Association Progress

After Fifty Years

Several months ago the O. U. athletic association extended a special invitation to Jack Hart of Los Angeles to return to the campus to be awarded a special athletic "O" blanket in recognition of his services as the first football coach of the University of Oklahoma (1895). Because of his condition of health Jack could not make the long trip back to the University campus from his California home. The O. U. Alumni Club of Los Angeles was contacted by the Athletic Council and Alumni officials, and they were asked to have a special recognition dinner for Mr. Hart and to present the recognition blanket during the assembly in Los Angeles.

On the evening of February 22, the O. U. Alumni of Los Angeles and adjacent territory gathered at the special banquet in the dining halls of the George Pepperdine College and there presented the recognition blanket to Mr. Hart.

Jack Harts in accepting this tribute on the part of his fellow Sooners, stated in part:

"Mr. Chairman, members of the Los Angeles Oklahoma University Alumni Club and friends:-

I should like, also, to include our friends in Oklahoma who have been so instrumental in this meeting and the University of Oklahoma Association, Ted Beard, Ross Hume, Bill Cross, and in fact all former members of the University of Oklahoma, your new coach and all the people at Los Angeles, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for this tribute to me. Never before have I been placed in a similar position, and I realize tonight just how much those words uttered by the Holy Man of Galilee nearly two thousand years ago meant when he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

"Friends, you will need to bear with me because I cannot find words to express my inner feelings. This beautiful gift means much more to me than just a blanket. It's the spirit in which you give it, because most of you people here were not even born when the first football game was played at Oklahoma University. If my old acquaintances and friends had conferred this honor upon me, it would naturally have been much appreciated-most of them have now crossed the Great Divide—but this gift from you-half a century after the first kick-off—makes it just that much more impressive to me.

"You know, friends, fifty years is a long, long trail down the highway of life. One meets many pleasures and many sorrows in that time. Yet, it seems but yesterday since first I saw the Oklahoma University. Since that time I have lived what might be called a full life. I have enjoyed the companionship of many fine friends and have always tried to look for the best in others. I have had a pleasant life and have never failed to appreciate and reverence the handiwork of the Great Architect of the universe—and trust I may leave this old world just a little better than I found it.

"Yes, I have a hobby—and through the years, I have traveled many times through the deserts and the great mountains of the Pacific coast and walked among those magnificent, towering giants, the Redwoods—to me the grandest sight in all creation. Then, finally, have come to rest besides some glacial lake or stream—and just fished. That's my hobby!

"I am proud of the fact that I have had at least a small part in teaching the first team at Oklahoma University the fundamentals of football. Somehow, I feel that I have had just a little part in the early history of Oklahoma. And my dear friends, should I be proud of this great commonwealth which you have helped to build. I am certain there is no comparable area on the face of the earth that has made such progress in agriculture, commerce, in-

President Lonnie Vanderveer of the O. U. Charter Alumni Club of Los Angeles, California, presents to the grand old man of O. U. football—Jack Harts—the O. U. athletic blanket as a recognition of his services performed for the University as the first O. U. football coach (1895). The presentation was made at an O. U. Alumni banquet, Los Angeles. In the picture are (reading from left to right) Gay S. Harts (brother of Jack Harts), Jack Harts, Lonnie Vanderveer and (seated) Mrs. Lonnie Vanderveer.
goal line was never crossed. Our team weighed 220 pounds—and played left guard. That year our
manship. He wasn’t quite so large—only 215 pounds. You can imagine how a team soon appeared
money in the Athletic Department to take
of all our needs. Little did they realize how
also stressed the fact that, though football has
for him if he is still living!
about the conditions of our Athletic Council
time to change suits. Nobody on the team had ever seen a foot-
200-pound boy was injured and a 140-pounder had to use his suit, or vice versa. Our umpire was
very kind and always gave us time to change
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long trip to the O. U. Alumni Club, Los Angeles, for special presentation to Coach Harts.
that bunch of sissies would never grow that kind.
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New O. U. Alumni Club, Choctaw County
Assembling in Hugo on February 11, the O. U. alumni of Choctaw County organized and petitioned the executive board of the Alumni Association for their permanent club charter.
Officers elected were: O. A. “Dutch” Brewer, ‘17ba, ‘20law, president; John A. Bryan, ‘11ba, vice president, and Miss Fannie Glenn, ‘20ba, ‘29ma, secretary-treasurer.
A special news release from Hugo immediately following this county-wide meeting stated: “Di-
recting attention to high school boys who look to
as the years roll by it may give
peace be with you all.”

Athletic Business Manager Bill Cross in his office at the Field House on the O. U. campus packs the blanket awarded to Jack Harts, first football coach of the University of Oklahoma, and starts it on the long trip to the O. U. Alumni Club, Los Angeles, for special presentation to Coach Harts.

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long trip to the O. U. Alumni Club, Los Angeles, for special presentation to Coach Harts.
President of Altus Alumni Named

Clifford Peterson, ’36, Altus, was named president of the Altus chapter of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association at a recent reorganization meeting.

Dr. James Emsy, ’28bs, ’28med, Altus, was acting chairman at the meeting. Other officers named were Ross Rutherford, ’23law, Altus, vice-president, and Janita Bicknell, ’45journ, Altus, secretary-treasurer.

