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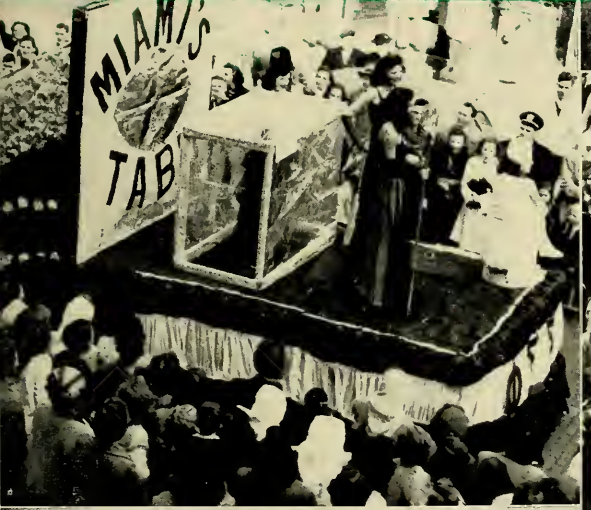
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Special Homecoming Issue

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 4:00 p.m. Tour of Campus — Conducted by Alpha Phi Omega
7:00 p.m. Game Rally and Fireworks — Ohio Stadium
8:00 p.m. "The Green Adventure" — College Street Theater
8:00 p.m. Free Movie (Singing In The Rain) — Memorial Auditorium

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade — Court Street
12:00 Alumni Luncheon (Buffet Style) — University Center
1:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade (repeat) — Ohio Stadium
2:00 p.m. Bobcats vs. Miami Football — Ohio Stadium
4:30 p.m. President's Reception — University Center 1804 Room
5:30 p.m. Alumni Dinners — Lindley Dining Hall
7:15 p.m. Musical Omnibus — Memorial Auditorium
8:30 p.m. "The Green Adventure" — College Street Theater
8:30 p.m. Free Movie (Singing In The Rain) — Memorial Auditorium
9:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance — University Center

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homecoming preview

IN VIEW of the many outstanding Sesquicentennial events already presented at Ohio University this year, alumni might well expect a Homecoming celebration to top all Homecoming celebrations. And that is exactly what they will find on the weekend of October 22-24.

It's difficult to put into words the amount of planning and rehearsing OU students, faculty members, and administrators are pouring into Homecoming preparations. Homecoming is always big. There probably has never been an unsuccessful Homecoming celebration. So it really takes something beyond the description of ordinarily superlative adjectives to make the 1954 OU Homecoming a climax of 150 years.

To do it committees have been working all summer — some of them all year. Student groups are doubling the amount of work that goes into a Homecoming show. Everyone wants to win the float or decorations trophy in the Sesquicentennial year.

When the curtain goes up at Homecoming alumni who return to the campus will find themselves taking part in the performance that is the result of all these special rehearsals.

This special edition of THE OHIO ALUMNUS is a preview of the coming attraction, and we hope it will help you plan your schedule so that you won't have to miss any of the acts.

The football game is still the main event, of course. With Miami the opponent and the possibility of a conference crown depending on the game, there is no doubt about the fury of the battle in Ohio Stadium.

But alumni who can get to Athens by Friday evening will be in for a treat that takes a back seat to no other event. The fireworks at the stadium will be everything artist Dwight Mutchler's painting on page 8 promises. Designs of Cutler Tower, Founders Putnam and Cutler, a Bobcat and an Indian, and others will actually be formed by fireworks.

Then on Saturday night, scheduled so as not to interfere with "The Green Adventure" or the Homecoming Dance, is a one-hour Musical Omnibus tuned to the spirit of Homecoming and aimed specifically for graduates of Ohio University. A gay and colorful Sesquicentennial show, the Omnibus should be a must on your list of Homecoming activities.

President John C. Baker's reception for alumni right after the football game will provide an opportunity to meet and talk with old friends among the faculty such as Prof. C. N. Mackinnon, and Emeriti Professors like Dr. Hiram Roy Wilson, as well as other alumni.

And don't forget the Alumni Luncheon in the Ballroom of the University Center Building. To relieve the problem of finding a place to eat Saturday night, alumni dinners will be served in the Lindley dining hall.

