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A FASHIONABLE HISTORY
Homecoming fashion has changed multiple times throughout the years.

“Everyday wear” included tailored suits and large hats during the ’10s and ’20s as the tradition of Homecoming is created, according to the university.

Fans began to ditch the blazer and opt for visors heading into the late ’50s and early ’60s, when Missouri was ranked No. 1 nationally for the first time.

With the formation of the Big 12 conference in 1996, Homecoming fashion became more relaxed, with more jeans, polos, vests and riding boots coming in style.

Layered sweatshirts were a defining trend through the late ’30s and ’40s.

Drop-waisted dresses and cardigans became popular in the late ’70s and ’80s.

Upon joining the SEC, Homecoming fashion went back to a formal style. Regular season games continue to warrant a more relaxed sense of style.

1910s - 1920s
1930s - 1940s
1950s - 1960s
1970s - 1980s
1990s - 2000s
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Talent show team strives for inclusivity

Homecoming directors incorporate more non-Greek acts in three-night event

By Savannah Walsh
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One of the mainstays of MU Homecoming is recognizing the abundance of talent in the community. Whether it’s decorations at downtown storefronts or local organizations building elaborate parade floats, the weekend is designed to demonstrate these original contributions.

Homecoming also includes the annual talent show, a three-night event where Greek groupings typically perform skits onstage at Jesse Hall about campus traditions, from the iconic Columns to Tiger Stripe ice cream.

This year, the talent show — to take place Oct. 16-19 — is aiming for a more inclusive experience.

Talent Tri Director Brooke Novinger, who is not a member of a Greek chapter, said it’s important that students outside of the 15 Greek pairings feel that they have a voice in the talent show, as well.

Novinger was on the Homecoming Steering Committee last year and said she saw a more concerted effort to get non-Greek students involved.

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tions that haven’t been completely open in the past,” she said. “We’re working to try something every student will leave Mizzou appreciating.”

The plan is being carried out primarily through auditions for the talent show acts. Performers auditioned Sept. 24 to showcase their abilities along with the Greek skits in a variety of ways, including magic, comedy and even beat boxing.

For Alyson Friend, coordinator of student and alumni programs, student involvement in every part of the process is what sets the MU Homecoming apart.

“Students are a part of everything from start to finish — the costumes, set, choreography,” Friend said.

In addition to auditions and ticket sales, the group must also secure judges, and communicate venue guidelines about lighting and sound to the Greek organizations.

Lydia Jain, a member of the steering committee, said the people behind the scenes not only raise the bar for the finished product, but make the preparation an unforgettable experience.

“The highlight has been getting to meet so many people that love Mizzou as much as I do,” Jain said. “Because everyone has such a passion for this campus and making Homecoming be as great as it can be.”

The committee expects Jesse Hall to be packed during the talent show with students holding spirit sticks and Greek letters, and doing lots of chanting.

Friend hopes the talent show exemplifies the Homecoming theme, “Rhythm of the Roar,” by marrying a beloved tradition with each student’s story — Greek or otherwise.

“It’s always exciting to see what students come up with to take storied traditions and weave something (new) into them,” said Friend.

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Talent Tri Director
LEVELS OF INVOLVEMENT

With different levels of involvement, all organizations are encouraged to participate in celebrating the 106th MU Homecoming. Below are the four levels with lists of participating organizations.

BLACK&GOLD
Royalty
Each grouping will nominate someone from the organization to potentially be the next Homecoming king or queen.

Blood Drive
MU’s blood drive, the largest student-run blood drive in the country, will take place 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Oct. 9-12 at the Hearnes Center.

Decoration
25 Volunteers from each grouping will provide service through the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri on the Homecoming Day of Service.

Service

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Flag Football
Each organization has a chance to display MU pride. Participants will set up a small tailgate while participating in the flag football tournament.

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Merchandise
The purpose of merchandise is to promote MU spirit and Homecoming pride through the sale and distribution of 2017 MU Homecoming apparel.

