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Welcome Back

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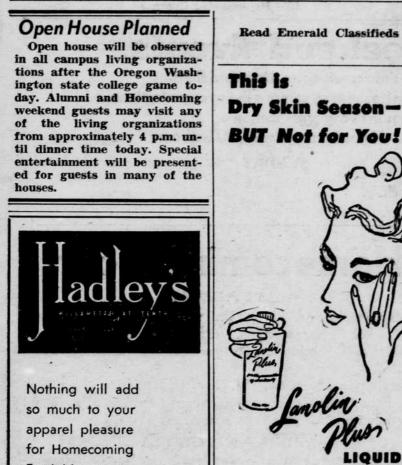
Many of the Homecoming activities may seem to be designed more for students. The noise parade, if you were here Friday, may have permanently injured your ear drums; you probably missed the Vodvil show entirely; not many of you will be kicking up your heels at the dance tonight, although you are certainly welcome to attend.

But actually, this day is yours. You will be sitting beside us this afternoon at the game. You will be meeting old friends and renewing lapsed friendships.

The most important opportunity of Homecoming, for you, sters touched it off. This year a is the chance to look us over. Even if you graduated only last jazz parade was held which spring, you will find many changes on the campus. If you haven't been back for ten or fifteen years, you may not even recognize the campus.

The University is growing; it's going places. And it's growing largely through the interest you are willing to show in your Alma Mater. And we don't mean merely your donations, though they are certainly appreciated. Other kinds of help are equally valuable-recruiting future Ducks, talking up the University among your friends and business acquaintances, showing an interest in our graduates.

The very fact that you are on campus today is the greatest indication of your interest in the University. We are glad to have you back with us.



Homecoming Begar

By Cornelia Fogle

Emerald Feature Writer Forty years ago the University of Oregon held its first Homecoming. No one knows where the idea originated, but it has remained, and it is now a University tradition.

The 1914 Homecoming bears little resemblance to the present day version. It was held early in October, with the football team playing Whitman and winning, 29-3. Saturday evening a combined party and reception-was held for the guests, and that was the Homecoming weekend.

The following year the first letters were sent out to alumni, and 300 responded. This year other features were added. A pajama party was held, as was a Saturday noon luncheon, with a dance being the big event on

In 1916, vesper services were added to the weekend, and in 1919, after taking a year out for World War I and an influenza epidemic, new features added to now traditional weekend the were a parade, stunt show, and bonfire.

Frosh worked all night the night before the bonfire in 1921. until its height reached forty feet. Then they stood guard over it to make sure that no prankmarched in downtown Eugene. Oregon girls took yellow and

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green balloons to the game in, section, and freshmen tried their luck with a card trick or two.

The Kappa Sigs and Fijis won the cup in the 1929 noise parade with their manure spreader. Its caption read 'O.A.C. Bandwagon.' (O.A.C. is now Oregon state college.)

Campus coeds came into their own in 1931 when they were allowed to join the pep rally, marching and serpentining into downtown Eugene. Sparklers were distributed and a bonfire on Willamette street.

In 1941 a Homecoming hostess 1925 to add color to the rooting was selected by the football team. After taking the next three years out for World War II, this was continued until 1951, when a Homecoming queen was selected by all-campus vote.

Our present noise parade has its antecedents also. It started out as a jazz parade, then was changed into a pajama parade with students marching downtown in their pajama tops and

ending in a yell contest. The "O," which has been on Skinner's Butte for 46 years, has received over 100 paint jobs Skinner's Butte was lighted as from freshmen, who protect it the noisy rooters marched down from weather and wandering Beavers.



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