

homecoming

Coming Home: Alums meet at reception, Oktoberfest

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As students participated in the various Homecoming events and the usual Friday night activities, the returning alumni began to arrive on campus to relive their past and to have the University honor them as one of the most important parts of Homecoming.

A distinguished alumni reception on Friday evening and the annual Oktoberfest on Saturday afternoon were held at the Nittany Lion Inn to give returning alumni the opportunity to meet once again, remember old friendships and make new ones.

"Homecoming is the opportunity to think about the things I thought about 20 years ago," Ray Shibley, class of '47, said at Friday's reception. "Each one reminds me of an event and a thought, and this is the first time I get to shake hands with the Nittany Lion."

Ivy Segal, class of '56 and Alumni Association representative from the West coast, traveled from California in order to be here for Homecoming and to visit his family. "It's great to be back," Segal said. "I love this school. I'm just delighted to be back."

Segal said he really enjoyed the parade and was very impressed by the imaginative floats. He said he hopes to make it back every year for Homecoming.

"I'm not ashamed to say that when they play the alma mater tomorrow, I will cry," Segal said. Various alumni talked about the special affinity Penn State graduates have and how it stays with them wherever they go.

Monty and Marion Mitchell, class of '49, came from Houston, Texas, for Homecoming but missed the parade.

"We never had a parade when we were here," Marion Mitchell said. She added that, "Homecoming is the chance to see old and new friends and to see how the school has grown."

Herb Beckhard, class of '49, came from New York, a trip he said was not that difficult anymore.

"I come up here a lot anyway," Beckhard said. "I love Penn State." Beckhard played on the tennis team while he was attending the University and now has a son who also plays for the team, he said.

"Penn State has gotten eight years out of us," Beckhard said. "For me, the education I received was excellent. It's been a very positive thing and I have such fond memories of Penn State — nice girls, good games and great teachers. I enjoyed everything I did here."

Joe Healey, Homecoming chairman for alumni relations, organized the alumni reception in order to make the alumni feel at home. "It gives you a great feeling to know they care about Penn State," Healey said.

State Rep. Roger Madigan, R-110th district, a member of the Board of Trustees and a '51 graduate, said this Homecoming was extra special for him because he was invited to participate in the parade. "I enjoyed it immensely," Madigan said. "All of us had an enjoyable time."

"Homecoming is an opportunity to meet with old friends and classmates and the chance to see the excellent Penn State football team perform."

Madigan reminisced about the effect returning war veterans had on the campus and the students years ago. "It gave us some maturity to mingle with them," he said. "To prove that things have not changed all that much, Madigan confessed that even back then students caused the same kind of trouble that students do now."

Madigan recalled one incident involving a snowball fight in the winter of 1950 that sent a whole group of students to the police station. The snow ball fight involved many fraternities and turned into an all-out fight in the middle of the snow-covered streets.

On Saturday, alumni assembled once again after the game at the Oktoberfest, sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Photo by Barbara Parker

A Penn State fan displays her Central Counties Bank buttons on her hat, above, while the Pi Kappa Alpha Districtal band entry, below, won first place in the crazy band competition.

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Two groups of Nittany Lion fans enjoy the Homecoming weekend in different — but traditional — ways.

Parade entertains all with a variety of activities

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The invasion began Friday and they came from all over — returning alumni, football fans and visitors from Boston.

"Ah, Homecoming... it reminds me of my youth," said State Rep. Ben Wilson, R-Bucks County. The Nittany Lion, Roy Scott, jumped in and out of the parade procession as spectators shouted, "We want the lion!"

More antique steam engines and high-pitched horn-blowing followed and then the floats began to appear. Blinking lights, moving parts and stereophonic sound were only part of engineering ingenuity that went into the many floats.

Pollock-Nittany Residence Hall Association, the only dorm area to enter a float, built a float to represent a very popular and traditional game on campus — quarters. A large hand moved up and down as it motioned to flip a quarter in a mug.

The Undergraduate Student Government had a flatbed truck and members dressed up as Arabs and businessmen with money bulging from their pockets and cigar smoke coming from their mouths. The interpretation of their theme was left for the spectators' imagination.

There were floats representing many of the Penn State traditions: cramming, the dreaded "freshman ten," climbing Mt. Nittany, sticky buns at the old College diner, red tape, Old Main and even some Joe Paterno look-a-likes wearing the famous white socks.

