because the board of regents had not met since the student election was held.

The red letter day in rules making was May 19, 1949. In that month students got a break when faculty members were requested to dismiss classes on the hour and not hold students over-time, thereby making them late for the next hour’s class. Whether faculty members have become lax in regarding this request or students have found a good excuse and refuse to change it, no one knows. But students still walk into class and with a poker face tell their prof the 15-year-old story about being kept overtime.

Alcoholic beverages, gambling and raffles are included in the 1948 student handbook. “Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on the campus, or in any University building or student residence. Alcoholic beverages must not be taken to any affair sponsored by a student organization.”

Another sobering little chapter in the 1948 student handbook is entitled “Cheating Penalties.” They are not referring to rules to be followed in intramural sports.

Heartlessly they expound: “1. A student guilty of cheating on a paper or quiz, other than the final examination, may be suspended indefinitely from the University for the remainder of the semester. 2. A student guilty of cheating on final examination may be suspended from the University for the following full semester.” The reader will note that mention is made only of the guilt of cheating, not of the apprehension. Possibly students always confess to their crime when qualities of conscience get the better of them.

Each year the student handbook carries more and more regulations covering a wide variety of subjects. The 1949-50 handbook has regulations covering such subjects as load speakers, decorations, sign painting, political meetings and soliciting. This handbook also contains the rules on alcoholic beverages, gambling and raffles, possibly included to remind students that such things do exist elsewhere.

President Cross receives a concession in the new regulations. To prevent his front lawn from being trampled periodically by holiday seekers the handbook says, “Athletic victory holidays will be granted only when the University wins a clear conference title in either football or basketball, or when the basketball team wins a national championship.”

Students are again reminded in the 1949-50 handbook of the matter of class attendance. “A passing grade will not be given in any course in which a student has not attended at least 80 per cent of the class recitations and laboratory periods.” Some students are still confused over “going to school” and “attending school.” This clarifies the point for them.

The old bugaboo, Calling Hours, has been revamped for the coming year. Girls gain 30 minutes time on Friday, being allowed to stay out until 12:30 a.m. instead of 12 midnight. But they lose 45 minutes of social time on Saturday night under the new University ruling. They have to be in by 12:30 a.m. on Saturday nights instead of 1:15 as it was last year.

The 1949-50 rules permit a student to own a car with a slight stipulation, “Every student who owns a car, or intends to use a car not owned by him for any period, however short, must register such car at once at the Safety Office on Felgar Street.” Some students walk despite the literalized ruling. So the University rules and regulations which started out as a few page booklet covering only a few subjects has grown to a 70 page affair, touching on everything from “Absences” to “Withdrawal.”

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Predictions Are in Order

Just how strong will the 1949 edition of the University of Oklahoma football squad be? Who will replace General Jack Mitchell, ’49, Blackwell, at quarterback? Can a replacement be found for Myrtle Greathouse, ’49s, Amarillo, Texas, Will Paul “Buddy” Burris, ’49s, Muskogee, departure mean a slackening of the forward wall?

By the time this issue of Sooner Magazine is in the hands of the alumni some of these questions will be answered. By that time O.U.’s Sugar Bowl champs will have invaded Bean-Town for a September 23 opener against Boston College. Said George Trevor, veteran Eastern observer, in the 1949 Illustrated Football Annual in regards to what the Sooners will have met in Boston:

“Denny Myers, the coach who believes in his boys and dares to admit it, threatens to put the two platoon system to scorn by operating with three complete elevens. He has them big and he has them plenty up on Chestnut Hill, and the Irish cold-coming noises from the Hub of the Universe are spitting in the eye of a Fina McCool schedule and proclaiming the greatest Eagle array since all-winning 1940, the swan song of Frank Leahy’s consilium.”

Sooner alumni will have a chance to determine whether this bit of journalistic is prophetic or not.

If it is, then another veteran sportswriter, Grantland Rice, who will stop something short of being a hero. In the latter part of August, Rice and Look Magazine announced to an avaricious world that the Oklahoma’s would field the best eleven in the nation.

Said he, writing in Look, that he hated to name any team better than the rest in September.

He continued, “But if I were surrounded by king cobras and forced to make a selection, I would nominate Coach Bud Wilkinson’s big, fast, deep, aggressive University of Oklahoma squad.”