This is the biggest Homecoming the University has ever planned. And it's your weekend — scheduled, prepared and presented for the alumni of Ohio University.

Four New OU Records

The 1954 enrollment at OU has surpassed even the most optimistic estimates

By Dick Bitters, '50

IF THE SIZE of the "guest list" can be used as a measuring stick, then the second half of Ohio University's 150th anniversary year party can be marked for certain success.

The "guests" are the 5211 students who poured onto the College Green to begin fall semester classes September 27.

Surpassing the expected enrollment of even the most optimistic forecaster by some 200, the Sesquicentennial year registration chalked up these records:

1. The largest enrollment since 1948 when the veteran boom accounted for an all-time high of 5611.
2. The largest Freshman class in his-

FIRST OF MORE than 5200 students to register for the fall semester is Jack Rada of Bedford, Ohio, freshman, shown presenting his time card for registration to Registrar Robert E. Mahn. Rada is one of 10 Bedford students entering OU as freshmen this fall.



REGISTRATION CARDS, each one representing a student, are sorted according to county by Jean Young, left, and Karen Oberdaerler, in the Ohio University News Bureau. Each of the state's 88 counties is represented, with Cuyahoga County once more clearly having the most students, as evidenced by the tall stack of cards in the middle of the picture.

tory — just over 2000.

3. The largest number of women students — 1923.

Also likely to be record-breaking is the percentage increase over the enrollment of one year ago. Then 4458 registrants marked a 14 percent increase over the preceding fall, placing Ohio University among the leaders in the nation for enrollment jumps.

This year the enrollment picture nationally is yet to be shaped, but the 20 percent increase should most certainly place OU at the top again.

Complete figures are yet to be tabulated by Registrar Robert E. Mahn's office, but this much was sure:

There are students from each of Ohio's 88 counties, with Cuyahoga once again sending the most representatives. From the Cleveland area are more than 900 students, with Athens County's more than 400 second.

Students from at least 39 states have registered. Of the 697 students from other states, New York has 174, West Virginia 127, Pennsylvania 95, and New Jersey 80. Two students from Oregon have come the longest distance (from inside the U. S.) to attend Ohio University.

From abroad have come 63 students from 29 foreign countries, including such far-flung areas as Norway, Pakistan, Thailand, Lebanon, Nigeria, Syria, and Panama.

The record number of women students is led by the freshman coeds, 860, followed by 513 sophomores, 281 jun-

iors, 182 seniors, and 87 special and graduate students.

The sudden upturn in enrollment the past two years followed the 1952 post-war low of 3909. Other figures since 1948's 5611 have been 5068 in 1949, 4597 in 1950, and 3944 in 1951.

In their ninth year, OU Branches have set record for full-time enrollments

IN THE UNIVERSITY'S three branches at Portsmouth, Zanesville, and Chillicothe, some 700 students have registered for full and part time classes.

Prof. A. C. Gubitz, branch director, has announced that Portsmouth classes have attracted 300 students, and that Zanesville and Chillicothe have enrolled about 200 each, with a definite increase in each of the branches in the number of full time students.

Opening their ninth year of operation this fall, the branches were originally designed to meet the pressing need of facilities for veterans who wished to study on the "home front." But so successful has the branch program become that long after the veterans peak the operation has been continued to afford both the high school graduate and the adults of the various communities the opportunity to study at the college level.

Musical Omnibus



*Colorful costumes
and lively songs
tell the story of
OU in this special
Homecoming show*

ALL THE COLOR and excitement — the dignity and pride — the people — the buildings — the changes and the lasting traditions that have meant 150 years of Ohio University will come to life in a musical panorama in Memorial Auditorium October 23.

Presented as one of the main Homecoming features, the "Musical Omnibus" depicts the history of OU in a colorful pagentry of music and dance, blended into a serious theme. It is a fast moving extravaganza geared to give alumni a real Homecoming show in one jam-packed hour, timed so as not to interfere with other celebration events.

Scheduled for 7:15 p.m., the show will be concluded in time for the Saturday night showing of "The Green Adventure" in the College Street Theater.

The "Omnibus" will be introduced by Vincent Jukes, chairman of the Ses-

quicentennial Committee, as the Ohio University band plays the familiar strains of "Green is the Springtime."

