

Festivities for alumni to capture lion spirit

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The hoopla of Homecoming '78 will travel through campus tomorrow like toga parties spread through the country.

The celebration, which originated on Oct. 9, 1920 with the Penn State-Dartmouth game, includes parades, bonfires, lawn displays, window displays, banners, floats, crazy bands and mad hats, all proving that "We are . . . Penn State!"

Alumni return each year "to renew friendships with each other and their alma mater," said John Black, a 1962 graduate and assistant executive director of the Alumni Association and editor of the football letter.

They will flood Beaver Stadium to see their alma mater tackle Syracuse, to watch the Blue Band perform another colorful show and to cheer with the spirited cheerleaders.

The merchants in town anticipate a great deal of business before and after the game, with hundreds of people pouring into stores to buy Penn State paraphernalia.

This weekend gives alumni the opportunity to visit their old fraternities, sororities, dorm floors and clubs with old school chums.

Jay Schultz, co-chairman of the Homecoming Committee and a member

of the Intrafraternity Council, is optimistic about the weekend's activities.

"The parade will be twice as long, and the competitions have doubled," he said. Schultz added that Homecoming is "not as big as it should be for the University's size."

Restaurants such as the Corner, The Tavern and The Train Station expect to be extremely busy all afternoon and evening.

The bars also expect a lot of business. The Shandygaff, the oldest saloon in town, hopes to draw many who return to reminisce.

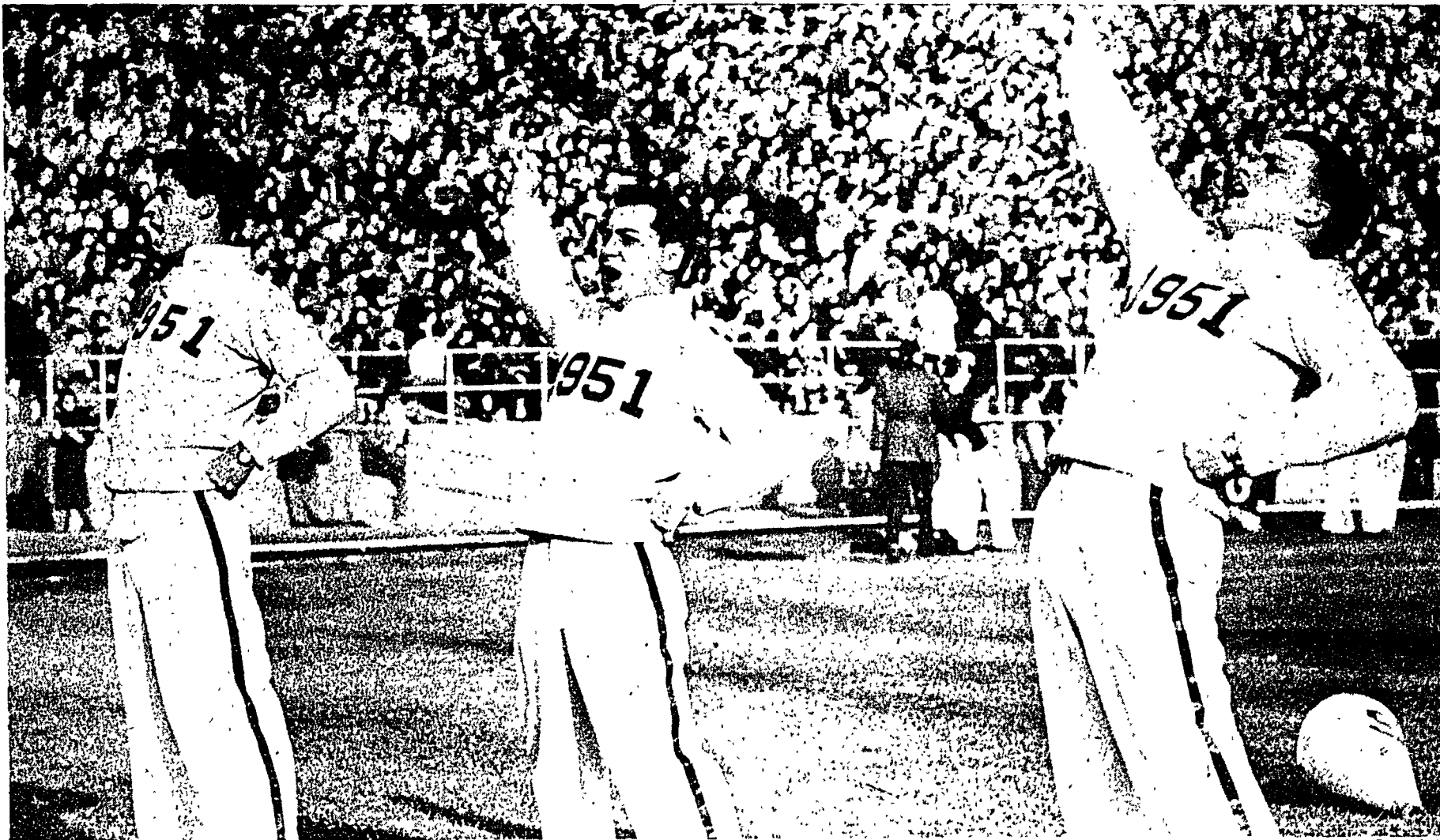
The Saloon plans to keep alumni busy with a Graduated Happy Hour.

