

Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

Summing up University sports activity since the last issue of the magazine, the new football coach hasn't yet been hired and the basketball team is eagerly looking forward to the acquisition of its first experienced war vet, rangy Dick Reich, the Oklahoma City lad who plays with his mouth open.

President George Cross' recent statement to the press that the University Board of Regents, who for the past ten years has controlled the appointment of the school's football coach, had "given no instructions nor offered any suggestions" in the matter of choosing a successor to Dewey "Snorter" Luster, who resigned recently because of poor health, was the only new development as the magazine went to press.

The president explained that while the regents would decide which of two candidates submitted to them would get the job, the responsible task of reducing the considerable field of applicants down to the final round of two would fall to himself, to Athletic Director Lawrence "Jap" Haskell and to a three-man screening committee from the athletic council, Walter Kraft, Dr. L. N. Morgan and Neil Johnson.

Reich, a marine lieutenant who was wounded at Iwo Jima, and who in his last game as a junior in 1943 scored 17 points against Wyoming's national collegiate champions in an NCAA playoff game at Kansas City, will resuscitate Coach Bruce Drake's team soon as he gets in condition. That will take time. A willowy 185-pounder here three years ago, Reich now scales 215 and is corpulent as an alderman.

Here is the Sooner basketball record to date:

- Oklahoma 40, Will Rogers Field 41.
- Oklahoma 52, Southern Methodist 45.
- Oklahoma 43, Will Rogers Field 34.
- Oklahoma 46, Bradley Tech 31.
- Oklahoma 35, City College of New York 43.
- Oklahoma 33, Kentucky 43.
- Oklahoma 44, Texas Christian 30.
- Oklahoma 42, Baylor 43.
- Oklahoma 46, Kansas 52.

All were non-conference games, the last three being played in the All-College tournament at Oklahoma City's Municipal Auditorium during the holidays.

Feature of Oklahoma's season to date has been the rebounding and scoring of Paul Courty, 6-foot 3-inch freshman from Windsor, Missouri who played some as a sub last year for the Norman Navy Skyjackets, the guarding of Jack Landon, all-Big Six guard of last year, and the well-nigh flawless play of Lloyd "Shuff" Krone, navy trainee from Chanute, Kansas who played last year for Washburn College of Topeka, Kansas.

Landon is the latest of a long line of man-stoppers developed by Coach Drake (the others were Marvin Snodgrass, the "Human Handcuff," Bob "Manacles" McCurdy, and Allie Paine). At Lexington, Kentucky he blanked Jack Tingle, Kentucky's all-Southeastern conference forward, and in the All-College he held Jackie Hendricks of TCU, Jack Robinson of Baylor and Otto Schnellbacher of Kansas to a total of three field goals while scoring 22 points himself.

Lawrence "Jap" Haskell, Sooner athletic director on leave, has been discharged and is back at his desk in the Sooner Fieldhouse. Jack Baer, baseball coach, is expected January 15 and will start baseball practice. The Sooner baseballers will make their usual Texas trip in March then play a full Big Six Conference championship schedule besides the usual home-and-home series with the Oklahoma Aggies.

John Jacobs' Sooner tracksters, with five war vets training (Jon Sharp, Lonnie Chapman, Gerald McLemore, Johnny Phillips and Joe Bailey) and more expected, likely will engage in three indoor dual meets in January and February against Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri before going to the 18th annual Big Six Indoor meet March 2 at Kansas City.



Chevrons were really chevrons during the Spanish-American War. The ones Betty Jennings, Norman, junior in the School of Pharmacy, is trying on are man-sized and green, with a maltese cross. They were worn by a pharmacist in the U. S. Army Hospital Corps, and are from the military pharmacy museum currently being assembled by Professor Ralph Bienfang, School of Pharmacy, O. U. Do you have anything to add to this museum?

Keith and Confederacy Stage Comeback; Win Crosscountry

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Harold Keith, '29ba, '39ma, 42-year-old sports publicity director at the University recently injected new life into the dying cause of the Confederacy by winning the crosscountry run at Owen Field.

