

O.U. Moves to South Bend

Every available means of transportation was used in the mass migration of Sooners to the home of the Irish. And after the game, a shift to Chicago for a party.

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Never were alumni more solidly behind a defeated football team than they were on November 8th when the Sooners lost a close decision to a rugged, tough, high-strung Notre Dame team in South Bend. Even in defeat this was a proud day for the UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA. Stopped by the hard charging Irish and bad breaks throughout the game the Sooners continued to fight back and threatened to carry the day until the final gun was sounded.

This game was broadcast before the largest radio and television audience ever to witness a sports event. Approximately 9,000 Oklahomans were on hand in the jam-packed stadium to see the sport spectacle. As the game ended, with O.U. one touchdown behind, the thought on every Sooner's mind was, "how can I tell Bud and the players how proud I am of them today?" All during the following week letters continued to come into the office written in this same vein of appreciation for the magnificent record and spirit of the "Big Red."

Several boys on this 1952 squad will make All-American. They simply cannot be overlooked and they deserve all of the recognition that will come to them. However, many of their friends, who know them best, feel that in this, of all years, there should be an opportunity to name one team as an All-American Squad, for the Sooners would surely win that honor going away.

I once heard a football coach say, in answer to the question as to whether or not his team was really great, "Ask me that same question in 15 years and I will tell you how great they really are." I have that kind of confidence in the Sooners of 1952.

On Saturday night, following the O.U.-

NOTRE DAME football game, 2,000 alumni gathered at the grand ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, for the largest of all alumni parties off the campus. Plans for this "Oklahoma Jamboree" were started a year ago and the Chicago Alumni club did a tremendous amount of work in assisting the Alumni Office with countless details and preparations involved in such an undertaking. President Richard Mason, '29eng, '31ba, '32pro.eng, of the Chicago club, was the chief coordinator from that end of the line. Assisting him in various capacities were Robert Yoder, '44ba, Homer Heck, '35, Christine Squire, '33ba, '40ma, Jack Brown, '41ba, Willis Martin, '46ba, Vern Alden, '41bs, Wesley I. Nunn, '17, Junius Fishburn, '42ba, Jackson Marks, '40, Victor Searle, '28ba, '29ms, and Taffy Williams, '47ba.

The man who underwrote the party, and without whose assistance it could not have been put on, was Mr. Harry "Rainbow" Kornbaum, '33, Oklahoma City.

The main feature of this party was a floor show which included the finest entertainment talent in Chicago.

The natives of Chicago and South Bend were absolutely amazed by the number of Sooners on hand, by the number of special trains that came into Chicago for this occasion, and by the enthusiasm the Oklahomans displayed not only for the football team but for the University and the State of Oklahoma as well.

The University of Oklahoma Band made the trip to South Bend in a special train, financed by friends of the Band. The money for the trip was raised by the members of the Band. The band maneuvers between halves were clever and skillfully executed. It was an impressive demonstration of the type we have learned to expect from the "Pride of Oklahoma."

An alumni headquarters was maintained at the Sherman Hotel where 600 Oklahomans were staying. This headquarters



THERE WERE FEW TRACES of despair at the Oklahoma Jamboree held in Chicago, Nov. 8, following Notre Dame game. More than 1500 Oklahomans attended. At the party, were Eleanor Tracy, '29ba, Beaver, John Kerstetter, Chicago, and Mrs. Dorothy Beegle Baggerley, '45-'48, Beaver.

On the Sooner Scene



PONTOTOC COUNTY ALUMNI met October 16. Going over the hundreds of pre-meeting details are Harry E. Morris, Jr., '37bs, secretary-treasurer, Sara Boswell, '31ba, vice president, Dr. Orange M. Welborn, president, and Guy Brown, '42ba, '48ma, assistant alumni secretary.

served as a clearing house for information about various activities in the Chicago area during the big Oklahoma weekend. At the time I was sure that all 9,000 Oklahomans had come through this headquarters. However, now that the excitement has cleared away, I realize the number was something less than this.

On duty at the Sherman were Guy and Betty Brown assisted by members of the Chicago club.

Alumni clubs all around the country held meetings on this Saturday afternoon to watch the game by television. We heard from many such groups, including those in New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles and Seattle.

In spite of the spirit and enthusiasm of football fans which are both real and contagious, football continues to exist on the campus in its proper perspective. The average student is a hard-working, serious-minded individual, concerned first of all with his studies, proud of his school, and preoccupied by the fact that sooner or later he will have to fight in Korea if something isn't done to solve the riddle of the Far East.

Several other organized alumni groups have held fall meetings. They all followed a pattern. Football films, refreshments and sizeable turnouts at every stop.

Pontotoc County alumni heard a brief speech on the status of the University from President George L. Cross at a meeting in Ada October 16. He was introduced by Dr. Charles F. Spencer, '29ma, president of East Central College. The Texas-O.U. game was shown. More than 75 alumni participated in the meeting. Dr. Orange Welborn, '46med, president of the Pontotoc

club, was in charge of arrangements. He was assisted by Sara Boswell, '31ba, vice president, and Harry Morris, Jr., '37bs.

Jackson, Mississippi, alumni held an organizational meeting October 2. For Jackson's initial meeting, the group met in the Creole Room of Le Fluers restaurant. Two Sugar Bowl films were shown — O.U.-L.S.U. and O.U.-Kentucky. Officers were elected and a charter request issued. The new officers: James J. Frazier, '51bs, president, Paul Opp, '47bus, vice president, and Mrs. H. L. Francis, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

Philadelphia Alumni club held a fall meeting with a tea at the Drexel Hill home of A. N. Henson and Mrs. Margaret Goodrich Henson, '33mus, October 26. The members viewed the O.U. Album and the '51 O.U.-Colorado films. A short business meeting resulted in the present officers being re-elected.

Topeka Alumni met for a pre-O.U.-Kansas game rally October 17. Guy Brown, '42ba, '48ma, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association, unreeled the Texas-O.U. film. The meeting was arranged by Ed Goldsmith, '49bus, vice president of the club, and Mrs. Martha Coffman Harvey, '36mus, secretary-treasurer. The meeting had its desired effect: O.U. won 42-20.

Wichita, Kansas, alumni met for a re-organizational meeting October 29 and for a showing of the O.U.-Texas film. The meeting was arranged by Ralph Gilchrist, '31Law, club president. (The New York City television party for the Notre Dame game is presented on the following page.)



TOPEKA ALUMNI CLUB members met October 17 for a pre-Kansas-O.U. football warmup. They saw the O.U.-Texas film, which served as a preview of things to come at Kansas. Ed Goldsmith, '49bus, vice president of the club, (standing, second from left) and Mrs. Martha Coffman Harvey, '36mus, secretary-treasurer, (seated, third from left) were in charge of meeting.