The chorus from "The Green Adventure" will then appear in costume, followed by a salute to the first OU coeds. Music by the band and chorus will background a parade of coeds dressed in the costumes of the 1860's.

The band, under the baton of Charles E. Minelli, will swing next into a medley of Gay Nineties tunes while another chorus line of costumed coeds does a Can Can number.

Moving along through the periods of Ohio University history, the show will recognize the era of the "Veterans Bulge" with a quartet in Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine uniforms singing familiar war-time songs.

The many changes at OU since World War II are heralded by a band presentation of "There'll Be Some Changes Made." As a special feature, Kodacrome slides of the new campus buildings will be projected onto a screen.

An unusual highlight of the show will be a recorded conversation between President John C. Baker and Dr. Philip Zener, Ohio University's oldest living alumnus, and the oldest living college graduate in the United States. It will be followed by a brief message from the president.

Personal Flavor

The last half of the musical show will take on a personal flavor with the presentation of some familiar personalities who are as much Ohio University as Cutler Hall. Among them will be Professor C. N. Mackinnon, whose service at OU is longer than that of any other member of the faculty. Carr Liggett, '16, immediate past president of

SEVERAL MEMBERS of the cast from "The Green Adventure", from which the above scene was taken, will take part in the Musical Omnibus program at Memorial Auditorium October 23. They will join other students and faculty members in the presentation of the special Homecoming show.



THE VOICE of an Ohio University alumnus whose college days started just after the Civil War will be heard at the "Musical Omnibus" program in Memorial Auditorium October 23. The alumnus is 102-year-old Dr. Philip Zenner of Cincinnati.

When OU President John C. Baker visited Dr. Zenner on the latter's birthday in May, a recording was made of the conversation. That recording will be played back for the first time publicly as a feature of the Homecoming show.

Recognized as the oldest living college graduate in the country, Dr. Zenner is still an active member of his community,

and, in the recording, has a few words of advice for Ohio University students and alumni, as well as his own secret for a long life.

Alumni attending the "Musical Omnibus" will find that the oldest living member of their organization has not lost his memory or his sense of humor. He still likes to go downtown in Cincinnati whenever the weather is good, and gives out hopeful quips about the world as he sees it.

The audience will also hear Dr. Zenner's description of Ohio University when he first entered as a freshman almost a century ago.

Philip Zenner discusses Ohio University with President John C. Baker on the Cincinnati physician's 102nd birthday last May.

the Alumni Association, and one of the university's strongest supporters for many years, will be another.

Alumni will meet John E. Brammer, '30, captain of the fabulous 1929 undefeated Bobcat football team that scored 305 points to 13 for their nine opponents. Also introduced will be the member of the Alumni who travels the greatest distance to attend the Sesquicentennial Homecoming.

Audience participation will be the keynote in this last half of the program, with group singing to the music of the band. Words to the Ohio University songs, both old and new, will be

A free movie, "Singing in the Rain" will follow the "Musical Omnibus" in Memorial Auditorium on Saturday night. The same movie will also be shown free on Friday night immediately following the football rally and fireworks program.

printed on the back of each program. Professor Philip L. Peterson, who is in charge of the vocal music for the show, will lead the group singing.

The entire production is the joint work of students and faculty who have prepared an extravaganza especially for a Sesquicentennial Homecoming audience. They have gone all out to prepare a gaily costumed, fast moving program of Ohio University, past and present.

Working with Director - Narrator Jukes on the production staff are Mr. Minelli, Mr. Petersen, Walter A. Allen, Mary Joyce, Clarence H. White, Dwight Mutchler, Richard L. Bitters, Darrell B. Green, Neil D. Thomas, and student Art Aspengren, president of the student council.

Tickets will sell at the Memorial Auditorium box office for 50 cents each.

The Green Adventure

"THE GREEN ADVENTURE," Charles Allen Smart's powerful and exciting drama of Ohio University, will make its final Sesquicentennial appearance during the Homecoming weekend.

Already acclaimed by alumni who have seen it as one of the most enduring tributes that could be made to the first 150 years of the university, "The Green Adventure" is certain to again attract sell-out crowds at the College Street theater.

