

# GOOD EQUIPMENT IS AID TO TEAM

*Gridders Travel With 12 Trunks of Extra Material*

## CLEAN OUTFITS ARE USED DAILY

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"It takes more than a good team and a coach to win football games. It also takes equipment," disclosed Al Brown, custodian of the athletic gear for the football team.

Hidden in the shadow of the team's publicity, the custodian or equipment clerk as he prefers to be called, leads a

quiet life. He is in charge of all the equipment issued to the players. It is the clerk's duty to see that each man has his proper uniform every day. All players are given complete, clean equipment for every practice.

### EXTRA EQUIPMENT CARRIED

When the team travels it looks much like the young debutante on her first trip to Europe. The sons of Troy travel with 12 trunks full of extra material. Thirty new pairs of shoes are taken along, 20 extra pairs of silk pants, two jerseys for each man, a half trunk of medical supplies, one trunk of 50 blankets and 50 storm coats, and a large sea bag of medical injury pads all make the trip along with the regular uniforms and four complete changes for practice sessions on the way to the game.

### FROSH USE OLD SUITS

After a game, the uniforms of the players are sent to the dry cleaners where the suits are cleaned, mended, and put in condition for the next contest. When the varsity is through with the uniforms, they are handed down to the freshmen who use the old suits in their games.

The football players have nothing to do with their equipment except during the game. The custodian and his three assistants prepare the uniforms for the players before each game and practice. All the gridders have to do is climb into the suits.

Graduating seniors are permit-

ted to keep their old uniforms after their college careers are ended. Tradition also demands that numbers of all-American players be retired.

Each player has his own locker in the training quarters. These lockers, marked with the player's number, hold his uniform and football shoes. The 30-odd players that make up the squad are outfitted with two pairs of football shoes each.

When sports writers say, "the Trojans filled the air with footballs," they are not far from wrong. SC could really fill the air with footballs if they wanted to, because the Trojans use 100 footballs a year, and if all the balls were thrown at once, the sun would be blotted out.