

Home Coming

The Homecoming celebration began Friday evening, October 25, at 8:30, when at a given signal dormitory decorations were lighted and maroon and gold electric lights flooded the campus. At the same time the student body vacated the dormitories for the traditional torch-light procession around the campus. The first stop of the march was at the campus White House where Dr. A. A. Dowell, superintendent, addressed the student body and later, with Mrs. Dowell, joined the marchers as they made their way to Senior Hall where the rival football teams were quartered. Here was held a brief serenade of the players and the procession headed to the residence of Coach R. J. Christgau who, in a short address, expressed appreciation of student support of the football team. A mammoth bonfire, prepared by members of the Freshman class, was the closing feature of the Homecoming eve program. Speeches by players, songs and yells were a part of the bonfire program.

Saturday morning the campus seethed with excitement as great numbers of alumni arrived for the activities. Football and the afternoon game were the chief topics of conversation.

At the annual Homecoming assembly the two teams were ushered into the auditorium amidst prolonged applause and cheers. A peppy program, with a variety of

student and faculty numbers interspersed with introductions of visitors and alumni and football pep talks, was presented and proved to be most enjoyable.

The feature of the Homecoming Day program was the annual football clash with the Grand Rapids Aggies, and a hard-fighting Northwest School eleven went down to defeat by a 20-6 score. The Northwest Aggies put up a stiff battle for two quarters but were outplayed by their heavier and faster opponents.

The defeat failed to dampen the spirit of the Homecoming merrymakers. The evening program consisted of the traditional banquet for the visiting team and alumni. The "little brown jug," football trophy between the two schools, was formally presented to the Grand Rapids captain and a warning issued by the Northwest Aggies that every effort would be made next year to regain possession of the trophy. Following the banquet students, alumni, and friends attended the Homecoming dance and party. Late arrivals augmented the large crowd already present and a check-up revealed that the 1935 Homecoming not only was attended by the largest number of alumni in the history of the event, but that the event was also considered the most successful and enjoyable by the "homecomers."

