

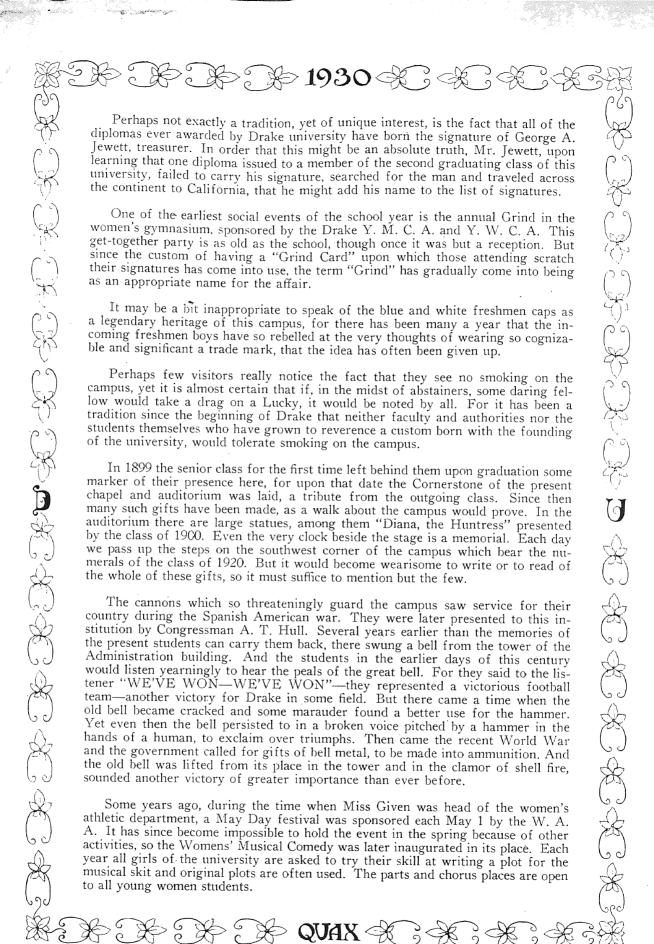
At the same time, the College of Education has been wont to hold a meeting in the chapel auditorium in appreciation of its seniors. Here the symbols of education, the ring and book, are honored.

Later in the afternoon, the entire senior class gathers about to pass the Peace Pipe around. This ceremony was inaugurated in 1903 by the graduating class of that year and carries upon its stem the original colors of that class. Each year the outgoing seniors have added their class colors to the stem. The ceremony in 1928 was unusually interesting in that members of the class originating the ceremony were presented on the campus for a reunion and participated in the ritual. Emma Scott, registrar, is custodian of the pipe.

Immediately following the presentation of diplomas since 1923, each graduating group has assembled before the steps of the administration building, there to be welcomed into the alumni circle by Robert Finch, alumni secretary and originator of the idea, and by other prominent alumni.

It has become a custom in the past years to designate one day each year in chapel as a day of recognition for the various colleges of the university. As early as 1898, the Liberal Arts college recognized their seniors in a chapel service and address. Within a few years other colleges had adopted the idea.—Law with its Green Bag day, Fine Arts, Education and Bible with their distinct days.





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One of the best known traditions in Drake's history is the annual Homecoming celebrations and all of its traditional events. It has become a custom for the homecoming football game to be played with Grinnell and Ames on alternate years. There has long been in possession of Drake and Grinnell a replica of the Old Oaken Bucket, which remains in the guardianship of the winning school the remainder of the year after the important game is played. Upon its side are painted the date and scores of the annual games from 1898 to the present time. The Barbecue and Circus which are always a part of the Homecoming ceremonies, were originated in 1915 by Arthur Kirk and Lawrence Lane, students of the university.

Each edition of the Quax carries within its pages the pictures of six representative junior and senior students of the university. There has come to be a yearly election by all the student body to select these six to appear in the "Who's Who" section, the names of which are not divulged until distribution of the year-book.

Not least among the list of Drake traditions come those concerning the school sports. Each year we cry "Chew 'em up, BULLDOGS" and we are instructed by our cheerleader to end a yell with three rousing "BULLDOGS" never thinking where our team acquired such a name.

So in delving deep into history, we have found that one—Major Griffith was coach of the football team in 1915. In his possession he had two very fine bulldogs whom he greatly loved. With every invasion of the field by the team, there stood on the sidelines with the coach these dogs in leash, mascots of the boys in blue. Until at last the team themselves, because of their fighting qualities, came to be known by the term "BULLDOGS".

With the coming of Ossie Solem as coach in 1920, another incident occurred which has become traditional in the past nine years. At the close of Ossie's first season here, the boys held a celebration before a huge bonfire on the football field. The captain led the squad around the fire, and as they halted, threw an old football shoe over his shoulder. According to the direction that the shoe falls, it is said that the luck of the team for next years' games may be determined. And modern history this fall tells us that the shoe foretold the best of luck for 1929.

There are few who have attended Drake who will ever fail to thrill to the tune of the traditional song of the university, whose words express the ideals of youth—

"Here's to the man who wears the "D" Makes a good fight for Varsity
Here's to the man who's fought and won,
Made a good fight as a true Drake son;
Here's to the man who's brave and bold,
Ready to battle as knights of old;
Fights like a bulldog for victory!
Oh, here's to the man who wears the "D".

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