Parade
Any student organization recognized by MU, residential hall, community organization or business may enter a decorated car, float, walking banner or other entry as allowed by the parade committee.

Talent
An organization participating in the Traditions level of involvement will be performing on one of the following dates: 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 16-19

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Truman’s Tracks
Homecoming playlist for fans, from rap to rock

By Savannah Walsh
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Homecoming weekend needs stellar music. Whether you’re a fan of classic rock, the latest pop or guilty pleasure rap, we’ve got you covered. Enhance your tailgate with these tiger tracks.

For the crazy-devoted fan: This is the fan who coordinates the game day experience exclusively to Mizzou-related tracks. This must include the Missouri Fight Song, plus some “Eye of the Tiger” and “Black and Yellow” for good measure. And you know Guns ’n Roses “Welcome to the Jungle” will find its way into the mix.

For the bartender: The mix for the mixologist might include “It’s Five O’Clock Somewhere” or “Drinkin’ Town with a Football Problem.” You can raise a glass while getting down.

For the patriotic partier: Along with pride for the MU Tigers, these fans may channel their jubilation into American anthems. For them, add Springsteen’s “Born to Run” or Miley’s “Party in the U.S.A.”

For the throwback devotee: For all the alums, or current students with a flair for history, don’t rule out a time-honored classic. No tailgating or game-watching experience would be complete without “Sweet Caroline,” “Don’t Stop Believin’” or “Come on Eileen.” We dare even the most cynical of homecoming goers to sit still to blasts from the past.

THE BIG PLAYLIST

- “Jump Around” (House of Pain)
- “Eye of the Tiger” (Survivor)
- “Hey Ya” (Outkast)
- “Missouri Fight Song”
- “Seven Nation Army” (White Stripes)
- “Sweet Caroline” (Neil Diamond)
- “We are the Champions” (Queen)
- “Black and Yellow” (Wiz Khalifa)
- “Don’t Stop Believin’” (Journey)
- “Born to Run” (Bruce Springsteen)
- “Party in the U.S.A.” (Miley Cyrus)
- “Drinkin’ Town with A Football Problem” (Billy Currington)
- “Jumpman” (Drake, Future)
- “It’s Five O’Clock Somewhere” (Alan Jackson, Jimmy Buffett)
- “Come on Eileen” (Dexy’s Midnight Runners ft. Emily Eitel)
- “Welcome to the Jungle” (Guns ‘n Roses feat. Dillon Heeb)
- “Viva la Vida” (Coldplay)
- “Bennie and the Jets” (Elton John)
- “Hollaback Girl” (Gwen Stefani)
- “Jessie’s Girl” (Rick Springfield)
- “Shoop” (Salt-n-Pepa)
- “Mr. Brightside” (The Killers)
- “Bad Blood” (Taylor Swift feat. Kendrick Lamar)
- “Hood Go Crazy” (Tech N9ne)
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TEN TAILGATE GAMES TO KICKOFF YOUR HOMECOMING

As the story goes, Mizzou was the first to call its alumni home for an annual celebratory football game. Given that Columbia, MO is often recognized for originating this nationally beloved Homecoming tradition, it’s only appropriate that MU students, grads and super fans alike kick off this yearly blowout with SEC-caliber tailgate parties. From beer pong to corn hole, your pre-game parking lot festivities aren’t complete without a little friendly competition ahead of the season’s highly anticipated football matchup.

By: Megan Schaltegger

SOURCES: MIZZOU ALUMNI, DICK SPORTING GOODS, WORLD SERIES OF FLIP CUP, KEG WORKS, BOMBAT WASHER COMPANY, LADDER GOLF, KANJAM, SPIKEBALL STORE, THE STIR, JENGA.

### Spikeball
One player hits the ball down at the net and bounces it to their partner.

Each team can hit the ball three times before it needs to touch the net again.

If a team misses, the other pair scores and begins the serve.

