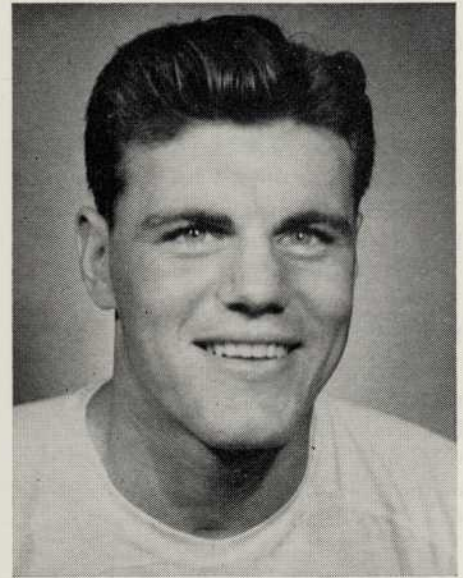




EDDIE CROWDER



BILLY VESSELS



BUCK McPHAIL

... All-American Backfield Trio

attracted a great deal of national attention. Billy Vessels was selected as AP's back-of-the-year, and the UP's player-of-the-year in addition to winning the Heisman trophy. Tom Catlin came in second in AP's balloting for lineman-of-the-year.

Eddie Crowder battled fellow quarterbacks Don Heinrich of Washington and Jack Scarbath of Maryland in every All-

American selection. And Buck McPhail contended for fullback on every listing.

All were named to one or more All-American teams as of December 15. The record thus far:

Vessels: *Look* magazine, Central Press, Associated Press, United Press, Players All-American, NEA Service, *The Quarterback*, All-American Board, *Sporting News*,

International News Service, Movietone News and Athletic Publications, Inc.

Catlin: *Players' All-American*, *Look* magazine, All-American Board, NEA Service, *Sporting News*, Athletic Publications, Inc., International News Service, Movietone News and *The Quarterback*.

Crowder: Central Press.

McPhail: *Collier's*.

# On the Sooner Scene

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A week that will long be remembered on the campus of the University of Oklahoma is the first week of February, 1953, for it is at this time that the completion of 60 years of service by the University of Oklahoma and the tenth year of the presidency of George L. Cross will be observed.

The keynote of this observance will be stated on a 17-ton Oklahoma granite obelisk on which will be inscribed the following: "THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA. This is our heritage, the traditional Sooner spirit born at the crossroads of frontier migration with its faith in the common man, its optimism for the morrow, its respect for the open mind, and its reliance on Divine leadership. To it the faculty of the University of Oklahoma rededicates itself on the sixtieth anniversary

of the founding of the Institution."

The stone and the transportation of it will be provided by the friends of the University. All other expenses, in connection with this anniversary marker, will be paid by the members of the University faculty. It will be located in the center of the South Oval near Lindsay street.

Dr. Laurence Snyder, dean of the Graduate School, will serve as general chairman in setting up the plans for the multiple activities of the week. Participating in the celebration will be alumni, faculty, students, state and national officials, visiting lecturers, and other friends of the University. It is anticipated that many readers of the *Sooner Magazine* will wish to attend one or more of the ceremonies of the week.

On Monday, February 2nd, 1953, Student Services Day will be observed during the course of this day, and the following ceremonies are planned. There will be a ground breaking exercise for a new University Chapel. The chapel will be erected at the southwest corner of the South Oval, directly across the street from the Women's Quadrangle. Also on this day there will be a dedication by the faculty of the memorial stone at the south end of the South Oval. On this stone will appear the inscription stated above. The auditorium in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building will be

named in memory of the late Dean E. D. Meacham of the College of Arts and Sciences in recognition and honor of his many years of faithful service to the University and its students. The remarkable DeGolyer Collection on the history of science will be on exhibition at the University Library throughout the week. A special list of all publications included in this collection will be available. The first DeGolyer lecture on the subject "Science and Its Impact on Society" will be delivered on Monday evening by the distinguished scientist, Dr. Arthur H. Compton, Chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Compton is one of the leading scientists of the world and has played an important part in the development of the knowledge we have of atomic energy.

Tuesday, February 3rd. This will be Business and Engineering day. Two visiting lecturers will appear on the program Tuesday morning, one an outstanding industrialist and the other an eminent engineer. In the afternoon there will be a dedication of the Aeronautical Engineering building located on the north campus at Max Westheimer field.

Wednesday, February 4th, will be Education Day. On this day the new Graduate Education Building will be dedicated and

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there will be an address on higher education. During the evening the annual Daniel lecture will be presented.

Thursday, February 5th, is the Arts, Sciences and Professions Day. On this day Gittinger Hall will be dedicated and named in honor of the venerable Dr. Roy Gittinger, who has served the University for a half century as a teacher and administrator. Also dedicated on this day will be the new Home Economics building and following this dedication there will be a reception sponsored by the School of Home Economics.

Friday, February 6th, is the final and culminating activity of the busy week. It will be known as The University, the State and the Nation Day. Dedication of Cross Center will appear first on the program of the day. At this time the new men's dormitory located on south Jenkins Street will be named in honor of President George L. Cross. This ceremony is a result of action taken by the University Board of Regents meeting during Dr. Cross' absence, at which they unanimously voted to name the men's dormitory for our distinguished president in honor and recognition of the outstanding development which has taken place at the University during his ten years of service as President.

At this same time, the individual housing units of Cross Center will be named in memory of 16 outstanding students who lost their lives in the service of their country during World War II. Parents, alumni, members of the legislature, and other guests are invited to participate in any of the ceremonies in which they are interested and particularly for the ceremonies scheduled for Friday. On Friday evening there will be a banquet in the ballroom of the Memorial Union Building. At this time President Cross will be the guest of honor and will speak on his "Philosophy of University Education and Administration."

Many students and faculty members are working diligently to make this week a great success. You are invited to attend as much of the celebration as you can. If you have specific questions about any phase of the scheduled activities please write the alumni association for detailed information.

## Covering the Campus . . .

A&M student body, the cards were followed with a flood of mimeographed leaflets addressed to the "cow milking, hog slopping Aggies" and predicted an Oklahoma win in no uncertain terms. The leaflets were signed "Football's Best . . . Oklahoma Sooners."

Blame was soon lifted from the Sooners when it was discovered that the printed propaganda actually originated at Stillwater. Bob Elliott, Aggie pep council president, admitted that he had mailed 31 football sympathy cards from Norman and distributed leaflets, supposedly from O.U., on the A&M campus.

The gag originated as an attempt to overcome the lackadaisical attitude on the part of Cowboy rooters toward the expected trouncing. The plan hit a snag when O.U.'s Dean of Students, Paul MacMinn, discovered that the whole thing was just an idea to raise the spirits of the Aggie fans. MacMinn, none too happy at what would be mistaken for poor O.U. sportsmanship, called the A&M dean of men and asked him to disclose the plan in a public announcement. When there was no word from Stillwater, MacMinn released the story to the *Daily Oklahoman*, and Cow-

poke cheerleaders found the whole idea right back in their laps.

For a while it looked as if the Aggie game wouldn't be the last one of the season for the Big Red after all. Rumors

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