The Sooner caught a glimpse of things to come when its staff saluted Dorothy Young (Sooner Salute, April, 1952) and Bill Spohrer (Sooner Salute, October, 1952). Both students' accomplishments have borne out the magazine's selection and have earned them a return salute.

Dorothy and Bill were selected to receive the Dad's Day trophies presented annually by the Dads' Association to "The Most Outstanding Senior Woman" and "The Most Outstanding Senior Man." The two seniors have made a habit of earning honors and have copped more than space will permit to review.

Last June, Dorothy took first honors in the National American Guild of Organists contest held in San Francisco. The year before the talented Oklahoma City Miss took first place in the National Federation of Music Clubs' Lone Star District contest and placed first in the American Guild of Organists regional competition.

A senior in the School of Music, "Dottie" is a pupil of Mildred Andrews, '37fa, associate professor of organ at the University. With a show of versatility, Dottie's compositions for modern dance won recognition in Mu Phi Epsilon national contest last year, and three modern dances for which she composed the music were performed by Orchestra dance club as a part of the annual Christmas program last December. She performs equally well on both sides of the spotlight. She danced the title role in "The Juggler" on the same Christmas program. She wrote a different score for The Juggler's performance this year. And as for scholastic record, Dottie was selected for Mortar Board this fall.

Bill, a senior journalism student from the physical strain for players and emotional strain for fans of the football sport is over for another season at O.U. During the 1952 season O.U. partisans watched their team average more than 40 points per game, lose to Notre Dame, produce four all-Americans, gain a 4th place national ranking, win the Big Seven title, etc.

More Americans of every region watched O.U. play this season than ever before. The national spotlight focused sharply on the televised O.U.-Notre Dame game and large stadium crowds, wherever the Sooners played, provided the record.

Many sportswriters believe the 1952 team to be the best offensive team ever assembled in football and point to the average score per game for their justification.

Until halfback Buddy Leake was injured in the Kansas game, the sports followers were talking about the backfield unit of Billy Vessels, Buck McPhail, Eddie Crowder and Leake as another "Four Horsemen" unit.

The individual honors were numerous and are described elsewhere in this publication. But O.U.'s team play caught the nation's fancy and held it for 10 fall Saturdays. The season's record was 8 won, 1 lost and 1 tied.

It was a great year for Oklahoma's football team and its fans. The Sooner's sporting blood demands a smart Salute for the team and its coaches.

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