

### Homecoming of Grads at Other Colleges Cited

### Funeral Procession at Northwestern Buries "Purple Jinx"

Mobs of people, shouting, shrieking, automobiles, signs of welcome—Homecoming.

Although Homecoming at every University is practically the same, parades, decorations and smokers, each college has its own way of welcoming its alumni and showing them that they are still an important part of the university.

At Northwestern university, the celebration starts on the eve of the big game, a funeral procession leads the way to the burying of the old "Purple Jinx," thereby supplicating the gods of victory for the big end of the score in the Homecoming game.

The funeral bonfire rises in the air as the freshman pallbearers lower the casket into the grave. On the morning of the game, a parade made up of floats decorated by different fraternal organizations winds through the streets of Evanston and the old grads are entertained by athletic meets and teas, according to their various tastes.

During the morning the dormitories and the houses, which have been decorated by students, are judged. Then in the afternoon, the great game, which serves to bind very closely the alumni and the students, is played. Between halves the students entertain with novelty acts.

After the game the seniors and alumni meet at a smoker and a large all-college dance.

This is the plan which has been adopted by almost all of the universities, which have a Homecoming for their former graduates, with each school having also one or two practices which have been established there by custom.

The feature which distinguishes the University of Idaho Homecoming from that of other institutions is the "Ruff Neck" parade. Homecoming eve the girls, in rough-neck costume, parade through the different men's houses singing as they go the Idaho chant. At the houses each girl is given a souvenir.

At the termination, the men's pajama parade meets the "ruff-neck" line. The freshmen build a bonfire, which is set afire after the parade. After the usual round of house-decoration judging and the football game, the "I" club gives its annual dance, which is always the first formal ball of the year.

Wild men, armoured knights, snake charmers, clowns and decorated floats form the parade at the University of Minnesota. Homecoming eve, in place of a bonfire, the alumni, with the aid of bomb shells which are set off, are called from a banquet in their honor, to a barbecue and a "pep fest." Aside from these features, the same customs prevail—a game, a dance and house-decoration and judging.

Collegiate hobos and co-ed hobos are the feature of the University of Minnesota street "brawl." There sorority and fraternity open-house is the only factor differentiating one homecoming from the last or from the next, but still the alumni return 5,000 strong to see that big game or old Bill "who they haven't seen for ten years."

The purposes of Homecoming is not to display startling originality found in the ideas of new students and introduce new customs but to revive in the memory of the grads their college days by rehearsing the old customs which have long prevailed in his alma mater.

### Warren D. Smith Made Member of National Research Committee

Dr. W. D. Smith, head of the geological department of the University of Oregon, has received word from the National Research Council of Washington, D. C., that he has been appointed as one of the members to serve on a committee on "Features and Changes of the Shoreline of the Pacific Coast." The chairman of this committee is Professor J. P. Buwalda, Ph.D., of the California Institute of Technol-

ogy, who spoke Thursday morning on "Certain Events in the Interesting Geological History of Oregon and Their Consequences." Other members are Eliot Blackwelder, Andrew C. Lawson, T. Wayland Vaughn, Frederick P. Vickery, C. E. Weaver and Bailey Wallis.

The committee for the Pacific coast was formed when they found how successful had been the Division of Geology and Geography for the Atlantic coast. It has the indorsement of the executive committee of the division, and of the interim committee of the entire council. They will discuss "the present status of investigation of Pacific coast phenomena, problems requiring attention, and their relations to other work accomplished or in means of getting well-qualified men, interested as well as competent, to take up one line or another of investigation, preferably in accordance with the general comprehensive plan that the committee may work out."

### Biology Department Adopts Shorter Hours

A new system of three-hour laboratory periods once a week instead of two two-hour periods as it was last year is being used in the biology department this year. According to both Miss Vera G. Mather, who has charge of the elementary zoology laboratories, and Dr. R. A. Moore, head of the department of zoology, the change has many advantages, especially when live material is to be observed and it is difficult to keep the specimens over from one period to the other. Also, it is believed that more work or at least as much can be accomplished in the three hours as in the four, less the time that is utilized in preparation both times.