The victory was a surprise both to the die-hard rebels and Keith, who has strained his tired legs for the last 15 years trying to keep up with the youngsters.

He took the lead a half mile from home and although followed closely by John Canaris and Mel Hendry, University of Oklahoma runners, Keith sprinted the last 220 yards to win by a 15-yard margin. The run of slightly more than three miles was the first annual Oklahoma A.A.U. crosscountry.

As a "rib" for his old coach, Sooner Track Mentor John Jacobs, who has kidded him the last 15 years for trying to stay up with the youngsters, Keith wore to victory in the race a bright red and gray jersey on the front of which was inscribed the words "Confederate Home, Ardmore, Oklahoma," and on the back of which was sewn a Confederate flag.

Keith's victory apparently was the culmination of a secret 15-year training grind which he started a few years after graduation from O. U. where he was a crack distance runner.

The sports publicist has run a mile or more almost daily for the past 15 years, explaining that he was running only for exercise and his own amusement.

It was revealed that Keith was pointing for a big crosscountry race to prove that life definitely begins after 40.

He proved it by strategy that would have done credit to that great Confederate leader, Stonewall Jackson, or the old master himself, General Robert E. Lee.

Carefully husbanding his strength the Confederate home veteran coasted along in the backwash of the pack for most of the race, then spurted into the lead and grimly retained his advantage with all the speed the rebels showed against the federals in the first battle of Bull Run.

The next seven men across the finish line were Canaris, Sooners; Hendry, Sooners; Frank "Shoeless Joe" Coffin, Tinker Field; Kelly Franklin, unattached, Norman, Oklahoma; Russell Lyday, Sooners; and Lieutenant Morton Schwartz of Will Rogers Field who formerly ran for City College of New York.

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Team scores, high score winning, were University of Oklahoma 25, Confederate Home, Ardmore, Oklahoma 9, Tinker Field 5 and Will Rogers Field 4.

Coffin, the barefoot runner from Tinker Field who formerly ran for Syracuse University's cross-country teams, led the runners out of the Sooner stadium but soon gave up the lead to Hendry who stayed from 10 to 20 yards ahead for the next two and one-half miles until Keith and Canaris caught him just before the last dash for the finish line.

Keith's last collegiate competition was 17 years ago, in 1928, when competing for the Sooners he was an upset winner of the Penn Relays 3,000 meters steeplechase in the rain at Franklin Field, Philadelphia. He also copped the Missouri Valley Conference indoor mile and two-mile championships the same night at Des Moines, Iowa, that year.

John Jacobs, Sooner track mentor, was so flabbergasted by Keith's upset victory that he knocked off for the afternoon and went quail hunting.

Returning from the hunt at dark he said the sports scribe "looked pretty good out there. I'm going to try and get him back in school, I need runners."

Jacobs also divulged that Keith's mother "came down to see him run. She was running around out there like a young filly."

"We had to put splints on his legs so he could get home after the race," Jacobs said in discussing the condition of the Rebel's underpinnings after the three-mile struggle.

"Keith must be 40 years old," Jacobs added. Told the runner in gray was 42, Jacobs ejaculated:

"Cripes, I think I'll try running again. I've been satisfied to run Clyde Littlefield of Texas in the newspapers, but maybe I actually could run on a track," the Sooner cinder expert mused.

Religious Activity Week Scheduled for February 24

Religious Emphasis Week for the University will be held this year during the week beginning Sunday, February 24 and ending March 1, Ted Ledeen, secretary of the Y.M.C.A. has announced.

Levora Williams, vice president of the Inter-religious Council, is general chairman. Plans are well underway for activities of the week, Mr. Ledeen said.

The purpose of Religious Emphasis Week is to foster and encourage religious activities on the campus throughout the year.

Phillips Moulten, national Religious Emphasis Week official, has conferred with the Inter-religious Council, the "Y" Cabinet, and the Ministerial Alliance concerning speakers and arrangements. Tentative plans include six outstanding out-of-state speakers.

