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Letter from the editors

To open we cite Karen Woley's feature on The Maneater in the 1978 edition of The University of Missouri Savitar, "For a quarter century hundreds of aspiring journalists have worked into the wee hours to make each issue history."

We write, red-eyed and weary, our table filled with relentlessly tenacious editors, writers, designers and photographers with hopes of making our own Maneater history. Around this table exists an energy felt by countless classes of student reporters. Although the typewriters have been turned in for MacBooks, the dream of making something that cements our student's legacy lives on.

This edition acts as both archive and aspiration – between these eight pages sits a document of Homecoming 2023 and homecomings past. We celebrate a record-breaking year of giving, revisit the narrative of MU's first Homecoming King and recount the past 112 years of Tiger Town.

We must recognize that while MU has been home for many, count-

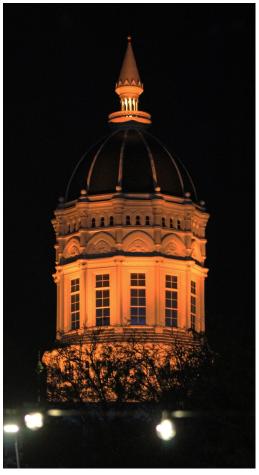


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less Tigers have dedicated themselves to the university's reform. By acknowledging this history, we encourage students to continue to fight for progress and establish new traditions.

Since 1955, The Maneater has been published in print. This past spring, we printed our final monthly edition. In our transition to a fully digital publication, our visuals sections have flourished and our writing sections have expanded beyond the bounds of the page. As we pave our legacy as a premiere, digital-first publication, we also recount our previous chapters. For this special edition, we return to the printing press.

Beyond these eight pages, exists a tradition of remembrance, progress and community; a tradition we know will continue past our tenure.

For all Tigers, from all chapters,

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Timeline: 112 years of MU Homecoming

The first MU Homecoming Blood Drive was held, which has now evolved into the largest student-run blood drive in the nation, according to the university.

Vivian King and Charles Cobbs were the first Black MU Homecoming Queen and King to win in the same year.

In response to a racist theme from the 1988 Homecoming Steering Committee, "Show Me Ol' Mizzou," the Legion of Black Collegians founded their own homecoming, themed "Show Me a New Mizzou. Black to the Future." 1988 represents the first year LBC ran an independent homecoming, instead of only a separate homecoming court.

More than 150 students, led by the Legion of Black Collegians, marched in protest of racial injustices at MU during the Homecoming Parade. MU's Black community boycotted all other 1990 homecoming events. "As long as they give us no justice, they will have no peace. We will keep on making more noise and more noise," T-Herbert Jeffrey, LBC president, said at the time. Protesters also demonstrated at the alumni center in an ongoing fight for institutional changes surrounding racial discrimination.

The MU chapter of Habitat for Humanity constructed a house for Kennetha Jackson, a university employee, as part of a Homecoming competition. This project was introduced by the organization as an alternative to the traditional house decorations of homecoming

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education named MU's Homecoming the top in the nation in 1999, and again in 2000.

MU's chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Gamma Delta and Kappa Sigma decided to forego building a float for the homecoming parade, and instead donated the money saved to 9/11 relief efforts in New York and Washington, D.C.

For the first time, a unified group of nine Black student organizations participated in the first Black Family Reunion during the 2003 Homecoming weekend. "This year we have planned these activities in order to try and incorporate the Black experience into the university's Homecoming events," Khandicia Randolph, then-National Pan-Hellenic Council President, said.

After a 10-year-long hiatus, the Legion of Black Collegians held Homecoming celebrations again, complete with campaigns for royalty court. Male members of the court volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club of Columbia. These members played games, read to and helped children with their homework. Several female members of the court volunteered at the Lenoir Retirement Community, playing video games, painting nails and chatting with the residents. Other members filed and painted a Centralia resident's nails while talking about family, politics and technology for their community service project.

