The Sooner sport world

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JUST one thing, and it not very concrete, gives University of Oklahoma fans hope that the Sooners may give the classy Vanderbilt team a stiff go in the big intersectional opener at Owen Field September 30—Oklahoma has not lost an opening day game at Norman in nine years.

Aside from that, the game has a decided Vanderbilt complexion. Sooner fans can't help remembering that last year Coach Dan McGugin's Vanderbilt team drove through the best elevens in the South for six victories and two ties before finally meeting defeat in the last game. And the Southern conference plays a much faster brand of football than the Big Six loop.

In fact Lewie Hardage, Sooner coach, says the fastest football played in the nation today is the Commodores', one of the most efficient leader of the last three years, Hugo Goetz, Pryor, who graduated. His successors are take the place of Hugo Goetz, Pryor, new drum major and baton twirler will say William R. Wehrend, director. A

Sooner home football games this fall, have some new stunts for spectators at the stadium. Wehrend said. The spectaculargame with Kansas, September 30, night after the Vandy-Sooner intersectional game.

After a four-year lapse, the old five-mile cross-country run is coming back at the University of Oklahoma. Announcement of a statewide cross-country meet sponsored by the University of Oklahoma at Norman November 4, the date of the Homecoming day football game with Kansas. Sooners will engage state colleges in a number of dual meets over the five-mile distance.

Old-time University of Oklahoma football players and coaches are sending their sons to Soonerland. Bob McMahan, son of Mark McMahan, of Fort Worth, Texas, Sooner football coach back in 1902 and 1903, is seriously considering the University as a prospective alma mater. So is Harry Hughes, jr., son of Harry Hughes, now football coach at Colorado Agricultural college but better known in Norman as Oklahoma's hurdling halfback of 1905. James A. Long, 16-year old son of Frank A. Long, Sooner football and track luminary of 1908, is now in Norman to attend the University after a 25-day trip from Brazil where his father is a Y. M. C. A. secretary.

Glen Dawson, former University of Oklahoma distance running phenom, won the mile championship of the Canadian National Exposition at Toronto, Canada on Labor Day for the third consecutive year. Although he gave generous handicaps to all his opponents, Dawson breezed home a winner by six yards in 4:21.

"The game that Washington, D. C. fans liked best last year was that between George Washington university and the Oklahoma Sooners. The Westerners played the type of football that greatly thrilled the crowd and next season Pixie hopes to have them back," says Earnest Mehl, in the Kansas City Star.

An inspiration for better scholarship has been given freshmen athletes of the University of Oklahoma by Chester Westfall, of Ponca City, president of the University of Oklahoma Association, who has announced that he will give a valuable trophy to the Sooner freshman athlete who makes the best grades next school year. The trophy may be a gold wrist watch, although Mr. Westfall has not definitely decided yet. In his undergraduate days at the University, Mr. Westfall was sports editor of the University of Oklahoma, student newspaper, and an enthusiastic devotee of athletics.

University of Oklahoma band will have some new stunts for spectators at Sooner home football games this fall, says William R. Wehrend, director. A new drum major and baton twirler will take the place of Hugo Goetz, Pryor, efficient leader of the last three years, who graduated. His successors are Ralph Erwin, Muskogee; Archie Graham, Tahlequah; and Leo Ball, Cement. A new set of colorful formations will also be worked out, Wehrend said.

Two highway cutoffs that will permit spectators motoring to University of Ok- 

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Sooner roll call


GRAY-NAY: Miss Margaret Gladys Graber, and Joseph Way, ’31bs, July 22, Home, 428 Southwest 28th Street, Oklahoma City.


HARRAL-BATCHELOR: Miss Virginia Harral, ’28ex, and James W. Batchelor, ’28bs, ’29law, August 24, Home, Durant.


Cox-BECKFR: Miss Milbray Cox, ’32ex, and Bertha McGuire.

1927

September 25—Six schools, including Oklahoma, announce withdrawal from the Missouri Valley conference and the establishment of the Big Six conference. Unwieldy schedules with too many teams to compete for the titles is given by Dean S. W. Reaves as the reason for the withdrawal.

September 28—Excavation work is started on the new $130,000 university infirmary.

September 29—Marguerite Croy, of Drumright, is elected freshman queen at a hiliarious meeting. William Schoeller, Oklahoma City, is elected president at the meeting.

1929

September 20—Mex Curry’s anti-administration party sweeps the administration group out of office in a big student council upset. Curry is elected dance manager in the place of Clarence McElroy. Each party has the same number of votes on the floor, but the deadlock is broken on each question by the ballot of President Merton Munson.

September 28—Suspension of all Ruf Neks and Jazz Hounds from the university is threatened by the board of regents as a result of rough initiations. After numerous meetings, the pep leaders are reinstated in school with a warning never to paddle again.

1931

September 28—Swede Ellstrom plunges for a touchdown and kicks a field goal to give the varsity eleven a close 10 to 7 victory over the freshmen. The Boomers score when Bud Browning sails a pass to Melbourne “Nig” Robinson who runs 25 yards to the goal line.

1932

September 30—Marian Mills and Bernard Doud, both of Norman, are elected to the Whirlwind, humor magazine, hall of fame. The pictures of the university’s two outstanding students will appear in the first issue of the publication.

YOUR ASSOCIATION

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be kept from being active, loyal, enthusiastic supporters of the University. Some thorough revision of these pledges, satisfactory alike to the Union and to those who made the commitments, is an early essential.

III. Activities for the protection of the University in times of need.

A. This is largely political activity. The Association through alumni who are scattered throughout the state, should keep in closest contact possible with candidates for legislative and other state offices. Activities of the Association should result in the thorough education of candidates before their election, rather than in the attempted defeat of unfriendly candidates. The latter could be restored to only in extreme cases. An active interest by alumni in political affairs will result in most candidates’ committing themselves to a friendly attitude toward the University before their election, and also will cause those elected to be careful not to take a destructive attitude toward the University, whose interests are watched over by a large band of active and aggressive men and women.

B. This activity must be handled with the greatest discretion and judgment. Above all, care must be taken not to build a “University political clique.” The latter would result ultimately in great harm to the University. Political activity of the “University folk” as such must be confined to building up soundly and protecting the University of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma school system.

IV. Activities for strengthening the Association itself, i.e., adding to its membership, keeping it alive and active.

A. Despite the fact that the Association has been built from nothing over a period of a few years to its present position of some influence and assistance to the University, the fact is that it now has only a few hundred voluntarily paying members, a very large number of them...