

COLORADO HUDDLE. Playing their first game of the season, the Sooners and Coach Wilkinson knew they were in for a battle. Here they get last minute advice before kickoff. It didn't do any good. Colorado tied O.U. 21-21. Huddles before Pittsburgh, Texas and Kansas games had more effect. All three were wins by decisive margins. Bud and his friends are headed for national honors as a result of the wins over three of nation's best.

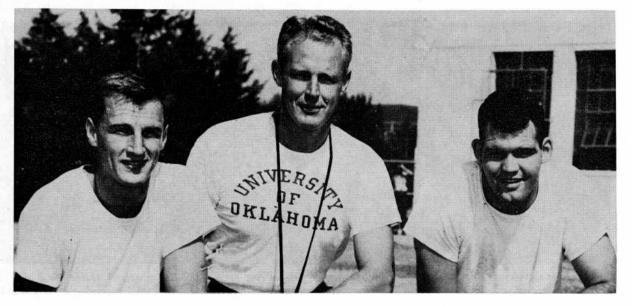
## Bud and His Friends

A glance at the men that make Big Red go.

THREE BIG MEN. Line Coach Gomer Jones and Assistant Coach Dee Andros, '50ed, talk over the Texas situation with Coach Wilkinson.



HIGH ON THE LIST. Two of the best friends any coach ever had are Eddie Crowder and Tom Catlin. Both boys are shooting for All-American honors. Crowder is the quarterback and Catlin the outstanding center and linebacker for Bud Wilkinson's Sooners.





BILL SCOTT, '42bs, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Demetrice Thornton Holden, '38h.ec, and Earl Holden, '39bus, enjoy themselves at Dallas party. Scott and Holden are members of Oklahoma University Club of Dallas who sponsored the dinner.



JACK CUMMINS, '40Law, Mrs. Bill Logan, State Senator Logan, '43, Mrs. Cummins, all of Lawton, and Mrs. John Craig and Craig, '33bus, Kansas City, were at Dallas dance.

## There can be no doubt about alumni enthusiasm for the football team. Five alumni clubs hold football parties as

## **Pre-Game Warmups**

One of the largest alumni gatherings ever held on foreign soil helped Alumni in Dallas for the O.U.-Texas game get in pre-game warmup blows.

Over 700 people gathered at the Baker

Hotel for a dinner-dance on the eve of the game in Big D. The festivities were sponsored by the Oklahoma University Club of Dallas.

Club President Jim Stevens, '40bs, and a

crew of helpers that included Abbott Sparks, '41mus, '43ba, Jim Langham, '35eng, Earl Holden, '39bus, Irving Higbee, '42bus, Push Nelson, '43bus, Bill Scott, '42bs, and Nick Tinker, '40eng, to men-

EAST TEXAS ALUMNI club officers display their club's charter which they received at October 8 meeting. They are Ray Youngmeyer, '26-'27, secretary-treasurer, E. L. Howard, '31geol, outgoing president, John Read, '49geol, new president, Joe Leguenec, '51ba, vice president.

T. L. SHACKELFORD, '37m.ed, and Carl Patterson, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Shackelford, attended the East Texas club's reception and business session, prior to screening of the Colorado-Oklahoma football game in Tyler.





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COLORADO ALUMNI who attended the Denver meeting in September included Ted Benson, '32-'36, Byron G. Rogers, '22, Mrs. Dorothy Bettes Collins, '24ba, Mrs. Melba Seymour, '42, Philip Collins, '24geol, Mrs. Evalyn Bond Oakes, '48fa, and David Oakes, '48eng, '51m.eng.

tion a few, were in charge of arrangements.

A quick look around and a little table hopping proved that the party was a big hit. Frankie Carle's famous orchestra provided the dancing music and featured solo's by the master of the keyboard.

Hopping from table to table, this reporter spotted J. W. Burkhart, '30-'31, Houston, and a table of other Houston alumni. Continuing around the dance floor perimeter, State Senator Bill Logan, Mrs. Logan, Judge John 'Jack' Cummins, '40Law, and Mrs. Cummins, all of Lawton, had one table for themselves for a moment as their tablemates took to the dance floor.

D. H. Grisso, '28geol, Norman, Joe Curtis, '20ba, '22Law, and Mrs. Lois Blanton Curtis, '22ba, Pauls Valley, were discussing the forthcoming game at yet another table.

OKLAHOMA COUNTY ALUMNI elected new officers at their party October 3. They are Florine Hayes, '47, secretary, J. Phil Burns, '27ba, and Colonel Nelson, '38ba, both veeps, and James R. Sommerfrucht, '34eng, president. The Pittsburgh kickoff replaced annual Homecoming dinner.



