

# Homecoming Dates from 1903

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On a day similar to today in 1903, the student body of the University heard an address by the governor of the state. The special day was then called Governor's Day.

Today, this same Governor's Day, now known as Alumni Homecoming will be celebrated by the return of alumni to campus and the Penn State-Syracuse football game.

The forerunner of our present homecoming dates back 59 years. In 1903, the Board of Trustees of the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, as the University was known then, acted on a suggestion of President George Atherton and set aside a day called Governor's Day.

IT WAS intended that the governor of the state, accompanied

by men prominent in state affairs should address the student body. Thus, the first Governor's Day was observed with the governor and several state troops in attendance.

Governor's Day became an annual holiday at the University, but the name was later changed to Pennsylvania Day. Traditionally, Pennsylvania Day was celebrated each fall on a home football game weekend.

In 1915, as more and more alumni began to choose Pennsylvania Day as the day to return to the campus, University officials began to notice the importance of this special weekend.

IN 1920, the first Alumni Homecoming as we know it was celebrated. At this first official homecoming football game, the Nittany Lions defeated Dartmouth, 14-7.

In 1931, various fraternities on campus instituted the practice of including lawn displays with the homecoming festivities. This year, 35 fraternities registered for the Interfraternity Council Homecoming Lawn Display contest.

The Homecoming Queen Contest was started a few years prior to 1940. However, in 1941 the program was dropped and was not resumed for 10 years. In 1952, the contest, sponsored by the Thespians, was resumed again. Today it is sponsored by the Undergraduate Student Government.

### Fitzgerald Gets Grant

J. Gary Fitzgerald (graduate—petroleum engineering — Pittsburgh) has received the Marathon Oil Company fellowship for the 1962-63 academic year. He is a graduate of Marietta College.

## Horticulture Show to Celebrate Centennial of Land Grant Act

The 49th annual Horticulture Show will be held in the Ice Skating Pavilion today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The show has been dedicated to Russell E. Larson, director of Agricultural and Home Economics Extension and associate dean of agriculture.

This year's show, entitled "A Golden Walk of Progress," observes the centennial of the Morrill Land Grant Act, which established the state agricultural colleges.

AMONG THE highlights of the show will be a 100 square foot model of Penn State's "Ag Hill." Other exhibits will feature the Federal Hatch Act of 1887, the first Penn State Horticulture

Show and the experimental flower gardens.

Also on display will be a mural of Lincoln signing the Morrill Act and a full-scale greenhouse of domestic and foreign plants. The exhibits will be connected by a walk of gold-colored bricks.

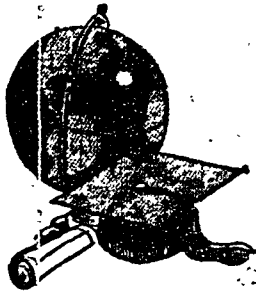
The beginning of the Department of Horticulture in 1908 will be illustrated by a large cornucopia covered with thousands of bronze-colored chrysanthemums. From the cornucopia will flow many of the products grown at Penn State's Horticultural Research Farm in Centre County.

MEREDITH SWING (sophomore - education - Falls Church, Virginia) will reign as princess of the show.


**Alpha Gamma Delta**  
**WELCOMES**  
**ALUMS**  
to a tea in the suite following the game



**Alpha Tau Omega**  
hosts their Alums




**KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA**  
Welcomes Alumnae to a tea following the game



**ALPHA EPSILON PHI**  
**WELCOMES**  
**ALUMNI**




**THETA PHI ALPHA**  
Welcomes Friends and Alums to Brunch  
10 - 11:30 in the suite



**Delta Zeta's**  
**Auspices of Autumn**  
Homecoming Reception in Suite after game




**Phi Epsilon Pi**  
—Jammy—  
Alums will "Swing" with Lou Chic and the Chics



**Alumnae Coming Home?**  
**Alpha Phi Sorority** welcomes you with a brunch buffet  
Alpha Phi Suite 10:00 a.m.



**PHI SIGMA SIGMA**  
welcomes **ALL ALUMS**



**Sigma Alpha Mu**  
Alums to hear **The Four Dimensions**  
9:30-1:00  
—Closed—




Almost **ANYONE** is Welcome At **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**

**Gamma Phi Beta**  
Welcomes alumnae to a tea in suite following the game.



**Phi Mu Delta**  
entertains their Alumni  
All Alumni Welcome



**WELCOME BACK**  
**Alpha Omicron Pi**  
**Alums**  
Brunch in the Suite  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.



**The Daily Collegian**  
**Welcomes All**  
**P.S.U. Alumni**