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Queen Molly and Court



MOLLY MUNTZEL, 1951 Homecoming queen, and her court will reign over this weekend's festivities, welcome alumni back to the campus. Princesses seated around her are, left to right, Lyn Hartley, Helen Jackson, Jody Greer, Nancy Miller and Barbara Bates. They will be introduced at halftime of game.

—Emerald Photo by Pete Mac

Contest to Select Oregon's Homecoming Ruler Only Goes Back to 1942; Has Had Many Changes

By Donna Hart

The history of Oregon's Homecoming hostesses is not a long one. It dates back only to 1942, at which time it was decided to hold a "Hello Girl" contest in connection with Homecoming.

Four girls were selected as finalists, but instead of appearing before the student body they were introduced one evening at the Webfoots training table. Each girl spoke briefly, and afterwards the football team voted on them. Hope Hughes was chosen to become the first Homecoming hostess in the history of the alumni fete.

Miss Hughes, a senior in arts and letters, was not sure of her duties, but said she thought she was supposed to greet all "students, faculty members, alumni, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and family gold fish" which she met.

War Interrupts

During the next few years, World War II interrupted Homecoming events on the Oregon campus. It was in 1945 that the first post war Homecoming was held. To welcome alumni, "The Girl You Most Want to Come Home To" contest was held. The winner of the contest was to act as hostess at Homecoming events, speaking for the students in welcoming visitors to the campus.

Living organizations chose candidates and submitted their pictures to the contest. The contestants were judged on beauty, personality, poise, and friendliness. Three semi-finalists were picked by a faculty committee. The winner of the contest that year was a freshman, Mary Lou Hill.

The following year all living organizations submitted candidates and five finalists were chosen from these by a group of five judges. The vote was cast by the student

body and Oregon's 1946 "Welcome Girl" was Dawn Carson.

Finalists Increased

In 1949 the number of finalists was increased to six. Marguerite Johns was selected by the students as their Homecoming hostess. The selection was announced for the first time at a pre-game rally in the Paramount theater before the Oregon-Washington game in Portland, two weeks before Homecoming. One of Miss Johns' more unorthodox functions was to arrange two blind dates with the Oregon's last sales drive; she was to draw receipts of two late purchasers, one boy and one girl, from a hat. Their money was refunded to finance dates with Betty Coed (Helen Simpson) and Joe College (Bob Gray).

The 1951 contest has been held in much the same way as those of the past two or three years. The one

major change has been, however, in the changing of the title of Homecoming hostess to Homecoming queen. Whatever title is used in future years, the girl chosen to reign over Homecoming will be both a queen to the student body and a hostess to the alums.

Oregon Fight Song

Here are the words to Oregon's new fight song, which were composed by John Epley.

FIGHT! for O-re-gon.

Might-y O-re-gon

Our men in green will show the foe

Oregon is on the go, Go! Go! Go!

FIGHT! you Webfoots fight!

Might-y Webfoots fight!

And when we're done they'll know there's none

Like O-RE-GON.

Calendar of Homecoming Events

- 8:30 a.m.—Frosh traditions: Painting the "O", Skinner's butte; scrubbing the Oregon Seal, Student Union; polishing the trophies, Mac court.
- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.—Registration of alumni, Student Union, Eugene and Osburn hotels.
- 11:00 a.m.—Noise parade—starts at 19th and Alder.
- 11:00 a.m.—General meeting of Oregon Alumni association, Student Union.
- 11:30 a.m.—Alumni luncheon, Student Union.
- 1:00 p.m.—Pre-game ceremonies: Order of the "O" march and introduction of Homecoming Queen Molly Muntzel.
- 1:30 p.m.—Game: Oregon vs. OSC.
- 2:30 p.m.—Half-time ceremonies.
- 4:00 p.m.—After-game reception for all alums, Veteran's Memorial building.
- 4:00 p.m.—Opening in living organizations.
- 5:30 p.m.—Dinner at living organizations.
- 8:45 p.m.—Homecoming dance, SU ballroom; Wally Heider and his orchestra.
- 2:00 a.m.—Closing hours.

Homecoming Slate Ends With Dance

Homecoming festivities will commence at 8:30 a.m. today when delegated freshman men carry out the annual traditions of painting the "O" on Skinner's butte, polishing the seal in front of the Student Union, and shining the trophies in McArthur court.

The noise parade will begin at 11 a.m. at 19th and Alder and progress around the campus, picking up floats or groups from the various living organizations.