Miss Mather fills the position left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. H. B. Yocom, instructor in zoology last year.

### Walter Church Designs Bookplate Embodying Leach Coat of Arms

A bookplate, embodying the coat of arms of the Leach family has been designed by Walter Church for the collection of art books given to the library by Camilla Leach, who was librarian preceding Mr. H. M. Douglas.

The coat of arms goes back into English history of the 13th century, according to Miss Leach, when King Edward III once held as prisoners King David of Scotland and King John of France, treating them, however, as royal guests. King Edward's physician was a man of ability, and on one occasion when the king's "leech", as the physician was called, had entertained the king and his royal guests in his own home, the three kings decided that the "leech" deserved a title, and accordingly he was made an earl.

His coronet is shown in the bookplate, and the three kings are represented by three little crowns on the upper part. A hand grasping a serpent signifies the physician controlling disease.

The early titles of England are now extinct by death of the inheritors. This one is found in the "English Country Gentleman" but now in the "British Peerage."

### Luncheon

(Continued from page one) Kitchen staffs will set about putting their kitchens to rights, at the same time preparing for regular meal this evening for the more than 400 students and the unknown number of visitors they will have.

It will require at least three days before the kitchens are operating normally again. But that will make little difference to the cooks, for they will be rewarded in knowing that all this extra work is worth while, is appreciated.

### Buildings

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closed within the green stakes will be built at first.

The library, when built, will follow the Berkeley plan, that is, the stacks where the books are kept will be built around a central court, perhaps two courts, which in turn will be surrounded by rooms containing the study tables. At the time that the gift campaign was started a number of pledges were definitely made for books to be purchased when the library was realized. This campaign, though promising, was suddenly checked by the death of Mr. Campbell.

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### Library May Be Open On Sunday Evenings

Changes in the library hours are possible as the result of a resolution adopted Wednesday by the student council at its regular meeting. The resolution recommends the closing of the library at 6 p. m. on Saturday evenings, and its opening at regular hours on Sunday evenings for students who wish to study at that time. It will, however, be dis-

cussed with library officials before its adoption is assured.

Two freshmen assistant yell leaders will be appointed also for use as Yell King Jack Seabrook may desire. The annual committee of five to investigate the traditions of

the University as they now stand will soon be appointed.

Investigations as to the necessity and advisability of the prevailing custom of paddling the freshmen on the library steps were also planned.

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### Welcome Alums

#### HOMECOMING

Now that Homecoming has come we can get down to serious drinking. But Obak is wondering how we are to get the ol' spirits without Jupe on the job. The sky juice still remains unfallen and if that means anything to the score on this afternoon we hope it will be a dry party. But maybe not.

#### THE TEAM

Obak wishes the team all the luck in the world. We do hope to eat the Cardinals and then we can prepare for a post dated Thanksgiving feast.

#### THE ALUMS

It seems good to see you about again. Meet all the new freshmen—what are those running about in white suits? Yes, sophomores in beer suits. Even though they are young they must prepare for Homecoming too. Take a good look at our new president—he surely is the fine man—Obak is all for him.

#### THE RALLY

So they rallied around the "O" and it mattered not the color of their hair for they all were broth-

ers. If pep will win we've won already. Keep up the ol' Oregon spirit—Obak is holding a training table this week for those who wish to keep fit for the game. But even at that we sincerely pray that no one has a fit.

#### THE WEBFOOT

News from the front; Thursday night it is whispered that four ducks—mallards, came down to see Rolf Klep via the race. They just wanted to know how Webby was and this isn't any swan song either.

#### BAND UNIFORMS

Obak informs that uniforms have been presented to the band and now we are glad for we are certain the music will be better and no more baggy R. O. T. C. trousers and under or oversized coats of the same clan. These are brilliant outfits and as Vogue would put it, it is a happy thought.

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