For that reason, there will be four showings during the week — Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — October 20 through 23. The Wednesday and Thursday performances will be chiefly for students and residents of the Athens area, with Friday and Saturday nights reserved for alumni and friends.

Following the career of Dr. Eliphaz Perkins, first treasurer of Ohio University, Mr. Smart's drama gives warmth and meaning to the personalities of the many men and women whose work and influence laid the foundation of the university. In addition it depicts in vivid reality life on the Ohio frontier and the

growth of a town in the wilderness along the Hocking.

Directed by Christopher Lane, "The Green Adventure" has been the biggest undertaking in University Theater history. More than 150 persons are involved in its production, and five complete changes of scenery take place during the three acts. About 90 of the 100 roles are played by students, with others filled by faculty, townspeople, and their families.

Daniel Logan, former OU instructor in dramatic art and speech, who this fall joined the faculty of Wayne University, will return to play the leading role of Dr. Perkins. Pat Linker, a junior from Baltimore, Md., plays the role of Lydia Perkins, wife of the first treasurer.

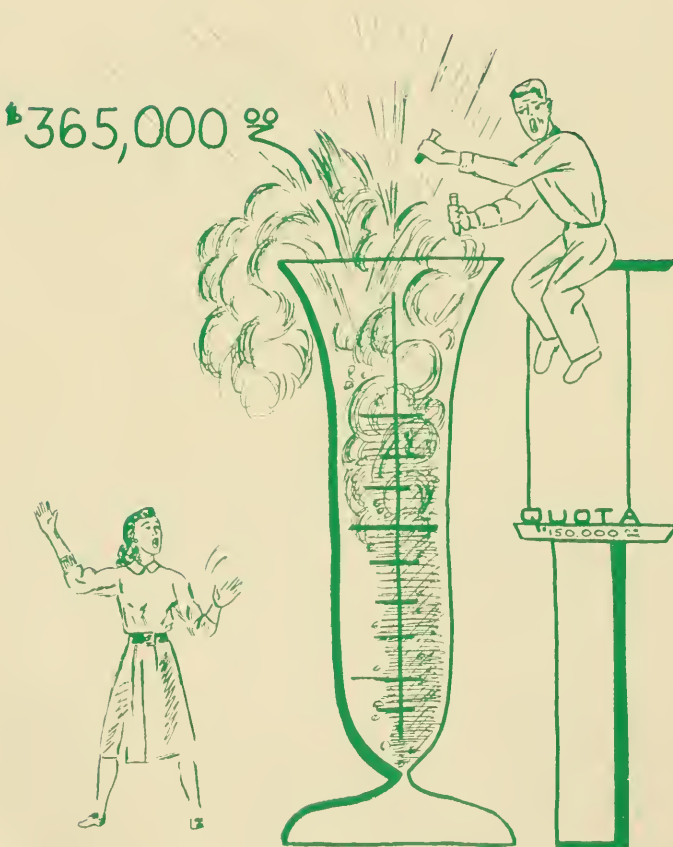
The drama concerns itself with the organization of the Ohio Company of Associates in Boston in 1786 and moves on to the critical negotiations with Congress in New York the following year. It follows the fortunes of the young Revolutionary War veteran, Dr. Perkins, his spirited wife and their children, as they help create a civilized life in the wilderness and assist in the founding of Ohio University.

AUTHOR, DIRECTOR and leading lady of "The Green Adventure" check the script before an early performance of the drama. At left is Charles Allen Smart, author, and at right Director Christopher Lane. Pat Linker plays the leading feminine role of Lydia Perkins.



A Feeling of Gratitude

Sixty of the students greeting alumni at Homecoming are attending OU on scholarships provided by the Sesqui fund drive. There will be many more in future years.



DRAWING BY TOM KUBY

ACCOMPANYING the Homecoming spirit of welcome from a university to its alumni will be the heartfelt gratitude for the greatest achievement of alumni in the history of Ohio University.

A Sesquicentennial alumni celebration as big as the 1954 Homecoming can not help include recognition of the unparalleled success of the Sesquicentennial Scholarship Fund. Asked to contribute \$150,000 to the drive, alumni have already contributed \$365,000, and the total is certain to be higher by completion of the drive on December 31.

