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# COLORADO WONDERLAND CHOSEN AS MESA'S HOMECOMING THEME

## HOMECOMING GAME PROMISES THRILLS

The united and unbeaten Mesa College Mavericks enter their fifth game of the 1953 season Saturday October 17, at 2:00 p. m. as they tangle with the Trinidad Trojans at Grand Junction's Lincoln Park Stadium. The Trojans boast as fine a record as do the Mavericks having rolled up tremendous scores against several hapless opponents. The game promises to be the closest game of the year for either of the teams and the final outcome of the Empire Conference crown will probably depend on the outcome of this game.

The Trojans come to Grand Junction with two outstanding Freshman backs from Wisconsin, a smoothly functioning line, and the knowledge that to cop the conference crown they will,

first, have to humble the Mavericks. On the other hand, however, the Mavericks play the game on their home field before a large homecoming crowd. This will certainly give them some small edge. The Mesa Mavericks should enter the game at full strength with the possible exception of Don Sullivan, regular Halfback, who injured his ankle in the 28 to 7 victory over Pueblo last Saturday afternoon.

This contest may prove to be the climax of the gridiron season in the Empire Conference. It certainly promises to be a rough hard-fought game from the start to the finish. With the winner finally emerging sometime late in the fourth quarter. It is a game on which no odds should be given, and though from where we sit we will pick Mesa to win we certainly won't stick our necks out any further than that.

## Thanks Are In Order

Bouquets are the order of the day for all the individuals and groups who have worked toward making all the events of the 1953 Mesa College Homecoming a success.

The student council's hats are off to all the school groups and others who have helped in constructing the many beautiful floats. Without their cooperation, such an event as this parade would be impossible.

To the great crowds of Maverick fans—thanks!

Students attending the Homecoming dance this eve will not be ungrateful for the lovely decoration in the Mesa College gymnasium.

The Criterion extends particular thanks to the Grand Junction businessmen whose signatures appear on the reverse side of this sheet. It was they who made this special issue possible.

## 13 Floats of School Groups In Big Parade

Mesa College student council, in a meeting several weeks ago, decided to use "Colorado Wonderland" as the main theme in this year's Homecoming parade. The various clubs and other organizations around school have been hard at work during the past week getting their parade entries in shape. All the floats are well-planned and cooperation has been excellent. A list of all the groups entering the parade, their theme where available, and committee chairman follows:

Delta Psi Omega—Mesa's drama society, peach scene, Viola Bauer. Beta Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa—local branch of national honor society, comic hunting expedition, Viola Baeur. Associated Women Students of Mesa, giant peach, Sally Welch. The Criterion, special edition of newspaper and delivery truck, Don Mundell. Mesa College band, bandwagon, Dale Jens.

Freshman class, Holy Cross

scene, Nancy Anderson. Sophomore class, ski scene, Don Blanke. Associated Men Students of Mesa College, dude scene, Leon Funk. Snafulians, Leon Funk. El Toro Club, booster organization of men students, Len Sinclair. Mesa College faculty, Gene Endsley. Future Teachers Association of Mesa, Dorothy Hansen. Mesa College International Relations Club, Colorado flag, Edythrose Morgan. Judging of the floats will take place this afternoon and indications are that competition will be keen. Results will be announced at the big Mesa - Trinidad Homecoming game.



**QUEEN AND ATTENDANTS**—The student body at Mesa College choose these lovely girls to reign during Homecoming festivities. They will highlight the student council float in the parade. Left to right, front row: Joyce Bonella, freshman attendant; Sue Pendergraft, queen; Louise Younger, sophomore attendant; back row: Dorothy McLaughlin, freshman attendant; and Joan Gage, sophomore attendant. Their election Tuesday was so close that it was necessary to reopen polls again Wednesday in order that more ballots could be cast.

## Homecoming History Is One of Interest

One of the high lights of Fall quarter at Mesa College is its Home Coming. The purposes of this event is to welcome the graduates of Mesa College back to the halls and the activities of the school. Home Coming is a gay and colorful event consisting of a parade of brightly colored and wittily designed floats made up by the student organizations of the college, an afternoon football game played by the college football team, "The Mavericks", coffee hour at the college dormitory for the students, faculty and the alumni, and in the evening a friendly and enjoyable Home Coming dance.

The first Home Coming at Mesa College was in 1934. The college was then the Grand Junction Junior College and was located on Rood Ave. The college at that time had 175 students. That first Home Coming did not have a parade but it had a football game, which incidently Mesa won, and it had the Crowning of the Queen. In the evening they had a dinner for the students, faculty, and alumni and a dance which was held at the old wooden Lincoln Park gym. Mr. Clifford Housten

was then Dean of the College, he is now the Dean at the University of Colorado. Mr. George Connor was Chairman of this first Home Coming.

This year we are all looking forward to another very successful Home Coming, floats are being built, election of the Queen is in progress and several candidates have been selected. Probably Mesa's toughest football game of the year will take place this Saturday at Lincoln Park and tickets to the dance are all ready on sale. This year's Home Coming should be a very colorful event. So come on, let's give the Mavericks a big boost this Saturday.

Mesa College has had Home Coming every year since 1934 except for the years of World War II. The Army had taken most of Mesa's manpower, in fact during these years 1942-44 the men were so scarce that Mesa could not muster a football team (see girls things could be worse). In 1945 Home Coming again became part of Mesa's regular School Festivities and the Crowning of the Queen became one of the big activities in the school program.



# 'Rah 'Rah Mesa! HOMECOMING

2:00 P.M. . . . . HOMECOMING GAME  
4:30 P.M. . . COFFEE HOUR AT THE DORM  
9:00 P.M. . . . . HOMECOMING DANCE  
11:00 P.M. . . . CROWNING OF THE QUEEN



## Saturday, Oct. 17

**2:00 p.m.**

### ★ Trinidad Trojans vs. Mesa Mavericks



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