New Film Reader in Library

A new Recordak Library Film reader, Model C, has been set up in the library, Miss Opal Carr, ’33lib.sci, reference assistant, announced.

A universal type reviewer for use with 35mm, or 16mm, safety film records, the machine is equipped with a special blue lens for reading in the light. The blue lens makes reading easier and is a great improvement over the old reading machine in the library. This type also uses newspaper film.

For use in the film reader, the library has a collection of 300 reels of books printed in England before 1600. These films are kept in files chemically treated to regulate the temperature.

Former Sooners Helped AP Cover World War II

Four of the ten Oklahomans listed among the 175 Associated Press World War II correspondents are University alumni.

Sooner correspondents were Austin Bealmear, ’30-36, Blackwell; Howard S. Cowan, ’31-32, Shawnee; Glenn A. Williams, ’34-37, Enid, and Tom Yarbrough, ’28-32, Ardmore.

Calling the Roll

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just returned from service in the European theater of operations and was stationed at Enid Army Air Field, Enid.

BUTTS-LANDERS: Shirley Hope Butts, ’45, Oakwood, and Boyd Landers, ’45, Lycan, Colorado, were married January 12 at Dodge City, Kansas.

The couple planned to make their home in Norman, where Mr. Landers will continue his work at the University.

John M. Hoffman, sophomore in the University School of Engineering, Maud, has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

BURNHAM-MACKEY: Maria Antonette Burnham, ’45bs, Oklahoma City, and Lt. Harold R. Mackey, ’46, Denver, Colorado, were married January 13 in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Mackey will complete her internship as a dietician at St. Mary’s Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, this year. Lieutenant Mackey reported to Parris Island, South Carolina, for reassignment with the Marine Corps.

Ruth Ann Hill, ’42-43, former advertising saleswoman on the Altus Times-Democrat, has resigned to join the advertising staff of the Bartlesville Enterprise and Examiner. She is completing work on her bachelor of arts degree by correspondence.

CAWTHON-BAKER: Virginia Lee Cawthon, ’44-45, Seminole, and Robert Allen Baker, aviation radio mechanic third class, Seminole, were married recently in Seminole. Mrs. Baker is a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

WILMUTH-HOWARD: Miss Mary Elizabeth Wilmuth, ’45bs, Norman, and Pfc. Thomas D. Howard, ’40-43, Norman, were married October 27 in Norman. The couple planned to make their home in Oklahoma City, where Mr. Howard is a student in the University of Oklahoma Medical School.

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Creighton Sims, boatswain’s mate second class, ’46, a member of the University naval training ship’s company, has received the Presidential Unit Citation. The citation was awarded for duty in destroyer squadron 23 during the period from November, 1943, to February, 1944. This squadron, known as the “Little Beaver” squadron, penetrated submarine infested waters when Japanese air power was at its greatest.

MAHAN-BASTON: The marriage of Kathleen Lillian Mahan, Tulsa, and Ralph Lester Baston, ’46, Tulsa was an event of December. Mr. Baston has received his discharge from the Army after serving ten months overseas. The couple planned to make their home in Norman.
Reconvertin' an O.U. GI

**Sooner Magazine** presents the reconversion process, by way of example of Lui J. Antonelli, of Oklahoma City. In the span of a lifetime for GI activity, Mr. Antonelli is typical of some 2,500 former service men of World War II who have gone through the "process of evolution" from a young university kid who came from a typical community of Oklahoma through the struggle of World War II battles, then back to Sooner participation pointing toward a professional degree.

It was late in 1938 when young Lui first appeared on the campus as a freshman student from Wilburton. In a few hours, he was through the red tape of enrollment at his home high school of Wilburton. In a few days, he was teaching at a high school in Charleston, Illinois. Mr. Antonelli's biography will especially interest the outstanding figure in the historical span of American regulation of public utilities. Mr. Walker's conviction that given a reasonable degree of honest and able administration—the American concept of public utility regulation can and has worked effectively. But Mr. Walker, who since the death of the late lamented Joseph B. Eastman is probably the dean of commission regulation (as far as the public utility—distinguished from the railroad—field is concerned), honestly believes that regulation must be continually progressive—continually changing to meet the constantly shifting requirements of changing technology, and the changing political-economic background against which the modern public utility service must function. He is particularly keen to achieve practical and understanding working cooperation between state and federal commissions.

**Statistics Lab Set Up New Accounting System**

A new system of accounting is being set up in the statistical service laboratory. Two punch card accounting machines are being installed in the laboratory. Four additional machines will be delivered within a few weeks, and when they are installed the new punch card accounting system will be put in effect, John Chaney, 1'Hs, director, statistical service laboratory, stated. A course in operating this machine has been taught at the University in the past, but the machines have never been used in keeping records pertaining to the University.

**Flying Professor**

Dr. S. E. Thorsten Lund, who recently joined the education faculty at the University, is no mere roving chair flier. Holder of two types of pilot's licenses, he has taught classes in aeronautics. Dr. Lund, who came to Norman from the University of Tennessee, holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin. As a specialist in secondary education, he will teach classes at the University and direct special studies in school systems of Oklahoma.