MU hosted ESPN's "College GameDay" for the 2010 Homecoming football game, where Missouri beat No. 1 Oklahoma. The game also set an unofficial attendance record of over 18,000 and was the first time fans stormed the field since 2005.

MU's first annual Homecoming Step Show was held in 2014 in collaboration with the National Pan-Hellenic Council. MU's historically Black fraternities and sororities, coined the "Divine Nine," compete annually in the show.

> Members of Concerned Student 1950 protested during the 2015 Homecoming Parade and stopped then-UM System President and MU Chancellor Tim Wolfe's car. CS1950's demands followed a string of racist events on campus

> > and called for a series of administrative efforts aimed toward a more equitable campus - most notably the removal of Wolfe.

> > The 2022 MU Homecoming Parade featured a sensory-friendly section for the first time. where each float reduced noise, turned off flashing lights and facilitated a quiet atmosphere when passing through the section.

MU's Homecoming food and blood drives broke personal records with 4,4744 units of blood donated and 132,597 pounds of canned food collected.

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Here's a look at the key moments of MU's Homecoming his-MU hosted its first Homecoming in 1911. According to the Mizzou Alumni Association, Chester Brewer, the then-football coach, invited alumni to "come home" to cheer on the Tigers against rival University of Kansas. Although the Missouri-Kansas football game ended in a 3-3 tie, it drew a crowd of over 9,000 people, and the tradition has been growing ever since. Many claim this 1911 celebration - complete with a parade, pep rallies and a bonfire - invented the notion of homecoming for schools nationwide.

GENEVIEVE SMITH

News Editor

MU hosted the first Homecoming Parade, now a time-honored tradition involving the Columbia community. The alumni who returned home for the 1913 Missouri-Kansas football game known as "Old Grads" — walked in the parade prior to the rival

You've heard it time and time again - "Mizzou does Home-

coming best." The annual celebrations bring Columbia together in a black and gold fanfare. Since MU's first homecoming in

1911, the tradition has taken many forms. Celebrations have

both united Tigers and reflected their ongoing fight for reform.

The 1918 football season was canceled nationally due to World ∞ War I and the Influenza epidemic. Campus closed for a peri-91 od of time during the fall, therefore calling off Homecoming celebrations.

MU started construction on Memorial Union during 1921 Homecoming events. The building was later dedicated during Homecoming in 1926 to the MU lives lost in World War I.

MU held its first "All-School" homecoming dance.

Campus Homecoming decorations were first introduced to MU in 1935. Originally, these decorations were built only on the decks of fraternity and sorority houses, but today decorations extend past Greek life.

Patricia Martineau was crowned as the first Homecoming Queen in MU history.

The Homecoming season was used as a platform to raise money for war bonds and the memorial fund for students killed in World War II.

The Homecoming football game was played, but all other Homecoming events were canceled due to World War II.

The Golden Girls - which were originally called the Tigerettes were added to Marching Mizzou.

Don Faurot is the most-winning football coach in MU Homecoming history, with a 73.7 win percentage. Faurot coached the Tigers through 19 Homecoming games, winning 14 of them. His head football coaching career spanned from 1935 to 1956, after playing football, basketball and baseball himself during his time as a student at MU, and beginning his coaching career at Northeast Missouri State University. Faurot was inducted into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1961.

The Missouri Student, forerunner of The Maneater, attempted to buy a live tiger mascot for the university's Homecoming celebrations in 1960. The quest was dropped when the curator of the New York Zoological Society wrote that live tiger cubs were unsuitable for use as mascots - and they realized the cost of the tiger for the first year alone was estimated at \$2,500.

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Jill Young was crowned Homecoming Queen, making history as the first Black Homecoming Queen in MU's history. "It took more than Black votes alone," Young said. "I believe I was selected to represent the students by the students.'



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MU sets records in blood and food drives

The 2023 homecoming season marked the highest blood and canned food donations in MU's history

SOPHIA ANDERSON News Reporter

U's Homecoming Blood Drive **L**collected a record-breaking 4,744 units of blood in four days. @ mizzouhomecoming announced on its Instagram on Oct. 13. This is nearly 700 more units than 2022 and double

2021's number. This year's homecoming blood

drive marked MU's 40th year collaborating with the Red Cross, and 38th blood drive. This year, student organizations only had to meet a 60% attempted participation rate to receive full points towards their rank in the homecoming competition, as opposed to previous years where 100% participation was required.

