



AN ALUMNUS COPPED each of four sweepstakes trophies at the State Fair newspaper contest in September. Winners were Harry Jolly, '14, Carnegie Herald; Fred Tarman, '10ba, Norman Transcript, Charles Engleman, '33ba, Clinton Daily News, and Charles Ward, '48ba, Poteau News.

The Sooner Salutes

Newspaper Winners
Dad's Day Winners
The Football Team

Two outstanding seniors added more laurels to their records October 16 when they were announced as winners of this year's Dad's Day Association awards.

Patricia Ann Sessions of Idabel and Gerald Leo Glahn of Bartlesville were recognized as the "best all-around students at O.U." at the annual Dads' Day gathering. Both received trophies the following day during a half-time ceremony at the O.U.-Kansas football game.

Pat has maintained an overall grade point average of 3.46 out of a possible 4.00, and has kept busy with such campus activities as holding offices in Mortar Board, Theta Sigma Phi journalism fraternity and the Independent Students' Association. She has worked throughout her stay at O.U. and has received three scholarships. During her junior year, Pat was honored as the

Navy ROTC Color Girl, and this year was a winner in the *Mademoiselle Magazine* college board competition.

Gerald is majoring in chemical engineering and has maintained a near-perfect 3.95 grade average. In addition to receiving a \$500 scholarship to further his studies, he was named an outstanding freshman and one of the top 25 sophomore men. Gerald was honored by the Navy ROTC as a winner of the American Military Engineer award for excellence. Besides his scholastic work he has been president of Tau Beta Pi engineering fraternity, the Engineering Club and Theta Kappa Phi social fraternity.

To these young people who already have received considerable recognition for their success, the *Sooner* offers its admiring salute!

On October 12—two days after O.U. had met Texas successfully in the Cotton Bowl—John Cronley, sports editor of the *Daily Oklahoman*, wrote:

"As one exuberant Oklahoma follower stated it: 'The Big Red ain't dead.'

"And of course far from a state of rigor mortis is this scrappy Sooner edition which flat refused to hang itself on the so-called 'suicide' opening against Notre Dame, Pittsburgh and Texas.

"Not that O.U. couldn't be dribbling along among the dis-cards with an 0-3 reading at this point.

"But instead, thanks to one of the gamest comebacks in about a decade today, the Sooners proudly display an early mark of one everything—a narrow defeat by the Irish, a punishing tie at Pitt and the blazing five-point roping of the snorting Steers in the Cotton Bowl rodeo.

"The manner in which the Big Red rebounded from its dis-

appointing display in the east will be remembered for many years to come.

"For here was a football team that was down and about to be counted out, unless it could gain at least a measure of the fierce momentum which carried it to the heights against the Irish.

". . . The way that this light young eleven responded to the threat to dump it into extinction for 1953 is an everlasting tribute to Coach Wilkinson, his aids and a gritty band of youngsters who have yet to explore their full potentialities. . .

". . . One down, one even, and one up.

"An exceptionally good start, even Oklahoma's opponents must readily agree, with O.U. opening up against perhaps the stiffest start in American football circles." The *Sooner Magazine* thinks that's mighty fine writing and a mighty fine tribute. The magazine joins Cronley in saluting a football team that refused to play dead.