Plaque Awarded Coach for Spirit

Head Football Coach Len Casanova was awarded a plaque by the Oregon student body at Friday's bonfire rally for "re-establishing an undying Oregon spirit" during the year's football season.

Engraving on the plaque read: "To Len Casanova having given us victory even in defeat by establishing an undying Oregon spirit, you have the admiration, respect and confidence of your team and the entire Oregon family."

Oregon has won 2 games and lost 2. Victories were against Arizona and Idaho. The Ducks rank eighth in the nine-team Pacific Coast conference as they go into today's game with Oregon State.

Oregon's football squad battled heavily favored California to a 26-28 score last Saturday. A crowd of several thousand rooters greeted the team when it returned from Berkeley.

In its first game of the season the Ducks held conference leading Stanford to 20-27 and a one touch-down margin.

More Students Needed to Fill Card Section

More students are needed to sit in the Homecoming game card-stunt section, according to Bob Brittain, card stunt chairman.

Any student who arrives wearing, among other things, a white shirt or white blouse, may sit in this section if seats are still available.

Students in this section will be permitted to wear coats at all time during the game ceremonies except at halftime.

The parade will terminate at Hayward field, and the gates to the stands will not be open to the students until this time. Pre-game ceremonies will begin at 1 p.m. when the Order of the 'O' will march around the field, led by Jerry Shaw.

This will be followed by the entrance of Queen Molly Muntzel and her court. The Oregon and Oregon State bands will enter the field playing the songs of the two schools and the national anthem before the game begins. Robert Wagner, associate professor of music will direct the bands as they form large O's while playing the school songs.

Half-time Events

Half-time festivities will feature the formation and presentation of selected numbers by the bands. Card stunts will take place in the student section in the east grandstands, supervised by Bob Brittain, rally board member.

After the marching movements have ceased, Bill Carey, ASUO president, will introduce Miss Muntzel to the Homecoming crowd and give her the traditional bouquet. The ROTC drill team will participate in this ceremony.

Alma mater songs of Oregon and OSC will be sung by the students following the final gun. Graduating seniors of the two teams will be introduced, followed by a joint yell from both schools.

Alums will be welcomed after the game at the annual alumni reception at the Vet's Memorial building in Eugene. Open house is scheduled for most campus living organizations.

Dance in SU

This weekend's Homecoming dance will be held in the Student Union ballroom from 8:45 to 12:45. Wally Heider and his orchestra will play for the dance. Tickets, (Please turn to page three)

Victory Over OSC in 1929 Game Celebrated by Frenzied Students

By Ward Lindbeck

Football and school rivalry don't count as much now as they once did. Take the game between Oregon and Oregon State on Nov. 16, 1929, for example.

Oregon was outplayed from the first whistle. Oregon State gained more yardage through passes and runs, recovered more fumbles, intercepted more passes, punted better, fumbled less, did everything that would assure them of the game. And yet Oregon won.

The Duck scoring was led off by the Flying Dutchman, Johnny Kitzmiller, who toed the ball from the 17-yard line for a neat 3 points in the first quarter. Bobby Robinson, right half, drove 20 yards in the second quarter for 6, and Quarterback Kitzmiller failed to convert. The half time score was Oregon 9, OSC 0.

The Flying Dutchman was injured in the last moments of the first half. He was carried from the field and first reports said his football days were over. But a later examination showed a broken ankle, laying him up for nine weeks.

Oregon employed a strange defense in the fourth quarter when OSC was driving desperately for a

score. To cope with the Aggies' passing attack, the center was pulled from the line and played back.

OSC smashed down to the six yard line, making a first down. Oregon's line was filled and tightened, the Webfoots held for three downs. On the fourth, Mason, Oregon's captain and left half intercepted a pass and carried out to the 30.

The Lemon and Green roared on. Robinson crossed into the stripes again and Lendahl, Kitzmiller's replacement, converted. The final score, Oregon 16, OSC 0.

It was a big game. The Eugene Daily Guard gave the story six of its eight front page columns, topped by a three-inch headline.

The repercussions of the win went on into the next week. On Monday morning, a mob of students, mainly freshmen, formed a serpentine and wove through the classrooms, picking up more insurgents and leaving the rooms empty. A little before nine the mob gathered in front of the Ad building and shouted for a holiday. Hugh Bigg, assistant dean of men, came out and gave permission for students to cut their 8 o'clock classes.

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