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State College police say they do not anticipate any major problems with the crowds. They had no serious trouble in past years, and plan to treat Homecoming as any other homegame weekend.

The police said they may make parking easier by lifting the overnight parking bans as they have done before.

Homecoming planners, as well as townspeople, are working to make this weekend unforgettable, so that alumni will return home at the end of the weekend with the old Lion Spirit.



"We are . . . Penn State," was roared just as enthusiastically in 1951 as today, although with fewer voices. Helping to get the crowd "fired up" are, from left to right: Richard Weisberg, Norman Fryman and Ted Sykes.

Independents join in, too

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A non-Greek student no longer can claim Homecoming is all Greek to him.

Throughout the years, Homecoming at the University was traditionally a Greek affair. Fraternities and sororities organized the festivities and were the major participants in the excitement.

But this year's "We Are Penn State" Homecoming has expanded to include independents from dormitories and non-Greek organizations.

"Traditionally, Homecoming has always been Greek," said Georgia Humes, co-chairman for this year's activities. "We're still the organizers, but now we've asked others to join in."

"Everything we're doing is still very traditional," Humes added, "but it's tradition with a little more flavor."

"We told organizations to let us know if they had anything going on and we

could include it in the Homecoming schedule of events," co-chairman Jay Schultz said.

But the major difference in getting people involved is the publicity, Humes said.

"When I was a freshman and not in a sorority, I didn't even know when Homecoming was," she said. "What has really helped is the publicity, a lot more people know about it."

This semi-break with tradition has aroused the interest of 10 independent groups, creating independent as well as Greek divisions for the Homecoming competitions.

"We hope to open up Homecoming," Schultz said. "We hope to keep building on the independents."

However, in an effort to maintain the traditional aspect of Homecoming, the Greeks have nearly doubled last year's number of entries.

The Greeks have 29 fraternities and sororities involved in this year's activities. They are required to participate in at least four of the five competitions. Independents may participate in one.

The entry fee is \$65 for Greeks and \$10 for independents. The five competitions are: window decorating, floats, banners, standards and the mad hatter.

Other activities planned include: a parade, bonfire, pep rally and an All-University tailgate.

"Basically, the schedule stays the same," Schultz said. "We really can't change it."

The celebration will extend further into the week, but Schultz said most of the Homecoming is geared for the weekend.

"A lot of it is for the alumni, and they won't be here until the weekend anyway," Schultz said.

Official on 'most respected' list

Change magazine and the American Council on Education have selected Stanley O. Ikenberry, senior vice-president for administration at the University, one of "the most respected leaders in higher education" today.

Ikenberry is one of 100 persons selected to be the subject of a feature article in the October issue of Change, a magazine devoted to issues of interest in higher education.