There is one more opportunity to give blood, at the Callaway County Satellite Homecoming Blood Drive on Oct. 22 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

MU also broke the record of most cans collected with this year's food drive, the Tiger Food Fight, which the homecoming committee also posted on its Instagram. The drive collected 132,597 pounds of canned food, tripling the previous record and marking the largest canned food drive for the Food Bank for Central and Northeast

Missouri.

MU began collaborating with the food bank in 1994 at the recommendation of former football coach, Larry Smith.

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Missouri football's Daylan Carnell found success through love and a pink mouthgaurd

With years of hard work and support from his father, Carnell has emerged as a star on the Tigers defense

JOEY VAN ZUMMEREN

Sports Reporter

While most toddlers spend their time playing with race cars or dolls, 4-year-old Daylan Carnell's favorite "toy" was a tackling dummy.

Daylan was so eager that he attended every football practice for a youth football team that his dad coached. Despite the fact that he was too young to play in any of the team's games, he was there, taking everything in.

Seventeen years of hard work later, Daylan is now a key player on the Missouri Tigers defense and along with him every step of the way was his father, his coach and lifelong fan, David Carnell.

David would continue to coach his son all the way through middle school. Once Daylan was old enough to play, the two's bond over the game grew stronger.

"We've always talked about different things ahead of games, what to look for, what my thought process was," David said. "I watched film, he watched film, we talked about it."

From high-school dual threat to Missouri 'star'

At Ben Davis High School, Daylan shined in both the wide receiver and defensive back position. During his four years there, he racked up nine interceptions on defense as well as three touchdowns on offense.

Now at Missouri, Daylan plays the unique 'star' position - a hybrid between linebacker and safety. The role requires a versatile player to fit into defensive coordinator Blake Baker's scheme.



Daylan Carnell, age 8, runs with the ball in his hands during a youth football game in 2011 in Indianapolis, Ind. Daylan started playing football when he was just fouryears-old. | PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID CARNELL "You have that hybrid guy who's big enough to play the run, but also fast enough to play [in] the slot," Baker said of the unique position. "That guy doesn't grow on trees."

In 2022, Carnell made a name for himself during his sophomore year coming away with a team-best three interceptions, including one he returned 40-yards for a touchdown against New Mexico State.

Following that late-season game, Tigers head coach Eli Drinkwitz complimented the progress made by Carnell in his first two years.

"He's a guy that is always around the ball and his production is really good," Drinkwitz said. "Daylan's done a really good job, he continues to develop and continues to be a real force there on the defensive side of the ball."

In his post-game press conference, Carnell didn't spend much time boasting about his first touchdown as a Tiger. Instead, he focused on the accomplishment of his teammate, Jalani Williams, who came away with his first career interception in that game.

"I was actually kinda more happy for Jalani's pick than mine," Carnell said. "His first pick on senior night, so real happy for him and just real happy for the defense in general."

While the selflessness might be a surprise to some fans, it's nothing that David didn't expect from his son. Since Daylan was a kid, David has preached the value of being a supportive teammate to his son.

"You notice whenever somebody does good, one of the first people that's over there jumping on them is Daylan," David said. "He's generally happier for [his teammate's] success than he is for his own."

This admirable trait from Daylan is one of the many reasons that, according to David, his two younger siblings look up to him.

"He's been a pretty good role model for them," David said. "I think more so even now, [since] he's at school, I think he understands a lot of the things I was trying to tell him when he was younger."

Love, family and pink

When the Carnell family makes the trip from Indianapolis to Faurot Field, Daylan always meets them in the stands as soon as the final whistle blows.

Before heading back to the locker room, Daylan and his father discuss their thoughts on his performance. If his family isn't able to make it to a game, the family debrief goes digital.