Professor Albert C. Gubitz, executive director of the drive, credits the success to "not one man, or ten men, but hundreds of alumni." While thrilled with the results, Professor Gubitz said, he is more thankful than thrilled — "thankful and grateful for the backing given me in my direction of the campaign."

Fred H. Johnson, '22, who has given many hours of his time as general chairman of the fund drive, has added his thanks to alumni for the continued support of the campaign.

Many alumni who come back this year for Homecoming will notice a great number of changes since they were last on the campus. One of the noticeable changes will probably be the growing number of students, sixty of whom are attending college on scholarships already set up through money contributed by alumni during the current campaign. There will be many more in future years.

In the words of OU President John C. Baker, "The entire scholarship effort will have a far reaching effect upon future generations at Ohio University."

This year alumni can well feel an added pride in what they have done for their alma mater during the past year, as they arrive at the campus to launch a celebration of Homecoming, Sesquicentennial, and alumni accomplishment.

Bobcats vs. Redskins



By Rowland Congdon, '49

CARTOON BY RALPH BREM

A REVENGEFUL tribe of Redskins from Oxford, Ohio, will warhoop their way into the Athens lair of the Ohio University Bobcats on Saturday, Oct. 23, in an attempt to slice the Mid-American Conference crown from the scalps of the 'Cats.

In 1953, on the Redskins' reservation, a battle was waged which decided the championship race midway in the season. The Bobcats clawed their way to a 7-7 tie and went on to mark up a 5-0-1 conference mark.

By virtue of their having played more conference games than Miami — who finished with a 3-0-1 league record — the crown for the first time rested on the collective heads of the Bobcats.

The same situation exists this year as the Bobcats play seven conference opponents to the Redskins' four.

Fourth League Foe

By the clash on Oct. 23, which will be one of the features of Ohio University's Sesquicentennial Homecoming, OU will have met three conference opponents, Toledo, Western Reserve and Kent State. Miami will have met only one, Bowling Green, whom they have defeated, 46-7.

So OU's march toward a repeat of the championship, something which has never been done in the conference's previous seven years, will be well underway

and the outcome partially in sight by kickoff time Oct. 23.

Only one game had been played by

Do you want to know all about this year's Ohio University football team, the coaches and opponents? Do you want to know the OU football history, including all - opponent records, OU coaches' all-time records, and seasons' records since 1894?

That information and more is included in the 1954 Ohio University Football Data Book prepared by the Ohio University News Bureau annually for distribution to radio and newspapermen around the state and wherever the Bobcats play.

The 44-page booklet, 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches, has an enameled cover with pictures of some of the '54 Bobcats in a block "OU". To help allay expenses of preparing this attractive cover, a price of 10 cents has been placed on the booklets.

They can be purchased by sending 15 cents in coin (10 cents for booklet plus 5 cents for postage) to the Ohio University News Bureau, Box 323, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

each of the arch rivals when this article was written. Miami showed they had their usual fine team by downing BG, who had stomped Dayton by three touchdowns.

OU brought a hint of satisfaction to the face of Coach Carroll Widdoes with their 12-0 conquest of a tough Xavier team.

"Wid" felt, before the season opened, that his team was too green to do much with the Musketeers and future rough conference opponents. But the opener helped dispel much of his anxiety.

He knew he had a veteran starting eleven, made up of eight of the 11 lettermen on the squad. But behind them was an unexperienced group, comprising most of the 28 sophomores on the 47-man squad.

There is enough talent spread through that group, however, to allow for another winning season providing they are able to get the necessary game experience.

They did in the Xavier clash and showed admirably. "Wid" was able to shuttle a second unit into the game at intervals — as he did in 1953 — to give his first stringers a rest. And the subs showed they may be coming along faster than expected.

Anyway, the Redskin-Bobcat battle of Oct. 22 should be a terrific one, regardless of each team's record to that date. So don't miss it!



Homecoming Rally & Fireworks

Ohio Stadium, 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 22

**OU Band will lead parade to Stadium
from University Center at 6:30 p.m.**

The Gigantic fireworks display includes:

- **Outline of Cutler Tower**
- **Portraits of Ohio University's founders**
- **A block "150" displayed over elm leaves**
- **Interlocking OU in green and white**
- **Football flanked by Bobcat and Redskin in color**

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