There are no boundaries, and players can move around the net once the ball is in play.

### Flip Cup
Players divide into two teams and stand on each side of a table. Partially fill cups with drinks.

The team’s first players toast each other and finish their drinks.

The player will then place their cup at the edge of the table and try to flip it right side up. Once the cup is flipped, the next player takes their turn.

The first group to have every player finish their drink and flip their cup is the winner.

### Corn Hole
What you’ll need:
- Place cornhole platforms across from each other. Teammates stand on opposite sides.
- Opponents take turns throwing bags towards the same platform.
- After all eight bags are thrown, the players on the other side do the same.

### Horseshoes
What you’ll need:
- Place stakes at opposite sides of an open space.
- Players stand at one side and take turns throwing toward the stake.

- 3 pts - Horseshoe lands around the stake
- 2 pts - Horseshoe touches the stake
- 15 pts
Giant Jenga

Stack oversized blocks in an open space. Each turn a player removes one block and places it on the top.

KanJam

What you'll need:

Partners stand across from each other and switch off throwing the disk towards the opposite kan.

Partners can deflect disks to help it hit the kan.

Both partners throw the disk before it is passed to the opposing team.

1 pt - If the disk hits the kan after a partner deflects it.
2 pts - If a player hits the kan on their own.
3 pts - If the disk lands in the kan after the partner deflects it.

A team instantly wins if the Disk lands into the open slit in the front.

Beer Pong

What you'll need:

Partners stand on the same side of the table. One team begins by throwing the ping pong balls into the cups across the table. If the ball lands into a cup, it is moved to the side. The team on the other side then throws the balls towards their cups.

Ladder Golf

What you'll need:

Players take turn tossing their three bolas towards the ladder.

Washer Toss

What you'll need:

Place boxes across from each other. Teammates stand across from each other. Players take turn throwing their four washers at the opposite washer box.

Quarters

Take turns bouncing the quarter into the cup. If the quarter lands in the cup, the other players drink. If the player misses, they drink. Play as many rounds as you want!

Beer Pong

What you'll need:

Fill each cup 1/3 with beer or water.

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The Fatima High School band marches past the crowd at MU’s annual Homecoming Parade on Oct. 22, 2016. The parade is a popular tradition that brings out Columbia residents and MU alumni from across the country.

**PARADE ROUTE**

The MU Homecoming parade will take place at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21.

**SOURCE: MIZZOU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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Step show brings ’90s TV to the stage

Teams from National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities are building routines based on black television shows for the annual competition.

By Nwadi Oko
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The ’90s will be on stage Oct. 20 in Jesse Auditorium when dance teams showcase their talents in a high-energy step show.

The theme is black television shows from the 1990s, and each team has 12 minutes to perform. The first-place winner of the NPHC Homecoming Step Show takes home $1,000; the second place team wins $500.

The show will run from 7-9 p.m. Teams are from National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities. MU junior Erica Bedu-Annan, the parliamentarian of the Epsilon Psi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Inc., said her team has been practicing 12 hours a week for six weeks. This is her first time in the step show, and she said she is excited to perform.

“I’m not a dancer, so some stuff doesn’t come easy to me,” Bedu-Annan said. “This was a way for me to get out of my shell.”

Nosa Eke, president of the Zeta Alpha chapter at MU, is no novice — this is his second year performing in the step show. He said his team has been practicing 10 hours a week but will “pick it up” when it’s closer to competition time.

He said he enjoys more than the dancing.

“It’s more than a competition,” he said, “It’s like a gathering of the black community.”

Co-step captain of the Zeta Alpha chapter and senior Malik Jones agreed. He encouraged all newcomers to watch the show.

Ajah Love, center, an MU junior, practices with her dance team, Freestyle Your Expression, Oct. 4 for the upcoming MU Homecoming Step Show.
“The step show is a place where we can feel comfortable, it’s a little piece of Homecoming that is for us,” Jones said, “We want everyone to come, especially if you have never experienced it.”

