

Homecoming '61



This display, with tiger playing piano while girl dances, won for Alpha Tau Omega first prize in men's house decorations.

Raccoon coats and Model T cars were much in view during Homecoming this year, the students having decided that the theme for festivities would be "The Tigers Will Roar With the Twenties." The Twenties, of course, were an age that today's students had no first hand knowledge of, and this deficiency in recent history sent Homecoming planners thumbing through the pages of Savitars and newspapers of the period. It was natural that this research should produce in the house decorations and parade floats some emphasis on such items as Charleston dancers, bootleg booze and gang warfare. Unfortunately, rainfall on the eve of the football game robbed some of the displays of their original bright and colorful appearance.

The game, in which Missouri got past Nebraska, was attended by 42,000 persons, a record crowd to see the two teams play at Memorial Stadium. This year's Homecoming Queen, Sharon Raftery of St. Louis, was crowned during halftime ceremonies, with Governor John M. Dalton doing the honors. Six other finalists in the queen contest participated in the halftime pageant: Carolyn Ann Bear and Margery Isbell of Columbia, Sandra Morris of Liberty, Janis Vollenweider of Seymour, and Anne Flanery and Geraldine Kaller of St. Louis.

Miss Raftery and her attendants, Miss Bear and Miss Isbell, were royally entertained on the traditional trips to St. Louis, Jefferson City and Kansas City, local alumni chapters making arrangements for their entertainment, and for press, TV and radio coverage.

In St. Louis they visited Mayor Raymond R. Tucker, were guests at an M Men's luncheon and at a dinner by the alumni board of governors. John Stahl, president of the St. Louis alumni organization, was in charge of arrangements.

In Kansas City the girls called on Mayor Roe Bartle and attended a dinner at Eddy's as guests of the alumni board. A. G. Eddy is president of the Kansas City alumni organization.

In Jefferson City the University representatives met Governor Dalton and other state officials, visited the Governor's Mansion and had luncheon at the Country Club as guests of the Cole County Alumni Chapter, of which Thomas Graham is president.

Larry Fisher of Plattsburgh was general chairman of the 1961 Homecoming, and Jean J. Madden was chairman of the University committee.



Two cars of ancient vintage loaded with cheerleaders in parade.

The theme was . . .



Homecoming Queen Sharon Rastery with attendants Margie Isbell and Carolyn Bear.



Some Homecoming committee members.



An attraction at Pi Beta Phi.

The Roaring Twenties



Partial view of Tri-Delt house decoration, first prize winner.