UNHAPPY WARFARE

Dr. W. W. Phelan, for years dean of the University of Oklahoma school of education, and more recently president of Oklahoma Baptist university at Shawnee, will terminate his services with the Baptist school in May, 1930, according to conflicting stories that have appeared in state newspapers.

It was originally announced October 4 that Doctor Phelan had been ousted and Earl Oliver of Ponca City, chairman of the Shanee trustees, was quoted at Tulsa as confirming the report. That afternoon Chairman Oliver was quoted as saying that the report was in error and a disgrace to the newspapers that had published it. The next day newspapers confirmed the story of the dismissal.

In the meantime, President Phelan remained in seclusion. Efforts to reach him on the part of reporters were futile. The removal will terminate a period of rather acrimonious battle for O. B. U.

The school was afflicted with the questionnaire virus early in the year, resulting in the dismissal of the faculty members responsible. Baptist publications, turning their fundamental eyes towards O. B. U., insist on more Christian education work.

SEMI?

Intercollegiate football comes in for the scrutiny of W. O. McGeohan in the October number of Vanity Fair. Under the heading "Semi-Professional" Mr. McGeohan discusses the problem of modern coaching methods and of amateur teams and concludes that when all is said and done, our modern football teams are professionally directed, even though the players are amateurs.

"One of the chief arguments in favor of the maintenance of this sport," he writes, "is that it instills initiative into the players and trains them to quick thinking in emergency. It should, but the initiative in football is being taken away from the players by the coaches."

Mr. McGeohan then describes the procedure at some colleges where teams are no longer permitted to elect their captains, the field leaders being chosen by the coaches. He continues:

Of course, the coaches, who have insisted on appointing captains of their own choice for their football teams will supply all sorts of arguments to show that it is logical and necessary. For instance there have been occasions when a player elected captain of the football team did not have the qualifications to make the team in the opinion of the coach and it is quite evident that the opinion of the coach is final. The coach started as a drill master. Today he is the commander-in-chief of football for whatever college employs him.

Intercollegiate football has become a big business and a serious business. The annual returns from a number of the colleges indicate that the proceeds from football support all of the other sports in the college. Few colleges have athletic funds. They must get them out of gate receipts and football is the only sport that produces certain profit. That is, of course, if the football teams are of the first order.

It is a bit far fetched to insist that intercollegiate football develops initiative when all of the initiative comes from the professional coach. The brain is professional, the brawn is amateur.

UNAPPRECIATED CHANCE

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William Howard Taft, former president and now chief justice of the United States supreme court, made some interesting observations about modern college education in a interview granted Frazier Hunt in the November Cosmopolitan magazine.

"They (the modern students) do not seem to appreciate at all the great chance for education that is given them, but instead are carried away by the lure of college athletics and other activities," Mr. Taft declared, referring to an address he had made last summer to the Psi Upsilon association. He continues:

"The more I think about it, the more I am convinced that there is something radically and fundamentally wrong with our whole college system today. The emphasis in college life is wrong. Scholarship has been pushed aside and dwarfed by a super-importance that has been given to athletics.*

My deep concern is the danger that in the student's mind a college education no longer means scholarship. In his conception it means success and attainment in other things, mainly athletics and the social side of student life.

Everyone sincerely interested in educational problems and the future of our country feels deeply this overemphasis of athletics, and all are agreed that this condition constitutes a menace to our whole American educational system.

Athletics have assumed a tremendous business importance . . . There is a definite professional side to all this that is not in keeping with educational ideals and purposes. The stadium overshadows the classroom—athletics have a dollar sign in front of them.

College alumni are by no means free from their share of the blame that is attached to this condition. The Old Grad wants a winning football team, and his overemphasis of the importance of athletics, makes a willing disciple of the undergraduate.

*Not entirely. See extracts from President Bizzell's annual address published in the October number of The Sooner Magazine. President Hopkins of Darmouth also voiced a plea similar to President Bizzell's for more leisure time, for more emphasis on the intellectual side of college life. Presidents Bizzell and Hopkins have sounded an interesting challenge to modern colleges. A change is coming—and Oklahoma is among the leaders in the return to normalcy.

Homecoming to attract largest crowd November 8-9

By Jack Fischer, '31

HOW to enthrall the largest Homecoming crowd that ever invaded Norman was no small problem for Frank Clecker, secretary of the University of Oklahoma Association. Students and Oklahoma City alumni joined with the athletic association in helping him solve it, completed plans for two busy days for the 10,000 homecoming Sooners expected to swarm the campus November 8 and 9.

Luncheons, banquets, and the annual pep jamboree in Oklahoma City Friday, a reception, pep rally, and for climax the Kansas-Oklahoma game in Norman Saturday will be highlights of the program.

Twenty-five thousand people from all parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas are expected to attend the game. The largest crowd ever ushered into the university stadium was 20,000, to witness the Nebraska-Oklahoma 44 to 0 debacle last Homecoming. This year Athletic Director Ben G. Owen predicts a better game, no debacle.

Throb of tom-toms in the annual Indian club ceremonial, tunes from the red-and-white clad Sooner band, bonfires lighted by freshmen will add color to the day's festivities. There may be no Homecoming parade this year. After a night-long ritual in the ceremonial teepee pitched in front of the library, Indian students will crown their queen and hold a procession of their own.