The Delta Tau chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Inc. is returning to the stage after not participating since 2014, MU senior Tanique Parker said.

“I’m most excited about us coming back,” Parker said. “We’ve been gone for a long time, and we have a lot in store. People aren’t expecting this comeback.”

The reigning champions, Freestyle Your Expression, also known as FYE, say they are determined to hold on to their spot. MU Junior Ashley Galvez said the team will practice 12-15 hours a week until the show.

“This is her second time to dance in the step show, and she said she loves the crowd energy.

“I’m most excited for the crowd to see what we bring to the table. We feed off of the audience’s energy, so when they’re hype, we hype,” Galvez said.

IF YOU GO

What: NPHC Homecoming Step Show
When: 7 p.m. Oct. 20
Where: Jesse Auditorium
Online: greeklife.missouri.edu/nphc

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MU junior dancer Raquel Edwards dances with her team, Freestyle Your Expression, on Oct. 4 in the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center. The team learned and practiced routines for the songs “Throw It Up” by Lil’ Romeo and “Say It Again” by H.E.R.

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Meet the top 10 royalty finalists

MU Homecoming has been crowning a queen since 1941 and a king since 1977. Here are this year’s finalists, five each for king and queen

By Jenna Jean Grundtner

The finalists for Homecoming royalty pose on Faurot Field. The candidates completed two rounds of interviews and were selected by a campus-wide panel of judges from more than 130 nominees. King candidates, left to right: Nathan Willet, Jake Boeding, Sean Earl, Chris Dade and Brandon Splitter. Queen candidates, left to right: Tori Schafer, Ana Perez, Hannah Feagan, Alexis Ditaway and Lillie Heigl.
Welcome Back Tigers

Alexis Ditaway
Affiliation: KCOU
Hometown: Memphis, Tennessee
Majors: Digital storytelling and black studies
Favorite Homecoming memory: I’ve always enjoyed the parade. I love seeing the floats and how excited the Columbia community is.

Lillie Heigl
Affiliation: Mizzou Alternative Breaks
Hometown: Zionsville, Indiana
Majors: Journalism and international studies
Favorite Homecoming memory: My all-time favorite memory was being on the 2016 Homecoming Steering Committee as a service committee member. I loved putting on Tiger Food Fight and our other events because at the end of the day, I feel that Homecoming is an opportunity to give back to the school and community that have done so much for us. I got to facilitate opportunities for students to give their time and resources to the Columbia community, and it blew me away. From hours of time served to thousands of dollars raised and cans donated to the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri, Homecoming is a chance for students to give back. The parade ends, the house decs will come down, but the service lasts.

Ana Perez
Affiliation: Mizzou Alternative Breaks
Hometown: Carrollton, Texas
Major: Journalism — radio producing
Favorite Homecoming memory: The first Homecoming parade I attended. You could feel the energy, the excitement in the air. It was electric. I just remember catching myself and looking around and thinking, “This is the place where I am supposed to be.” As a freshman coming all the way from Dallas, I was still searching for my place here. There were times where I wasn’t sure about my decision to come here and that feeling still creeps up a little bit to this day. But it is during moments like these, remembering the expression on everyone’s face and the crisp October morning, when I realize how lucky and happy I am to be a Tiger.

Hannah Feagan
Affiliation: Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center
Hometown: Webb City
Major: English
Favorite Homecoming memory: My sophomore year here, one of my best friends quit Marching Mizzou. He loved playing, but it became too much of a time commitment for him. By the time Homecoming rolled around, he missed it. We attended the game together, sat on the hill and ate way too many overpriced french fries. My favorite memories at Mizzou are never because of the event I’m participating in — it’s the people around me who make it special. There’s a place in my heart for Mizzou students who don’t feel like they belong here just yet, but the fall semester gives me hope. Homecoming brings different communities together, and that’s why I love it.

