Fort Smith, Arkansas, in an autumn wedding in St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. At the University, Mrs. McGraw was a member of Alpha Phi sorority and McGraw was affiliated with Sigma Nu fraternity. The couple is making their home in Potcau.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robinson, the latter who is the former Shirley Evelyn Jones, '50bus, Ardmore, Pennsylvania, are living in Paramount, California, now while Robinson is enrolled at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

John D. Berry, '50Law, formerly of Richmond, Virginia, is the Oklahoma sales representative for West Publishing Company, law book publishers, in Oklahoma City.

Jasper C. Hunt, '50Law, Watonga, was named law clerk for Federal District Judge W. R. Wallace recently.

George C. Schneider, '50geol, is employed by the Erle P. Haliburton Company in Duncan as a pilot-junior geologist.

CARNEY-ROSS: Miss Jo Ann Carney, '48-'50, Atoka, became the bride of Robert N. Ross, Jr., '50be, Oklahoma City, in a late summer wedding in the First Baptist Church in Atoka. Mrs. Ross was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority, Y.W.C.A., the University band and Women's Recreational Association at the University. Ross was affiliated with Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Delta premedical fraternity and Public Health Society. The couple is making their home in Atoka.

J. M. Welch, '50, formerly of Port, was named superintendent of the Cordell schools for this school term.

RILING-RABURN: Miss Josephine Riling, '50bs, Spiro, and Sgt. James Winston Raburn, '49ba, Norman, were married in the late autumn in the 120 Engineers Chapel, Camp Polk, Louisiana. The couple is making their home in DeRidder, Louisiana.

Sooner Portraits . . .

Following graduation from the University he joined the family bank in Clinton as assistant cashier. In 1941 he joined the National Bank Examiners' force. Although he considered it an excellent experience, commercial banking was what really interested Arch. So he went to Wichita, Kansas, in 1943 as cashier of the Southwestern National Bank. In 1945 he moved to the Union National Bank in Kansas City, Missouri. And in 1947 he was elected vice president of the Union Bank, becoming one of the youngest men in the country to hold a senior officer position in a large metropolitan bank.

Arch Wheeler likes people and he has a tremendous amount of energy which he directs toward promoting a better relationship between bankers and their customers. Since becoming head of the correspondent banking department of the Kansas City Bank, he has been busy calling on bankers and commercial customers throughout the south-

west. This broad acquaintance has been another of the reasons why he has held many important positions in the city and state banking associations.

In 1943 he was married to the former Lucille Akers, '38bs. They make their home in Kansas City.

Arch is making plans for a large Kansas City Alumni luncheon this spring. He was informed by his predecessor, Richard T. (Dick) Pendleton, '26Law, that if the Sooners didn't have a football team during the 1950 season, he would be able to serve the luncheon on a bridge table. If football scores will raise the Sooner Alumni spirit, Arch may have to reserve Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium.

Signs of the Times . . .

assistant chief of staff for military intelligence for the Japan Logistical Command with headquarters in Yokohama. Prior to his present assignment, Major Allen served with the headquarters of the Eighth Army in Japan. During World War II, he was assigned to the headquarters of the First Corps and participated in the Luzon action in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations.

Lt. Alex K. Adwan, '50journal, former *Seminole Producer* reporter, who reported for active duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, recently, has been made troop information and education officer with the 45th Division at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Capt. R. L. Lunsford, III, '43ba, '49Law, is stationed with the Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Previous to his recall, Captain Lunsford had a law practice in Anadarko.

J. Frank Schulman, '50ba, is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Princeton, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

John A. Love, '50bus, Shawnee, is taking an associate basic course in the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia.

Short Course Calendar

The Extension Division's department of short courses and conferences recently released a partial calendar of activities for the New Year. (Not listed because of timing, January's short courses and conferences.)

The schedule through April:

FEBRUARY

- 9-11 Baptist Missionary Union Auxiliary Workshop
- 15-17 All State Orchestra
- 19-20 Pharmacy Conference
- 22-24 All State Band

MARCH

- 2-3 Family Relations Conference
- 6 University Highschool Poetry Festival
- 16-17 Oklahoma Library Association Meeting
- 19-23 Sixth Annual Fleet Supervisors' Institute
- 29-31 Elementary School Principals' Third Annual Spring Conference
- 29-30 Missouri Valley Forensic Association

APRIL

- 2-6 Business Insurance Seminar
- 6-7 Southwestern Journalism Congress
- 9-12 Episcopal Work Conference
- 10-12 Southwestern Gas Measurement Short Course
- 13-14 Annual Camping Institute
- 13-14 Junior and Senior College Debate Finals (tentative)
- 19-21 Speech and Hearing Conference
- 20-21 Pershing Rifle
- 26-28 Interscholastic Events