By Harold Keith

Heat flashes from the Sooner sports front. ... Two University players, Jack Jacobs and Roger Eason, have received bids from Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, to play with the College All-Stars against the Chicago Bears late in August. Neither Sooner led the national balloting for his position but both rank high with the coaches chosen to handle the Collegiate All-Stars.

One hears all sorts of weird stories about the Tribune’s nationally-publicized poll... since the game is played in Chicago, naturally most of the ballots come from the Great Lakes district, indicating a heavy vote for Big Ten area players... not very discerning football critics, the fans usually elect to starting positions on the college eleven three or four tailbacks.

A few years ago, four tailbacks were elected and actually started the game, but three of them were hurriedly withdrawn by the nervous coaches after the opening kickoff so a blocking back, wingback and spinner back could be inserted... another time one of the starting college backs trotted out on the field for the first play with a broken arm in a sling... luckily the opening kickoff wasn’t booted his way and he trotted back to the bench without raising a sweat.

Backers of another Big Ten candidate employed a novel means to elect him... Borrowing a Chicago telephone directory, they cast a ballot for their man for every subscriber in the phone book... needless to say, their candidate won by several thousand votes.

Missouri’s defending Big Six champs and 1942 Sugar Bowl participants who lost to Fordham 0 to 2 in the rain, play more football games this fall than any other Big Six team, 12... Coach Don Fauror’s Tigers meet three service teams, Fort Riley at St. Joseph, Mo., Great Lakes at St. Louis and Bernie Bierman’s Iowa Cadets at Iowa City.

The Sooner 11-game schedule is heavy enough... "Jap made the schedule, then read it, then joined the Navy," Coach Dewey “Snorter” Luster maintains and he may have something at that... Although Oklahoma rates a shade behind Nebraska and Missouri this year, the Sooners have the advantage of playing both the Cornhuskers and Tigers at Norman this fall... Oklahoma has been poison for Fauror’s Missouri teams at Norman... the Tigers haven’t scored on the Sooners at Owen field since 1936.

Bill Jensen of Perry, Sooner sophomore end who is a relative by marriage to former Governor Henry S. Johnston, is credited with writing the shortest missive to Sooner coaches this summer... "Getting along fine. Scenic country. Wide open spaces. High prices. Yours, Bill," Jensen recently penned on a postal from Rapid City, South Dakota, where he was working on an oil well.

Track Coach John Jacobs has lost nearly all his fleet Sooner runners from last year... Bill Lyda, national collegiate 880-yard champ and two Big Six kings, Orville Mathews and Dick Smethers, have served schedule before they built the big stadium at South Bend. Here it is:

Sept. 26 Okla. Aggies at Stillwater.
Oct. 3 Tulsa at Tulsa.
Oct. 10 Texas at Dallas.
Oct. 17 Kansas at Lawrence.

Coach Luster’s travelers don’t show at Norman until October 24 when the Nebraska Cornhuskers invade... Both the Aggies, who get the Sooners on their home field for the first time in four years, and Tulsa, last year’s Sun Bowl champs...