Tori Schafer
Affiliation: Alpha Delta Pi
Hometown: Sylvania, Ohio
Major: Political science
Favorite Homecoming memory: Homecoming is a celebration that I and nearly every student in America get to experience. The parades, the school dances and the spirit weeks were some of the fondest memories of my high school upbringing. The culmination of a week of excitement being settled on a Friday night, under the lights and in front of an entire town. The first and the finest, a motto held dear to my sisters in Alpha Delta Pi, also applies to Homecoming at MU. Our alumni were the first to be invited home, the first to rally and the first to return. Nobody does the festivities, the fanfare and the football better than us. As our theme states, this year we will match pitch with the rhythm of our collective roar. As themes change and traditions remain, the ultimate gift of Mizzou Homecoming will always be the ability to call this place “home.”

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**KING CANDIDATES**

**JAKE BOEDING**

**Affiliation:** Delta Chi  
**Hometown:** Kansas City  
**Major:** Journalism — strategic communication  
**Favorite Homecoming memory:** My sophomore year was my first with Delta Chi. I performed in our skit as a goofy character named Manny the Manatee. Performing as that character was always a joy because I made people laugh and could just be a goof on stage. I even ran around our float during the parade. That was quite the experience (especially dealing with the heat) but was again just a fun time. While performing as that character was one highlight, I truly just hold that Homecoming with Delta Chi close to my heart because it was such a great time to be close with my brothers.

**CHRISTOPHER DADE**

**Affiliation:** Tour Team  
**Hometown:** Rogersville  
**Major:** Chemistry  
**Favorite Homecoming memory:** My favorite tradition is playing in Marching Mizzou in the parade and at the football game. I grew up watching Marching Mizzou at Homecoming every year, dreaming I one day would get to play the trumpet in the band, too. Now I get to see kids with the biggest smiles, who clap along and look up to us every year, and who will one day also be inspired to play an instrument because they saw Marching Mizzou at Homecoming. The chance to not only be a part of a tradition that I enjoyed as a kid but to also inspire future Tigers is what makes Mizzou Homecoming so special to me.

Former Homecoming king Payton Head prepares to crown the new king during halftime of Missouri’s Homecoming game against Middle Tennessee State at the 2016 Homecoming game.
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NATHAN WILLETT
Affiliation: Sigma Chi
Hometown: Liberty
Major: Economics
Favorite Homecoming memory: My favorite memories started as a little kid running around campus, watching the house skits and then waking up early Saturday morning to catch as much candy as possible from the parade. Now my favorite part is meeting all the alumni and listening to stories about when they were students. Excited for everyone to be back. MIZ!

SEAN EARL
Affiliation: Alumni Association Student Board
Hometown: St. Peter’s
Major: Electrical engineering
Favorite Homecoming memory: Homecoming 2016 will go down as one of the best experiences I have ever had. The energy and pride that resonated through the entire state was one for the history books. Coming off a tough year, I was excited to see the Mizzou community come together and celebrate its history and the years to come. I spent the day with some of my best friends. I had the opportunity to meet the Board of Curators and walk on the field during halftime. It was an amazing experience, and I will cherish it forever.

BRANDON SPLITTER
Affiliation: It’s On Us
Hometown: Carthage
Major: Computer science
Favorite Homecoming memory: Before being selected as royalty, my favorite memory was the first Homecoming game I attended my freshman year. I remember that we were facing Vanderbilt, and there was a lot of hype around the game and about Homecoming in general. The moment I stepped into the stadium, I immediately felt this electrifying buzz from how amped up the entire stadium was, even though the game hadn’t started. When the alumni band took the field, it really clicked for me how much Homecoming meant at Mizzou and how lucky I was to be a part of a university that cared so much about its traditions and alumni. That Homecoming game cemented what I already knew about Mizzou — that I had found my home.

KING CANDIDATES

Rebecca Lambe and Barrington Edwards were crowned homecoming queen and king at the Missouri-Nebraska game on October 25, 1992.