

Homecoming highlights traditions

Variety of activities planned

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Freshman beanies, football, sticky buns, curfews, Whipples Dam and the legend of Mt. Nittany — a small sampling of the many Penn State traditions we have either heard about or lived through.

For those of us who might not know that the University's original colors were pink and black or that Old Main originally housed all the students and classrooms, enjoyable and educational experience as the University devotes the entire weekend to remembering Penn State traditions.

The theme for this year's homecoming was chosen last spring by the homecoming committee chairpersons, who wanted to bring back the memories of the various traditions for the benefit of alumni and students.

"We chose this theme because it shows Penn State is something that has been and will continue to be," Homecoming Chairwoman Kathy Lewis said.

Beginning last Saturday, old and new pictures and assorted memorabilia were on display at the HUB to compare and contrast the various aspects of the University from over the years.

"We're trying to bring back the memory of those traditions and make students remember that we are a University based on tradition — socially," Public Relations Chairwoman Sue Sullivan said.

Windows in the front and back of the HUB, South Halls residence halls and other areas on campus will be designed and painted by campus organizations and interested groups. Fraternities will also have lawn displays.

As returning alumni tour the campus and remember days gone by, a variety of activities have been scheduled to appeal not only to alumni but to students, visiting Penn State fans and residents of the State College area, Sullivan said.

Starting at 5:45 this afternoon, the Homecoming parade will assemble at the Intramural Building, proceed past the Natatorium, go left down Pollock Road, turn right on to Shortlidge Road past the White Building, turn right on College Avenue, go down to Burrows Road and up the street to Rec Hall.

Grand Marshalls for the parade will be George Page, launch director of the space shuttle, and Mike Shine, an Olympic silver medalist in track and field.

Both Page and Shine were chosen to represent the tradition of academics and athletics at the University, Sullivan said.

Donald Hegginstaller, a local announcer, will be introducing and announcing the parade at the base of the mall. A hot air balloon is also scheduled to fly over the parade route.

Antique steam engines, floats, banners and the U.S. Navy Cracker Jack drill team from Memphis, Tenn., are just a few of the parade highlights.

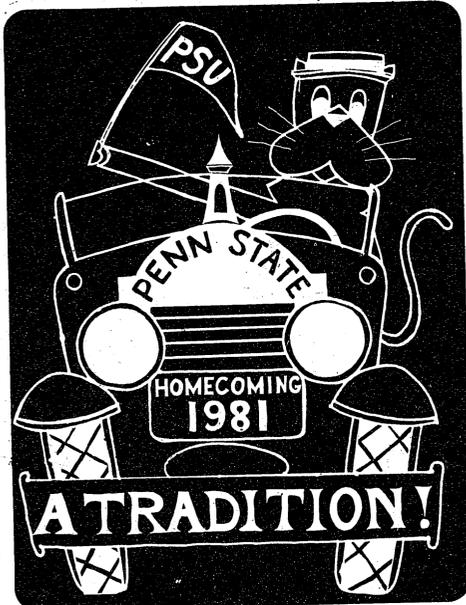
At 7:30 p.m., the candlelight ceremony will be held on the steps of Old Main.

University President John W. Oswald will speak and the Penn State Glee Club will perform during the ceremony by the light of candles.

Sullivan described the ceremony as a "really pretty and special event" that has been a University tradition.

Later in the evening, a bonfire, pep rally and fireworks display will be held at 9 p.m. at the south end of the fields around Beaver Stadium. Football coach Joe Paterno, the cheerleaders and the Nittany Lion will be on hand to promote spirit and get everyone psyched up for the football game against Boston College tomorrow. Anyone with plenty of spirit and a loud voice is encouraged to attend, Sullivan said.

Starting at midnight tonight and ending at 7 tomorrow morning, the vigil at the Nittany Lion Shrine will take place to protect it from any devious notions Boston



College fans might have about painting it. Ever since he was a small cub, the Nittany Lion has been faced with threats from fans of opposing schools.