Over-all winner for greeks was Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and Sigma Delta Tau sorority. Second temperature, they performed in uniforms of short-sleeved shirts for men and short skirts for the women.

"Cold? We're not cold," said one Legion member. "The enthusiasm of the crowd and the excitement of the people keeps us warm," Legion member Brian Maser (7th-health planning and administration/landscape architecture) said.

Ken Graham (7th-animal biochemistry), who came for a brief stay in shorts, wet hair and a towel, also seemed unaffected by the cold. "I felt like going swimming," Graham said.

As the evening progressed, several attempts from Boston College were reported by the people sitting on top of the lion. "They were real sneaky," a vigil watcher said. "They came up from behind, but we caught them in time. We're holding them for interrogation."

At that point it seemed as though, no one was above suspicion and very few were allowed near the lion. It is questionable whether the lion was even there because not one corner of his concrete body could be seen under the blanket of people.

Those who wanted to see if the lion really was there had to produce their student ID card for scrutinization or else sing the Penn State alma mater. Anyone without an ID was in obvious trouble.

"We've got some real sickies that came this year," an unidentified and slightly intimidated Boston College student said. Unknown to many, there were several Boston College students and fans on hand at the vigil who were there out of curiosity and amazement.

"What are they standing on anyway? What's a Nittany?" said a Boston College student present at the vigil. Other curiosity seekers came from as far as Maryland. Several pledges from a fraternity from the University of Maryland traveled to Penn State as part of pledge project. Three officers from the pledge class were assigned to "moon" the lion and take a polaroid picture to immortalize the occasion.

"We didn't know this was going to be going on," Nick Guittita, a Maryland student said. "It came as a complete surprise to us, but probably not to the guys who sent us up here."

Crowd reaction to the Maryland visitors was somewhat mixed. "How sacrilegious," one girl said. "I'm never surprised by what a fraternity will do," another said. While some people returned to the comfort and warmth of home, others stayed on throughout the night to see the vigil through.

At 6:30 Saturday morning in the lingering darkness, 28 vigil watchers remained. The Lion's Legion was on hand to lead cheers and promote crowd spirit. Despite the frigid



Photo by Kenan Sogit

All night long: Vigil protects lion shrine from B.C. fans

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The time: 10:30 Friday night. The place: the Nittany Lion shrine. The scene: four avid University students arrive early to secure their positions against the anticipated evil doings of the Boston College Eagles.

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police log

• Carl McElwee, 413 West Drive, told University Police Services yesterday that her 1972 MGB was missing from Parking Lot Red F. The car is valued at about \$1,900, police said.

• Fred Burns, supervisor of presentation services, told University police on Friday that electrical equipment was missing from 13 Sprout sometime between 1979 and Oct. 9, 1981. The equipment was valued at about \$1,400, police said.

• A vehicle driven by Kathy Hail, 1013 S. Allen St., went through a fence at the intramural field on Park Avenue on Saturday, University police said.

• Dennis Hesel, a member of the Boston College football team, told University police on Saturday that clothing was missing from the visiting team locker room. The clothes were valued at about \$80, police said.

• Nancy Phillips, 1212 S. Pugh St., told State College police Saturday that her bicycle was missing from her yard. The bicycle was valued at about \$125, police said.

• Fred Tomplin, 600 W. College Ave., told State College police on Friday that his bicycle was missing from his home. The bicycle was valued at about \$100, police said.

• State College police said that a 300-pound bear was chased out of town yesterday afternoon. The bear was chased east into the woods, police said.

collegian notes

• The local chapter of Americans for Democratic Action will meet at 8 tonight in 303 Willard.

• The Kung Fu Club will work out at 6:30 tonight in 133 White Building.

• The Juggling Club will meet at 8:30 tonight in 106 White Building.

• The Marketing Club will present Chis — Award-Winning Commercials at 7:30 tonight in the HUB Assembly Room.

• The bicycle division of the Penn State Outing Club will sponsor an open bicycle workshop at 7 tonight in 8 Intramural Building. A mechanic will be available for assistance.

• The Archery Club will meet at 7 tonight in 10 IM Building.

• The Kodokan Judo Club will practice at 8:30 tonight in the wrestling room of the IM Building.

• The Hetzel Union Board will present continuous videotapes of Saturday Night Live, Part One from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in the HUB Browsing Gallery.

• Penn State Students for Life will meet at 7 tonight in 318 HUB.

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