Scattered throughout the Baker's Ballroom were many Oklahoma City residents. J. Phil Burns, '27ba, Mrs. Burns and their daughter, Beverly, were included in the list. C. E. 'Bud' Loomis, '40-'42, and Mrs. Madge Crow Loomis, '42soc.wk, headed an Enid delegation.

Just pick any town in Oklahoma and Texas or any bordering states and a representative was present.

ABILENE, TEXAS, ALUMNI met October 3 for a football party. Club President Jack Ryan, '44bs, and Mrs. Ryan chat with two Sooners.





MRS. KERMIT BUTLER, Butler, '49bus, Oklahoma City, and Kenneth Clem, '49bus, and Mrs. Clem, Norman, attended the Oklahoma County alumni party October 3.

All afternoon before the party at night and the game the next day, alumni streamed by alumni headquarters in the Baker to register and talk with other early arrivals.

Harry H. Diamond, '12Law, Holdenville, commented on the game as he registered. "I watched O.U. and Texas play for the first time in 1908. That's the year we beat them 50-0, you know." At the time, no one was thinking in terms of a lopsided win. Yet 44 years later, the Sooners still demonstrated their pep with a 49-20 walloping.

Pat Williams, '52bus, now a lieutenant in the air force and stationed in Alabama, flew up for the game. His chance to fly to Dallas came unexpectedly and he was looking for a ticket, friends and a victory. He found all three.

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THREE RECENT GRADUATES and a guest attended the Denver Alumni club's O.U.-Colorado footabll party. They are Gerald Eckley, '51Law, Mrs. Anne Tyree Eckley, '50fa, Yvonne Peters and Larkin O'Hern, '50bus. Two hundred alumni attended the season's first alumni football party.

Mexico, a Sooner who never misses a Dallas game if he can help it, came by the booth to register for himself and Mrs. Carpenter. And the list can go on until it includes 1,000 names.

Two other warmups for the Texas game were held deep-in-the-heart-of.

The East Texas club held an October 8 meeting in Tyler. A large turnout enjoyed a reception, the Colorado-O.U. football films and the remarks of E. L. Howard, '31geol, outgoing president of the club.

A short business meeting was held. New officers were elected. Those chosen were John Read, '49geol, president, Joe Leguenec, '51bus, vice president, and Ray Youngmeyer, '31geol, secretary-treasurer.

And at Abilene, Texas, that city's alumni club met October 3 for their fall football dance. The dance was held in the Windsor Hotel, and, as could be expected, the theme was "Beat Texas." College and University pennants decorated the ballroom.

Jack Ryan, '41geol, president, Mrs. Ryan, and Joe Tompkins, '28geol, vice president, were in charge of the meeting.

Two other football parties drew good crowds. The Denver, Colorado, club sponsored a pre-Colorado-O.U. dinner, and the Oklahoma County club held a dance at Oklahoma City prior to the Pittsburgh home opener.

Approximately 200 Oklahomans and residents of the Mile High City attended the Denver meeting. President George L. Cross, Coach Bud Wilkinson, Sports Publicist Harold Keith, '29ba, '39ma, and Guy Brown, '42ba, '48ma, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association, represented the University on the program. University Regent George Short and Mrs. Short were present, also.

Denver alumni who were responsible for the party included Mrs. Roberta Garlinghouse Congdon, '44h.ec, Dr. Robert Mc-Curdy, '44bs, '46med, Mrs. Carolyn Faught McCurdy, '46fa, Mrs. Melba Seymour, '42 H. B. Kniseley, '26ba, '29ma, Mrs. Mary West Kniseley, '35ba, and Club President Robert B. McWilliams, '40journ.

Oklahoma County alumni, shifting their annual Homecoming party to the season's opener, held a party October 3 in the Beacon Club in Oklahoma City. Club President Barth 'Jiggs' Walker, '40geol, '40Law, was in charge of arrangements.

A short business session was injected at a band intermission. New officers were elected. They are J. R. Sommerfrucht, '34eng, president; Colonel Nelson, '39journ, vice president; J. Phil Burns, vice president; Florine Hayes, '47, secretary and Grady Harris, Jr., '45ba, '49Law, treasurer.

In addition to the meetings mentioned here, officers in Ada, Ardmore, McAlester, Hughes-Seminole County and Creek County clubs have been holding informal meetings with alumni office representatives.



SIX MEMBERS of the Holdenville Kiwanis club examine the bell and gavel of the local organization. They are James B. Sandlin, '49Law, Orion Wilbanks, '36-'39, Boyd McGugan, '50geol, (president of Hughes-Seminole Alumni club and Holdenville coach), James W. Rodgers, Jr., '48ba, '48Law, Dr. Paul Kernek, '37bs, '39med, and Dr. Walter D. Atkins, '27-'29.