



Southern Oregon college's 1958 homecoming was a gala time for both students and alumni. With the coming state centennial celebration and "One Hundred Years of Progress" as the theme, the traditional parade, rally and bonfire, big game and dinners and other events were climaxed with a festive formal dance in Britt ballroom Saturday night. Linking the past and the present, members of the SOC Lettermen's club entered a float in the parade which recalled that in 1898 the school, known then as Southern Oregon State Normal school, defeated Oregon State college 6 to 4 in the homecoming game. Holding the sign are (at left) Charles Nevi, Grants Pass, and Dave Love, Mapleton, Ore. Jack Johnson, Wolf Creek, represents the team of the past and Raymond Inlow, Ashland rancher, is driver of the old-fashioned buckboard which he loaned for the parade.



Coronation of Queen Jan Burkhart, Grants Pass, November 5, officially opened the homecoming program. Queen Jan received her crown from Isaac McCauley, senior class president, while Ray Weinhold, Ashland, stands at her right hand. Members of the royal court are (left to right) Princess Honor Stansbury, Medford, Dave Jackson, Winchester; Princess Sue Burk, Grants Pass and John Godlove, Applegate; Princess Lorna Vance, Roseburg, and Granvil Brittan, Medford; Princess Sonja Smith, Jacksonville and Al Sodaro, Medford, Princess Carol Furre, Oregon City, and Mervon Newell, North Bend.



Tradition dictates that a variety show, rally and bonfire precede the Big Game, and cheering students and grads gathered around the blaze on Fuller field in Ashland during homecoming festivities last week. Coach Al Akins spoke, the rally squad led yells and school spirit was whipped up for the following day. Ona Liles, Roseburg, was bonfire chairman. When the parade lined up Saturday morning, one of the spectacular floats proved to be the entry of the faculty. A stylized version of SOC's "Red Raider" had been turned out by the college art department and rode proudly down the streets of Ashland.



Sweepstakes winner in the parade was the float entered by the Sophomore class and which contrasted new and old schools. Depicting the olden days are John Payne, Medford, the schoolmaster; Larry Barleen, Klamath Falls, the dunce. The "moderns" were Dick Puhl, Medford, Donna Schulze, Roseburg and Norman Frohwein, Empire.



Decorations for the homecoming ball included a huge map of Oregon which depicted the theme "100 Years of Progress." Among those who worked on the map were (at left) Valera Irwin, North Bend, and Toby Fox, Ashland. Britt Ballroom was crowded to capacity for the dance, closing event of the four-day program. Bob Ayres, Medford student, and his band played for the dance.



Typically American and collegiate is this scene taken during the 1958 SOC Homecoming game November 8. Cheered on by the crowds and the rally squad, the Red Raiders defeated Oregon College of Education 19 to 12. Yelling encouragement during a tense moment are (left to right) Wilson Gilinsky, Medford; Barbara Stamper, Medford; Sonya Arlington, Eugene; Ronald Lapp, Grants Pass; Valera Irwin, North Bend; Pat Hilton, Medford; Carol McKeown, Medford; Laura Zamrta, Medford and Larry Hoover, LaComb. Following the game visitors toured campus buildings, and the homecoming banquet was held in the Commons, with a former chancellor of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, Dr. Charles D. Byrne, speaking. (Photos by Richard Simonson and Jerry Taylor)



An old-fashioned buggy parked on the SOC campus for homecoming here holds part of the committee which planned the event. Richard Clark, Medford, (at left) president of the SOC student body, and Marjo Murray, Medford, general chairman, hold the sign. Isaac McCauley, Ashland, senior class president, sits beside Miss Murray and standing are (left to right) Harold Setzer, Prospect, parade chairman, and Vernon Arnold, Butte Falls, variety show co-chairman with Connie Cleveland, Roseburg. Claudia Pierce, Coos Bay, was dance chairman.