

Big doings for alumni in Miami



Alumni activities in connection with the Orange Bowl were as successful as the game itself. By actual count more than 1500 alumni, their families, friends and fans went through the alumni mill at the Alumni Headquarters set up in the Shamrock Isle Hotel at Miami Beach.

The hotel itself was filled with Missouri alumni except for a few rooms allotted to the Big Eight official family of head football coaches, athletic direc-

tors, faculty representatives and their families from each of the schools. About 60 additional Missouri Alumni parties were "farmed out" by the headquarters hotel to surrounding hotels; and hundreds of other alumni were located in dozens of other places from Palm Beach to Key West.

The first event on the alumni calendar was a Miami Area Alumni Reception in the Shamrock Isle on the evening of December 27. About 30 Miami area alumni and a few other early birds from other places attended and enjoyed the informal reception.

The registration desk opened on the 29th, and business was brisk from the outset. Hundreds registered during the next few days. The gold football buttons emblazoned with "MIZZOU" and adorned with black and gold ribbons, which were given to registrants, bloomed everywhere in the area. Informal get-togethers of alumni from all over the country at poolside, on the beach, in the dining room and in

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Students and young alumni enjoying the water show at the Shamrock Isle.



Big Eight athletic officials at the hotel included Nebraska football coach Bill Jennings, shown here with his family



C. Howard Hill and Clark Jennings, fellow Floridians and Phi Beta Kappas.



The John Tarpofts (at right) with friends from St. Louis.



These Tiger fans are ready for lunch.



The Jack Listers and the Russ Chambers' of Columbia.



Another view of the gathering at Mizou Reunion.

the bar were the order of the day, and the night. For the next three days information, messages, and tickets changed hands feverishly at the desk, and the hotel lobby was a whirl of activity revolving around the arrival of Tigers in the southland.

The big event on New Year's Eve was the spectacular Orange Bowl Parade in which the Marching

Mizzou Band was a feature and including over two hours worth of other bands, floats, other vehicles, and other organizations. For most, the long parade and the equally long chartered bus trip into Miami and back were all the celebration they were up to; but some of the hardier souls also attended a gala New Year's Eve Party sponsored by the hotel.

A cloudy, drizzly New Year's morning fit some spirits, and it threatened to dampen the Mizou Reunion scheduled for the pool deck that afternoon. The Chamber of Commerce prevailed, however, and the Reunion went off as scheduled with a really breathtaking water show and an excellent buffet dinner. While 260 were served at the dinner, conservative estimates placed attendance for the day at over 500.

The big day was Monday the 2nd, and things got off to an early start with a Kickoff Brunch at 9:30 a.m., at which 446 were served. By the time the Game Caravan was ready to board at 11:00, this crowd had also doubled, and the twenty 42-passenger busses were filled beyond normal capacity. Lining up 12 extra busses in addition to eight ordered in advance from a system already stretched thin by the public transportation demands of the 70,000-plus game crowd, and securing the services of four escort patrolmen from a police force similarly taxed by the game and by

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*Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hale, Metuchen, N. J.,
representing class of 1912.*



Drum Major James Gardner, Jefferson City, and "Tiger" Susan Cohen, Kansas City, visit Linda Gail Breeze, National Foundation poster girl.

ard L. Hills and Frank Cipolla, also had a round dozen letters from students inquiring about admission to the University and to "Marching Mizou." Requests for records of the Band playing University songs were on the desk of Prof. Rogers Whitmore, chairman of the music department, who had accompanied the Band.

Also on Emmons' desk is a letter from Patrick Heneghan, recreation superintendent of Hollywood, describing the members of "Marching Mizou" as "truly ambassadors of good will for the University of Missouri."

The following is the text of the letter received by President Ellis:

"On behalf of the City of Hollywood, I wish to extend our appreciation to you for the outstanding concert presented by the Missouri Band in Hollywood, Friday evening, December 30th, under the direction of Mr. Charles Emmons. Over 5,000 people enthusiastically applauded their fine performance.

"You will also be pleased to know, that the young men and women of your band were highly complimented on their fine manners and behavior by the hotels and various restaurants and public places they visited in our City.

"Please extend my sincere thanks to your Band Director, Mr. Emmons, for a most magnificent job.

We hope we may have the honor and pleasure of having the University of Missouri Band return to our City sometime in the very near future."

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the Governor's inauguration in Tallahassee the next day, proved to be a time and energy-consuming chore.

The high speed herding of these twenty busses through pre-game traffic by those four intrepid motorcycle policemen was a thing of wonder and beauty, not to mention a little anxiety. One of the ladies on the lead bus who was a trifle dismayed at the driver's obvious nervousness and timidity asked him if he drove a bus regularly. "Yes, I do drive a bus regularly, lady," he answered a little scornfully, "but I don't usually drive one south on this northbound highway!"

After the game the group reassembled with only one known absentee and with a replacement for the tired bus that broke down on the way to the game. An equally exciting trip home ensued, capped by an impromptu victory party at the hotel.

The consensus of the crowd, as judged by personal comments, letters and calls, was that this was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, one that should be repeated as soon as possible—with more alumni on hand.