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WHY 'WE ARE'



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HOMECOMING

PSU spirit shows

By Vera Greene
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

With Penn State alumni arriving in State College to remember their college years, three events today are planned to help get them into the spirit of Homecoming.

Homecoming Public Relations Chairwoman Caitlin Rush said today is Homecoming's biggest and busiest day — each day this week has had only two events at most — but she's excited.

"This will be the first chance all week for students and alumni to really interact," Rush (junior-public relations and marketing) said. "Most alumni have been working all week so they haven't gotten to experience the events."

Starting the day off will be a student-alumni ice cream social from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Hintz Family Alumni Center. Speedskating Olympian Allison Baver, the Homecoming Grand Marshal, will attend the social — her first public Grand Marshal appearance.

Public Relations Captain Becky Murdy said it will be a good time for all.

"I think that the ice cream social is a great thing for Penn State Homecoming," Murdy (senior-public relations) said. "Not only can you meet the Grand Marshal, but you also can interact with alumni and just have a great time."

Rush said there will be free Berkeley Creamery ice cream, as well as a chance to mingle with a lot of alumni and see members of the alumni Blue Band perform.

But the busy day doesn't stop there.

Two hours after the social ends, the Homecoming parade begins and more than 180 organizations will be showcasing their best people, floats and Penn State spirit.

Beginning on Curtin Road, the floats will head down to College Avenue before ending at Pollock Road.

Murdy said she can't wait to see the pumped floats and each of their creative themes.

"The parade is such a symbol of Homecoming, and Penn State knows how to do it big," Murdy said. "It is going to be a nice night weather-wise, so I plan on See HOMECOMING, Page 2.

Iconic cheer began in 1977

By Vera Greene
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The words connect complete strangers who see a fellow Penn Stater sporting school apparel and are echoed by 107,282 people in Beaver Stadium at every home football game.

The words are ingrained into the minds of potential freshmen from the moment they set foot on Curtin Road with their backwards-walking Lion Ambassador tour guide.

There's no doubt about it — the

"We are... Penn State" cheer is a pillar of Penn State University and the strength behind the No. 1 student section in the country.

But it hasn't always been like that.

History has it that in the 1940s the Penn State football team canceled a game in an effort to protest traveling south without their black players. And when captain Steve Suhey was asked if there would be further discussion about it, he allegedly said, "No, we are Penn State."

But up until 1977, there was no

"We Are" chant and as much as Penn State fans prefer to give as little credit as possible to rival Ohio State University — it is because of their students that Penn State has one of the most recognizable cheers in the world.

Before Penn State was in the Big 10 conference or any national football titles were won, there were just games played by an independent team. And an away game in Columbus, Ohio — home to the Ohio State Buckeyes — is where the idea of the cheer was first planted.

Bring it on

Dave Eckhart, a cheerleader in 1977 for the Penn State cheerleading team, said the whole squad was in awe of Ohio's student section when they first heard their "O-H, I-O" cheer overtake the stadium.

"We thought the cheer was cool, and we thought, 'There's got to be something like that we can do at Beaver Stadium,'" Eckhart said.

"We were all sitting around, See CHEER, Page 2.

PHC talks alcohol

By Megan Rogers
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The Panhellenic Council (PHC) held a meeting Wednesday night to discuss the issue of alcohol abuse within the community.

Incidents that occurred this past weekend relating to excessive drinking prompted the meeting, PHC President Sara Linkosky wrote in a statement.

PHC Vice President for Standards Ceili Stahl sent an e-mail to the presidents of each sorority early Wednesday afternoon, informing them that all social functions for the night were cancelled. The executive board of each chapter was required to attend the meeting instead, Stahl said in the e-mail.

PHC executives did not return See ALCOHOL, Page 2.



Linkosky

Leaders combine festivals

By Hannah Rishel
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Tim Hayes, Overall Director of Movin' On, hosted a meeting.

Student leaders officially announced the collaboration of spring music festivals Movin' On and Last Stop at a press conference Thursday night and said the combination is a logical step.

The resolution to combine the two spring concerts was decided at Wednesday night's University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) meeting.

Tim Hayes, overall director for Movin' On, said that the collaboration was a "joint effort by everyone" and it will "unify efforts to

make a more diverse, more successful event."

Movin' On, which was split from the Association of Residence Hall Students (ARHS), will be in charge of most of the logistics of the event. The other organizations involved — UPUA, the Graduate School Association (GSA), the Student Programming Association (SPA), The Lion 90.7 FM and ARHS — will have liaisons to serve on a 10-person executive committee.

As of right now organizers haven't determined a name for the concert collaboration. See FESTIVALS, Page 2.

Royster could break record Saturday

By Andrew J. Cassavell
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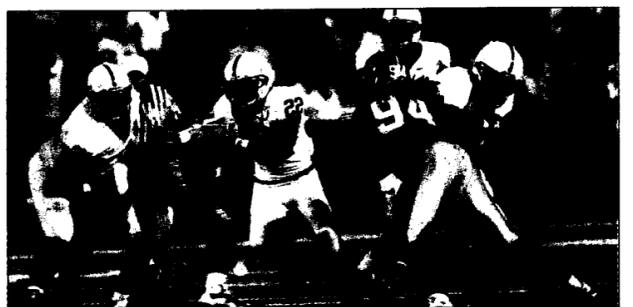
Something has to give. If past Penn State-Illinois games are any indication, Evan Royster will threaten to break the school's all-time rushing record Saturday. If his performance so far this season is any indication, he won't.

Royster is 128 yards away from passing Curt Warner's 28-year-old mark of 3,398 yards. But none of the players — including Royster — have really turned

their attention to the record.

Fullback Joe Suhey, lead blocker for Royster for parts of three seasons, said it's something he'd take pride in, but he'd have to wait until after the game is over to do so.

"I don't think that's something that you're necessarily thinking about during the game," said Suhey, whose father Matt was a freshman when Warner was a freshman in 1979. "It's really exciting for him. Evan's an unbelievable back, but during the game you See ROYSTER, Page 2.



Andrew Dunheimer/Collegian

Evan Royster, 22, runs the ball against Iowa at last week's game.

More coverage on Homecoming. | LOCAL, Page 3.

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If you go

What: 2010 Homecoming Parade

When: 6 p.m. tonight

Where: Parade begins on Curtin Road and runs through downtown

Details: The parade is free and open to the public