

'Order of O' Alums to Revive Old Tradition

Lettermen to March Again After Lapse of Four Years

By LOIS COLEMAN

For the first time since 1941, a long procession of alumni members of the Order of the O, the lettermen, will again pass in review during the half-time at the Homecoming game Saturday. Hayward field will be the site of the Webfoot-Beaver football game and the scene of the Order of the O review, which are the main attractions of Homecoming. Each year, during half-time, they march from under the time-clock at the south end of the field, past the rooting sections, and up to a microphone where each announces his name and class.

Order of the O expects a big turnout this year. Among those present will be alumni who have taken part in the ceremony before

and returned veterans who, for the first time, have come back to the University during Homecoming weekend to take their place among these honored men.

Banquet Scheduled

Before the game, a banquet is given for the past lettermen by the active lettermen. After this banquet, they adjourn to a reserved section for the game. Here, they wait until half-time when they march down the field, are introduced to the football fans, and return to their section.

Buz Williams, class of 1919, a well-known Eugene business man, will return again this year as usual. Williams won his letter in football. When asked about the quality of the team of which he was part, Williams said, "Oregon

won the Pacific coast championship that year. We played Harvard in the Rose Bowl." Williams said that the turnout each year by the past lettermen was very good.

Among those who may be expected, to name only a few, are Joe Gordon, baseball—played national league baseball for the Yankees newly out of uniform; John Kitzmiller, one of the greatest backs ever to attend Oregon; John Dick, on national championship basketball team and Urgel 'Slim' Wintermute, tall center the same team—played pivot; Anse Cornell, graduate athletic manager at the University of Oregon half back; Dean V. D. Earl, football letterman who is dean of men; Bob Mautz, one of the greatest ends Oregon has ever known; Clarence Codding, football; and Dean Walker, basketball player.

O Formed in 1907

Order of the O association was formed during the school year of 1907-1908, when P. L. Campbell was president of the University. This was 31 years after the University was founded, and at this time it had an enrollment of 418 students.

The requirements for membership in Order of the O consist of earning a letter in a major sport. A minor sport may be qualification if the man is a champion in that minor sport. Then, after this is voted on comes the initiations. The only sorority ever privileged to witness an Order of the O initiation was Gamma Phi Beta. That was two years ago. The feminine screams were too much for them so they decided to go back to their old haunts for initiation, namely, men's houses.

15 Members Now

Order of the O now includes 15 members. They are Barney Koch, president; Bob Caviness, vice-president; Dick Wilkins, secretary; Bob Hamilton, Bob Prowell, Abe Wilson, Jake Leicht, Bob Reynolds, Chuck Stamper, Ed Allen, Reedy Berg, Bruce Hoffine, Les Wright, Kenny Hayes, and Bob Hendershott.

The five major sports are football, basketball, track, swimming, and baseball. To those who are interested in participating in team sports, the Order of the O makes it known that there are no lettermen in baseball. The ones they had last year have turned professional. Any man who wants to try out for the team, should go up to the men's P. E. building and do so.

Traditions Lend Spirit

When asked if he had anything to say, Barney Koch, acting president of Order of the O said, "Tell the Ducks that traditions are instituted to lend spirit and sport to the events of Homecoming and Junior weekends. Another thing,

Order of the O has a surprise for next term."

He would make no further comment.

So, come this weekend, if you

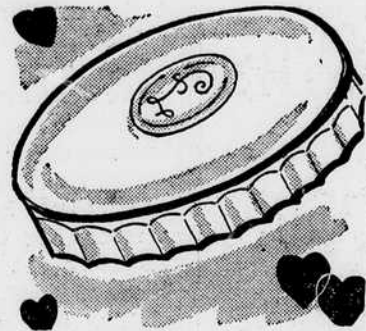
see a rather moth-eaten or creased letterman's sweater walking around on a very proud gentleman, don't take up a collection to buy him a new one, respect him, he is a returned letterman.

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