"We've been receiving anonymous threats against our lion," Lewis said. "We've all got to be there in full force to protect him."

schedule of events

today		tomorrow		sunday	
5:45 p.m.	Homecoming parade — College Avenue	10 a.m. — noon	Journalism and Collegian alumni reception — Alumni Lounge, 104 Old Main		Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils and the Student Foundation for the Performing Arts
7:15 p.m.	Men's soccer, Penn State vs. Maryland — Jeffrey Field	1:15 p.m.	Balloon launch — Beaver Stadium		
7:30 p.m.	Candlelight ceremony — steps of Old Main	1:30 p.m.	Homecoming game, Penn State vs. Boston College — Beaver Stadium	11 a.m.	Men's lacrosse alumni game
8 p.m.	Distinguished Alumni reception — Mt. Nittany Room, Nittany Lion Inn	4 — 8 p.m.	5th annual Alumni Association Oktoberfest — Colonial Room, Nittany Lion Inn	11 a.m.	Homecoming Mass — Eisenhower Auditorium
8 p.m.	Artists Series: Phyllis Newman in "The Madwoman of Central Park West" — Schwab Auditorium	7:30 p.m.	Penn State Glee Club/Women's Choir concert — Schwab Auditorium	2 p.m.	Dedication of indoor sports complex
9 p.m.	Bonfire, pep rally and fireworks — Beaver Stadium fields	8:30 p.m.	Hypnotist James J. Mapes — Eisenhower Auditorium	4 — 6 p.m.	Open house at indoor sports complex
Midnight — 7 a.m.	Vigil at the lion — Nittany Lion Shrine		Presented by the	7:30 p.m.	Awards ceremony — HUB Ballroom

Famous alumni:

Some graduates honored with Distinguished Alumnus Award

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What do a decorated NASA astronaut, an Academy Award winning screenwriter, a Nobel prize recipient and the retired chairman of Rockwell International have in common? Besides representing the cream of the crop in their respective professions, they are all University graduates.

Each has also been honored with a Distinguished Alumnus Award — a medalion presented annually to five University alumni "whose personal life, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of the Penn State College."

Astronaut Paul J. Weitz, who received the award in 1974, spent 28 days in space aboard the orbiting space laboratory Skylab II in 1973. A recipient of the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, he graduated from the University in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering.

Julius J. Epstein graduated from the University in 1931 and went on to become a successful screenwriter. Working with his brother Philip, who is also a University alumnus, he wrote "The Tender Trap," "Fanny" and "Casablanca," for which he won the Academy Award for Best Screenplay in 1942.

Two other Distinguished Alumni are leaders in the field of wildlife conservation. Twin brothers Frank C. and John C. Craighead majored in science at Penn State, graduated in 1939, and went on to earn doctorates at the University of Michigan — Frank in bio-ecology and John

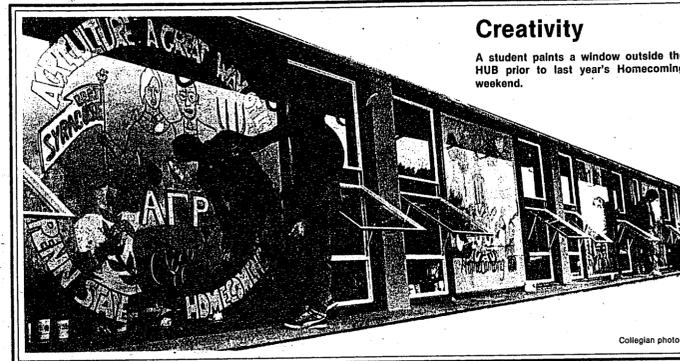
in conservation and forestry. The brothers share a deep concern about wild river and endangered species preservation. They have collaborated on books, magazine articles and motion pictures that cover a range of topics, from survival and wildflower identification to falconry and grizzly bear observation.

Biochemist Paul Berg, class of '48, is another of the University's famous graduates. His research in gene splicing, or the transfer of DNA from one organism to another, earned him a 1980 Nobel Prize

for chemistry. Both critical and popular success have greeted Vance Packard, class of '36, in his career as a writer. In addition to having had articles published in "Atlantic," "Harper's Bazaar" and "Look," Packard wrote "The Hidden Persuaders," "The Status Seekers" and "The Waste Makers," in which he explains the findings and trends of the social sciences to laymen.

Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient Marion Dougherty, who graduated from the University in 1943, has made her mark in the entertainment world as a casting director. The list of box office winners she cast includes "Midnight Cowboy," "The Sting," "The Great Gatsby," "Hawaii" and "The Way We Were."

Another successful graduate, Willard F. Rockwell Jr., became a powerful Pittsburgh industrialist after graduating in 1935 with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. His drive molded the giant corporation Rockwell International, which manufactures aircraft missiles and reactors.



Creativity

A student paints a window outside the HUB prior to last year's Homecoming weekend.

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