New Faces in Law Barn

Dr. Olin L. Browder, Jr., and Dr. E. D. Phelps have been appointed to positions on the faculty of the School of Law and began service the second semester.

Dr. Browder practiced law in Chicago during 1938-39, and since that time has been an instructor in the University of Alabama, University of Tennessee, and was attorney for the Tennessee Valley Authority. In 1943 he became a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, from which position he came to the University faculty.

Dr. Phelps taught law at the University of Illinois and the University of South Dakota before joining the faculty of the Western Reserve University Law School, Cleveland, Ohio. He was practicing law in Cleveland at the time of his appointment to the University faculty.

67 Poems Accepted

Sixty-seven poems by Dr. Gustav Mueller, chairman of the department of philosophy at the University of Oklahoma, have been accepted for publication by the A. Francke Company in Bern, Switzerland. The new volume, *Absents* meaning "aside," is scheduled to appear early in 1946.

Dr. Williard Z. Park, professor of anthropology on leave of absence, will direct a United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration mission of specialists in health, welfare, sanitation, medicine, agriculture and industry, which will go to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

► Cpl. Erich Elchholz has been employed as a new special instructor in modern languages. His home is in Madison, Wisconsin, and he has been with the Army Airway communications system for the past two years.

► An article on "Why Highschool Graduates Could Profit by Studying Pharmacy" by Dr. Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy, will appear in the December issue of *Southland Drug Magazine*.

► Dr. W. B. Ragan, '22ba, '28ma, associate professor of education, is the instructor in the in-service teacher training program being conducted in Shawnee for Pottawatomie county.

► Dr. Paul Eldridge, '19ba, associate professor of English on leave of absence, has resigned to accept a position at the University of Nevada. At the University he will hold an associate professorship.

► Col. Lawrence H. Caruthers, former instructor in the R.O.T.C. unit, was among the first American soldiers to enter Japan.

► Dr. Roy T. House, professor of modern languages and editor of *Books Abroad*, has been elected to membership in the Association de Escritores y Artistas Americanos, as well as to membership on the staff of the Association's official monthly magazine, *America*.

► Henry L. Kamphoefner, professor of architecture, served as a member of the jury of award for the Beaux Arts Institute of Design in New York recently. He helped to judge the student design problems from the various schools of architecture in America which are affiliated with the institute.

► Dr. E. Thayer Curry has resumed his duties as assistant professor of speech after a three and one-half years' leave of absence during which he was in the Navy. Dr. Curry will be promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander at the end of his terminal leave.

O. U. Prexy's Administrative Staff

With the return last month of Dr. Royden J. Dangerfield, former dean of the Graduate College, from his duties with the U. S. Navy as Lt. Commander and from his duties as member of the State Department—a "top flight" administrative staff under the George L. Cross administration is practically completed. Dr. Dangerfield fills the position of administrative assistant to the president of the University of Oklahoma.

When Dr. George L. Cross was appointed by the Board of Regents to the permanent presidency, he announced to the press that in setting up his administrative staff, he would make appointments under four principal divisions to assist him in carrying forward the administrative details of the University proper.

Early in June, 1944, Dr. Glenn C. Couch was named director of student affairs and later dean of the University College. At the same time Roscoe Cate, who was then the acting manager of the Oklahoma Memorial Union and acting executive secretary of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, was named by President Cross and the Regents as assistant to the president in charge of finance.

At the present time, three of the "assistants to the president" positions have been filled. No recent announcements have been made as to the possibility of the appointment of an assistant to the president in charge of public relations. It is known, however, that in the early months of the new administration, serious consideration was given by the Regents and President Cross to the possibility of establishing an administration position in public relations and to add a new staff member to the president's office to carry forward this important field of work.

For years the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association has advocated enlargement of the staff of the president's office on the grounds that the president in the past has had to handle entirely too many details of administrative problems.



Reading from left to right, are Roscoe Cate, assistant to the president in charge of finance; Dr. Roy Dangerfield, administrative assistant to the president, and Dr. Glenn C. Couch, dean of the University College and director of student affairs.