Rice singled out Darrell Royal, Hollis senior, as a potential replacement for Mitchell and pointed out several other Sooners headed for honors. The list included: Lindell Pearson, Oklahoma City junior, and George Thomas, Fairland senior, backs; Jan Owens, Oklahoma City co-captain and end; Wade Walker, Gastonia, North Carolina, tackle; and Norman McNabb, Norman, and co-captain Stanley West, Enid, guards.

Behind the Sooners were listed Michigan, Vanderbilt, Cornell, Southern Methodist, Notre Dame, Army, Minnesota, Michigan State and Tulane, in that order, for national football supremacy.

Said Coach Wilkinson on being notified of the Rice ratings: “so they (the Sooners) get by the Boston College Eagles, ‘we’ll have a pretty fair club.’”

So much for the predictors, who are also starting the drums rolling for Owens, Walker, Royal, Thomas, et al, for All American honors. What is important is the basis for the prognosticators pickings.

Come the Sugar Bowl Crew are All American Burris and standouts Mitchell, Greathouse, Nate Trotter, ’49, Borger Texas; Pete Tillman, ’49, Magnolia; Truman Wright, ’49, Houston, Texas, and Bill Remy, ’49s, Midland, Texas.

Says the football brochure prepared by Harold Keith, 29ths, ’39s, Sooner Sports publicist: (Continued on page 35)
Manley May Move Mountains

"I was sure glad when you got that first team out of there, but say! Who in the heck was that big, rough left tackle that came in with your second team?"

Mel Sheehan, Missouri’s big right end whom the Oklahoma team named on their all-opponents eleven in 1948, was talking to Sooner players after the Tiger-Sooner battle at Norman last year.

The player Sheehan meant was Leon Manley of Hollis, Oklahoma’s second team left tackle who played behind Homer Paine. Now that Paine, time-out at Big Seven conference tackle, has graduated, Manley will be the Sooners’ starting left tackle this season.

He’s a popular choice with the Sooner players. They call him “One Round,” because of his hustle and determination. While he isn’t as neat a blocker as Wade Walker, Oklahoma right tackle, Manley blocks so aggressively that he gets the job done anyhow. Fastest tackle on the squad, he’s a good downfield blocker, too.

A quiet, good-natured 205-pound boy with an unruly shock of brown hair, Manley likes offense better than anything else in football.

"The most fun in football is when we’ve got a split-T drive under way, and are makin’ yards down the field," he says.

Manley enjoys the strategy of split-T line play. On handoffs straight ahead, the charging Sooner halfback watches the blocking develop in front of him instead of keeping his eye on the ball. It’s up to the quarterback to put the ball on the halfback’s hip. The halfback feels for the ball, and clutches it on his way to the hole, but he never takes his eye off the hole.

"I like to block in the direction the opponent cuts," Manley asserts. "If he charges across, you take him for a halfback or change the split. If he wants to go the other way. Makes no difference what the guy in front of you does, he’s always wrong."

Manley says the left halfback on his side of the line, fellows like Lindell Pearson, the shooting 190-pounder, and Buddy Jones, the 154-pound Holdenville Flitter, are good at helping him set up blocks. "If I’m to take my man out, Pearson and Jones take out to help widen him, then cut in," Manley explains.

Al Weiner, strapping North Carolina wing whom the Sooners encountered in the 1949 Sugar Bowl game, is the best end Manley ever faced.

"He got out well in spite of his great size," Manley says. "On offense, he lined up on first one side of the line, then the other. When we knew a pass was coming, we double-teamed him, trying to hold him up. On our side of the line, Jim Owen and Paine took him, then Ken Tipps and L. On the other side, Wade Walker and Bobby Goad had him, then when our second team came in, Nute Trotter and Frankie Anderson. On the first play of the game, Walker and Goad held him up and that was why Owens tackled Rodgers for a loss. But Weiner was good."

Manley says Texas’ line of last year was the best he ever played against, with North Carolina second. He enjoyed playing behind Homer Paine, super Sooner left tackle, but complains "When I got in, Homer usually had the opposition end all softened up." He says Jim Weatherall, his 220-pound sophomore understudy from Hooker, is a center on downfield blocking. And Wade Walker, Sooner right tackle, is his blocking model.

"Wade goes on the count. He fires hard and he turns ‘em. That’s what it takes in the split-T, that and the downfield blocking," Manley declares.

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