Parading in a giant snake dance between halves of the game, graduates and former students will unite once more in class organizations. Among the marchers will be thirteen of the seventeen members of Bennie Owen's first grid squad, the team of 1905, including Jim Monnette, '06 phr., Bill Cross, '09 arts-sc., and Key Wolf, '10 arts-sc., who captained Sooner teams in the three following years. Attendance of Byron McCready, 1905 captain, and teammates Bob Severin, Harry Hughes, Frank Long, and Clarence Storm is yet uncertain. Other players, Owen Action, George Truesdale, Claude Pickard, Harry Price, Roy Waggoner, Tom Mathews, Leonard Runbeck, Clarence Reed, and Floyd Swank are expected to be present.
Housing of the 25,000 visitors will present little difficulty, according to Secretary Cleckler. Fraternities will open their doors to Homecoming members while pledges will spend the night on bath-mats, and breakfast tables. Homes, and hotel facilities will be ample.

Two new buildings, one housing the University Press, the other, the most complete petroleum engineering laboratory in America, will be the chief changes in the campus landscape since last Homecoming. The University Press, publisher of magazines, pamphlets, and soon to produce the first full-size books ever printed at the university, shares its building with the school of journalism and the Oklahoma Daily, student newspaper. With 9,600 feet of floor space, the new laboratory will relieve crowded conditions in the petroleum engineering department. The two buildings were the sole items allowed by the legislature on the university's requested $1,500,000 building budget.

Sooners absent for two years or more will find a new Oklahoma Union building and magnificent library nearing completion. Equipped with offices for all student organizations, a ball room, billiard parlor, cafeteria, and lounging and club rooms, the Union serves as a center for student life. The new library, located directly south of the administration building, may some day form the nucleus of student life. The open air theater seating 2,000 people is under construction between it and the administration building. Architects' plans call for a connecting unit some day to be built between the two buildings. The open air theater, seating 32,000, will be reserved long before opening, the Jayhawks, in Oklahoma Memorial stadium, seating 32,000.

Sooners absent for two years or more may buy their tickets at the gate. It has announced the calendar that fol- lowing president last year, is responsible for the Homecoming executive committee in the alumni office at the Union building.

Ithaca, New York, November 9:
8 a.m.—Crowning of the Indian queen on the lawn before the library.
10:30 a.m.—Meeting of the Homecoming executive committee in the alumni office at the Union building.
12 noon—Luncheon for members of the executive committee in the Union cafeteria.
2:30 p.m.—Oklahoma versus Kansas, in the fifth Homecoming game with the Jayhawks, in Oklahoma Memorial stadium, seating 32,000.
3:30 p.m.—Snake dance between halves for all former Sooners. The column will be formed by classes on the west side of the field, with each class gathering under its own banner.
5:30 p.m.—Reception for graduates and former students.
8 p.m.—Student council Homecoming dance in the Union ballroom.

Other information on the two day program:
Ticket sale—Tickets may be reserved by writing William J. Cross, care of the university. They will cost $2.50 each. The three center sections on the east wing of the stadium will be reserved for students but all other seats will be open to visitors.

Highways—Norman is on United States highway No. 77, paved or graveled except for one mile between Dallas and Denton. It is connected with Tulsa by paved highway except for fifteen miles east of Guthrie. Highway No. 66 is improved but unpaved to the Texas Panhandle. All but twenty-seven miles are paved between Norman and Tulsa. Ponca City has only four miles unpaved highway to Norman.

Traffic regulations—Traffic will be routed to the stadium along Classen boulevard and away along Asp avenue, both one-way streets on the day of the game. Police supervised auto parks will be operated east of the stadium.

Since the first Homecoming celebration in 1919, Oklahoma has won five of the ten games, lost three, and tied two.

The scores were as follows:
1921. Oklahoma 24, Kansas 7.
1922. Oklahoma 18, Missouri 14.
1921. Oklahoma 24, Kansas 7.
1919. Oklahoma 0, Kansas 0.

OKLAHOMA 26, CREIGHTON 0

Oklahoma easily won its first intercollegiate contest of the 1929 season at Owen field by defeating Creighton of Omaha 26 to 0. The game justified hopes of Sooner fans that Ad Lindsey was going to give Big Six teams a real race for the title. The Sooners functioned in a fashion sweet to behold—a heavy line that was agile, a team that knew how to break up forward passes, a shrewd as well as brawny team.

Oklahoma gained 325 yards in the scrimmage and lost but twenty, while Creighton won only twenty-seven yards and lost seventeen. Oklahoma made thirteen first downs to Creighton's one. Creighton, on the other hand, punted with considerable success, twelve times for 431 yards while Oklahoma punted six times for 214 yards. The agile Warren for Oklahoma made two touchdowns, Captain Crider one, and Kirk, subbing for Mills, made one.

Lindsey's heavyweights played in beautiful fashion. Creighton was much lighter and was at a distinct disadvantage during the game. The Missouri Valley team's light weight kept it from making a first down until the final quarter.

Seen in the starting line-up for Oklahoma were: Taylor le; J. Lee lt; Gentry lg; Fields c; Stanley rg; Berry rt; Churchill re; Mayhew qb; Flinn lb; Mills rh; Crider fb.

Score by quarters
Oklahoma 7 0 12 7—26
Creighton 0 0 0 0—0

SOONERS 42, BOOMERS 7

On October 5 at Owen field the Sooners made life miserable for the Boomers (freshmen), winning readily 42 to 7. Captain Crider, playing in the last quarter only, made three touchdowns. Lindsey used reserves mainly in the battle with the freshmen. The first half was rather doggedly fought, ending in a 7 to 7 draw.

Several stars shone in the Sooner firmament and promised to lend lustre to the Sooner name during the season. Mills and Crider were very much in evidence, while Guy Warren warmed the type-writers of the sports writers by his brilliant play and his 40-yard run for a touchdown in the second quarter.

This is no year for opposition to take to the air. Air-minded teams in the Big Six had better change tactics in playing Oklahoma. Sooner basketeers from last year are too clever at breaking up forward passes.