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## The Cover

Three members of the Class of 1906 were snapped in a candid pose before the fireplace in the Quadrangle Lounge, meeting place for the 1951 class reunions. Tom B. Matthews, '06ba, Tulsa, listens as does Mrs. Mayme Goodman Hannah, '06ba, Wichita, Kansas, while Mrs. Alta Loomis Carder, '06ba, Cordell, reminds them of a picnic they all attended a "few" years back.

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## On The Sooner Scene

By Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law

The Alumni Secretary outlines the important changes in alumni affairs voted at the Executive Board meeting June 4. The Association has new officers, new offices in the offing and a revised Alumni Association membership program for 1951.

Several important changes were made in the University Alumni Association at the June 4 meeting of the Executive Board. These changes will affect your membership from the standpoint of the services you will receive in the future. If you are an annual member you will also be interested in the increase that was necessary in membership dues.

### Alumni Membership:

For more than twenty-five years, annual membership in the Association has been \$3. In this period, through the able leadership of executive secretaries Frank Cleckler, '21ba, and the late Ted Beard, '21ba, along with the outstanding men and women who have served as officers of the Association, the services to alumni have increased in many ways. The cost of printing, travel and organization have more than doubled while membership dues remained the same.

Faced with rising costs and expanding services, dues will be increased from \$3 to \$4 beginning September 1. An annual membership for both husband and wife will be \$5.

The cost of life membership is \$80 and this will remain the same. A life membership covers both husband and wife at no additional charge and entitles the holders to services and privileges of membership for life. If you have not already done so, you may become a life member by paying \$5 down and \$5 each quarter until a total of \$80 has been paid. Twenty percent of each life membership is used for current operating expenses; the remaining 80 percent is held in trust for the Association by the Life Membership Trust Fund, and the

income from this trust is available to the Association.

### Alumni Services:

The organization of local alumni clubs has been emphasized in the year just past with the result that 68 clubs are now active. These clubs vary a great deal in their activities and their strength. In all of them, you will find alumni who have the ability to provide good leadership and who are interested in the welfare and the future of the University of Oklahoma. It is hoped that the club program can be further expanded this year.

The *Sooner Magazine* now has a full-time editor for the first time since the resignation of Roscoe Cate, '26ba, present financial vice president of the University. David Burr assumes his full-time duties with a background of experience which includes three successful years as editor of the *Sooner* on a part-time basis plus editorial and public relations experience at Northeastern A.&M. College, Miami, under Dr. Bruce Carter, '32ma, '50d.ed. In spite of the excellent job he has done in editing the magazine as a student, it is expected that he will make even greater improvements in this publication in the months to come.

The *Sooner Magazine* will be published ten times a year. Each quarter a special section on "Science and Letters" will be added to regular issues. Directories of graduates of various schools and colleges will be continued, with a special directory of geologists coming out this summer.

Other services you will receive as a member of the Alumni Association include Bud

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## UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

*Officers:* Herbert L. Branan, Oklahoma City, President; Judge Royce Savage, Tulsa, vice president; Boyd Gunning, Norman, executive secretary, and D. H. Grisso, immediate past president.

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*1951-52 Representatives on the O.U. Athletic Council:* Mart Brown, Oklahoma City; Frank Crider, Ada, and Bill Martin, Bartlesville.

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## Roll Call . . .

by Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in the exploration department.

Mort Glassner, '50journal, and Mrs. Glassner, Seminole, announced the birth of a daughter, Gayle Marie, born March 1 in the Seminole Municipal Hospital. The Glassner's have another daughter, Linda Ann, 5. Glassner is news editor of the *Seminole Producer*.

Donald Maurice Fitzgerald, '50bs, has been employed in the producing department of Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in Wewoka.

Edward E. Redpath, '50bus, has been employed by the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in the producing department at Wewoka.

Paul A. Andres, '50journal, former feature editor of *Sooner Magazine*, has been transferred from the Oklahoma City information office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to the company's office in St. Louis. He will serve as assistant editor of the *Southwestern Telephone News*.

Ensign Thomas E. Taylor, '50ba, Norman, was drowned while swimming in California April 22. Memorial services were conducted in Norman. He is survived by his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Henderson, Norman.

Herb Sweetow, '50journal, is working as an advertising salesman for the *Milwaukee* (Wisconsin) *Sentinel*.

Charles A. Oliver, Jr., '50bus, has been employed by Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in the producing department at Monroe, Louisiana.

Miss Margaret A. Gilbert, '50ba, Wichita, Kan-

sas, has been serving since graduation as a member of the staff of the Wichita City Planning Commission. She served as president of Alpha Delta Pi sorority while at the University.

GREEN-DAVIS: Miss JoAnne Green, Wakita, and Ray L. Davis, '50bus, Blackwell, were married in June in the Wakita Methodist Church. Following their wedding trip to Colorado, the couple established a home in Blackwell. Davis was a member of Delta Chi fraternity at the University.

SARBER-HAMM: Miss Mary Lou Sarber, Wewoka, '50ed, and Richard Berry Hamm were married in the First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas, in June. The couple established a home in Midland following a wedding trip to Mexico City and Acapulco.

STRICKLAND-ABERCROMBIE: Miss Willa Mae Strickland, Hennessey, and Carl Ben Abercrombie, '50mus, were married in May at the First Baptist Church of Hennessey. The couple is making their home in Hugoton, Kansas, where they are both teaching.