The article will pay tribute "not to the past, but to the future — to 100 of the most respected emerging leaders in higher education."

Nominees were required to be 45 years old or less, have records of significant accomplishments outside a single institution, and show potential for national leadership.

Ikenberry, previously with West Virginia University, came to the University in 1969.

Chris A. Schultz, Jeffrey P. Monaco and Joshua D. Bernoff, respectively, have won the freshman, sophomore and junior student prizes offered by the College of Science Alumni Society at the University.

The \$200 awards, funded by alumni contributions, honor outstanding academic achievement and superior performance in University and science activities.

Schultz is a sophomore majoring in chemistry; Monaco is a computer science major in his junior year; and Bernoff is a mathematics major who will graduate spring 1979 after only three years at the University. All

three students maintain near perfect cumulative averages, as well as giving time to various club activities.

C. Gregory Knight, associate professor of geography at the University, returned recently from a year's leave of absence spent as a visiting professor of geography at the University of Ife in Nigeria.

At the Nigerian university, Knight helped develop research programs on rural energy systems; assisted in preparing for the International Geographic Union Regional Conference held July in Nigeria; and taught seminar courses on resource management.

—by Jill Connors



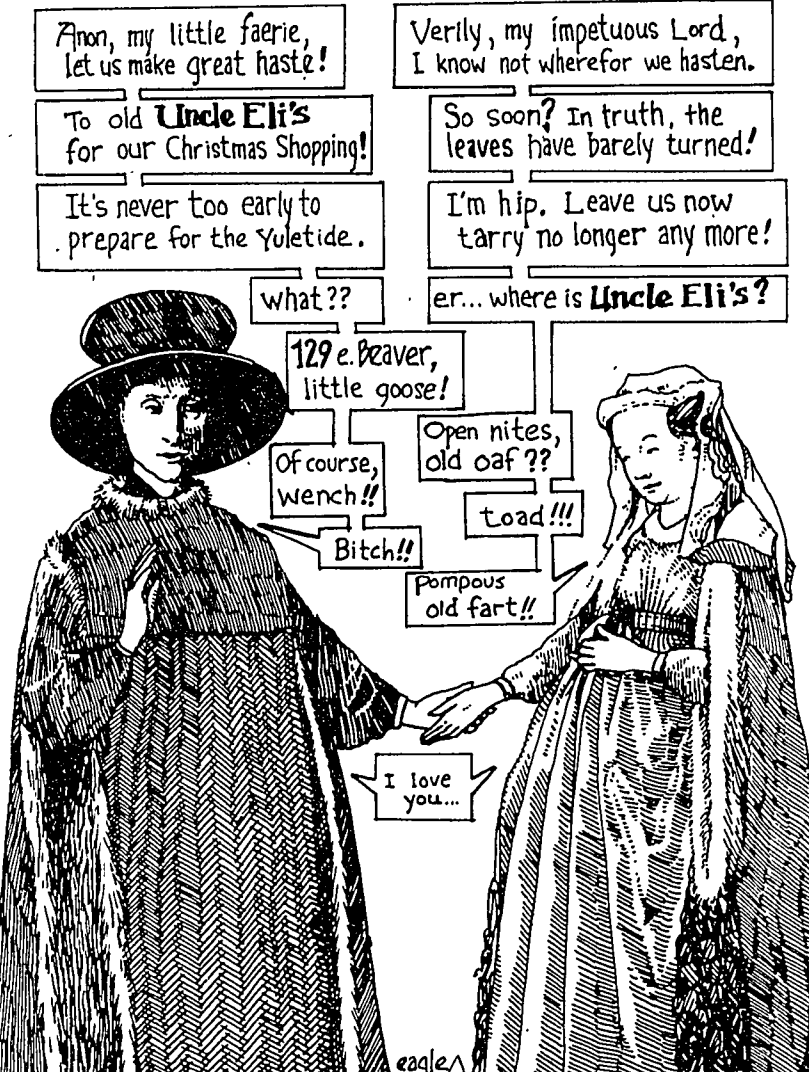
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