## Sooner Scene . . .

Wilkinson's Football Letter, a priority on the purchase of season and bowl game tickets, information service on all graduates and former students, an office and a headquarters on the campus which you are invited to use as you need it, a scholarship program for worthy students in need of financial assistance and the organization of

special events for alumni on numerous occasions.

### New Offices:

The alumni offices will be moved next month to the new north wing of the Memorial Union Building. The new offices will be air-conditioned and I know you will agree they are second to none when you see them.

### New Officers:

Herbert L. Branan, '32ba, '38Law, Oklahoma City, was elected president of the Association at the June 4 meeting. Branan is a special attorney for the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company. Judge Royce Savage, '25ba, '27Law, Tulsa was chosen vice president.

Four new board members, all filling memberships-at-large, were seated at the meeting. They are Norman McNabb, '51 bus, Norman, Preston Moore, '50Law, Stillwater, Bud Browning, '37ed, Bartlesville, and Branan.

Other offices that were filled and those selected include: Ross Johnston, '20Law, Oklahoma City, Alumni representative on the Alumni Development Fund for a 4-year term; Frank Cleckler, '21ba, Okla-



Herbert L. Branan, '32ba, '38Law, Oklahoma City, and Judge Royce Savage, '25ba, '27Law, Tulsa, were elected president and vice president respectively at the June 4 Commencement meeting of the Executive Board of the Alumni Association.

homa City, trustee of the Life Membership Trust, and Bill Martin, '38bus, Bartlesville, Alumni representative on the Athletic Council.

To these men who are assuming positions of responsibility, the University and alumni alike owe a vote of thanks, for it is largely through their efforts that alumni contributions to the work of the University are made.

### Sports . . .

four game series with A.&M., the home team took two and dropped two.)

What started the sharp reversal in club fortunes? It would be unwise to attribute the upswing to the hitters. Although they occasionally made their hits in the clutch, the team could support only a .232 average. Not big-time certainly. Nor could the fielding be credited with being superb. Undeniably there were moments when the team was sharp afield; they could also be pretty terrible.

It would be much safer to attribute a portion of the reversal in form to good pitching, especially the work of Jim Waldrip and Jack Shirley. Shirley, ace of the corp, hung up a 5-1 record with an earned run average of 1.97. Waldrip had a 4-4 record but twice lost heart-breakers, dropping a two-hitter to Texas and losing a

one-hitter to Iowa State for the only conference loss. His earned run average was 2.41.

A large share of the team success story was written by Jack Baer, '42ed. Coach of the team for his seventh year, Baer's ability never was more ably demonstrated. He had the team hustling and taking advantage of their every break. It was his best Big Seven percentage year (.909 on the basis of 10 wins and 1 defeat) and first NCAA championship. Since he has been coaching Oklahoma teams, his squads have only once failed to land in the money. His teams won Big Seven championships in 1946, 1947 and 1951; were second in 1942 and 1949, and third in 1950. He finished sixth in 1948 after the majors had raided his squad.

When the regular season closed, there were still many critics who thought the Sooners had gained the Big Seven championship on pure nerve. A strong Houston University squad, representing the Mis-

souri Valley, looked to many like an insurmountable obstacle to the NCAA tournament. Baer led off the best two-out-of-three series with Shirley. The right hander limited the Texas team to four hits for a 5-2 win. Waldrip followed Shirley and took credit for a 6-5 victory that landed the NCAA berth for Oklahoma. Then with the pressure off, the team played Houston for a third time and Floyd Murphy proved the Sooners' had depth as well as quality on their hill staff by allowing five hits for a 2-1 win.

As the NCAA tourney got underway the best the sportswriters covering the meet could offer was that the Sooners were a definite dark horse. Ohio State was first up to face Shirley. O.U. finally won in the 10th inning 9-8. And then the team settled down to business. Waldrip faced Springfield and beat them 7-1. Murphy took his turn with favored University of Southern California and turned them back 4-1. In the final game, Baer nominated Shirley and his good right arm came through a second time in the tourney for a 3-2 win over Tennessee and the team championship. (Shirley was later named to baseball's All-American second team.)

While three national championships were top news there were other achievements through the year that bespoke well for the University. Bud Wilkinson was named coach-of-the-year by the Associated Press, Owen Stadium press box was rated the best in the nation, 4 football players made All-American, Harold Keith, '29ba, '39ma, Sooner sports publicist, was named the nation's top collegiate athletic publicity director, and O.U. led the Big Seven in all sports competition.

There are 10 recognized sports on the Big Seven calendar—football, basketball, wrestling, swimming, tennis, golf, baseball, 2-mile run, outdoor track and indoor track. This year the Sooners tied their all-time record set in 1934-35 by winning exactly half of the 10 sports. Oklahoma has won 16 times in the past 24 years in total tabulations of results in all sports. Nebraska and Iowa State have won 3 times each, and Kansas and Missouri have won once each.

Big Seven All-Sports table for 1950-51:

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	FB	BB	2-Mi.	IT	WR	SW	OT	Ten	G	Base	Totals
Oklahoma	1	4	3	5	1	2	2	1	1	1	21
Missouri	3	2½	2	2	6½	6	1	5	4	2	34
Kansas	4	2½	1	3	6½	6	3	2	3	5	36
Nebraska	2	5	7	1	4½	3	4	7	2	3	38½
Kansas State	7	1	5	4	2	6	5	4	6	6	46
Colorado	6	7	4	6	4½	4	6	3	5	4	49½
Iowa State	5	6	6	7	3	1	7	6	7	7	55