"He texts me how he did in the game, his stats, and then he'll tell me what he should've done or if something went



Missouri defensive back Daylan Carnell looks up at the video board inside The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis on Saturday, Sept. 23. Missouri played host to Memphis, and prevailed 34–27 to improve to 4–0 for their season. | PHOTO BY **MATT GUZMAN**

wrong," David said. "He'll tell me if he felt like he made a mistake or didn't play up to snuff, if he felt like he could've did a little more."

In every game since his freshman year of high school at Ben Davis, Daylan has worn a pink mouthguard to honor his aunt, Kurtrina Carnell, who passed away from breast cancer in 2019.

While Daylan no longer needs his dad to purchase his helmet or shoulder pads, he still makes sure that David buys a pink mouthguard for him to wear in every game.

"[He realized] the pink mouthpiece, it was something he could wear all year long," David said. "People don't know, they probably think he does it for a fashion statement. But no, it has a meaning for him."

Though David is no longer on the sidelines, the two go through most of the same rituals. The relationship has been the same since Daylan was just a 4-year-old. And to Daylan, that support has been significant. He spoke about it during an interview he did while still in high school:

"[My dad is] always at the games," Daylan said to two high school commentators. "When he gets off work, he always comes to the practices. He always gives me positive feedback."

David still watches film of Missouri's upcoming opponent every week. He and Daylan will even share a phone call before each game to discuss the upcoming opponent.

David can no longer be on the sideline with Daylan in the moments before kick-

off for a final pep-talk, but he now makes a social media post ahead of each of the Tigers' games with his goals for Daylan. Those goals include not only winning the game, but also being a helpful teammate and building character.

"Me and my wife, our thing that we're proud of him [for] is he's there, he's pursuing his dream and he's doing it while he's gaining an education," David said. "What we want for him is for him to achieve his goals."

Daylan's ultimate goal is to be a star in the NFL. When talking about this dream, David's use of the word "possible" prompts his wife, LaToya, to interject.

"Don't say 'possible.' He will," LaToya said.

Regardless of his cautious wording, David believes in his son just as much as anyone else.

"I told him 'Man, I'm the guy that took you to all the practices," David said. "'I'm the guy that took you out of town to play in different tournaments. I'm that guy so if anybody believes in you, I believe in you."

The goal, at the end of David's weekly message to his son, is arguably the most important of them all.

"Continue making us proud," the weekly posts read.

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Preview: Missouri v. South Carolina

A look back on Homecomings past leading up to 112th game

QUENTIN CORPUEL Sports Editor

Momecoming at the University of Missouri is done a little differently than at other schools. While a few other colleges might object, MU invented homecoming according to the history books, or at least the idea that alumni from far and wide would be invited to come back to school for a weekend.

The pinnacle of the MU festivities is the football game, which follows the parade. Every October, on a (usually) crisp Saturday afternoon, Columbia comes alive in support of its beloved Tigers.

Even in seasons filled with defeat, Missouri fans almost always show up for the

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Homecoming game. Since 2012, Missouri has entered their Homecoming game with either a .500 or a losing record five times . In every game but the 2021 North Texas match, attendance was reported to be at least 52,000, which is more than 80% capacity at Faurot Field. The 2012 game against Kentucky was a reported sellout, and the 2022 game against Vanderbilt was reported to be a near sellout (97%).

"It makes you fall in love with this university and fan base all over again," head coach Eli Drinkwitz said after Missouri's Homecoming victory last season.

Homecoming football games have been filled with mostly victories for the Tigers. Since MU's first Homecoming game in 1911—a 3-3 tie against Kansas — Missouri is 66-40-5 on homecoming. Some memorable wins include an upset of top-ranked Oklahoma in 2010, a couple of overtime victories and a plethora of smackdowns against former Big 8 Conference foes such as Colorado, Kansas and Kansas State.

Many electric moments at Faurot Field have happened on Homecoming, like when former wide receiver Gahn McGaffie took the opening kickoff for a touchdown in the upset of Oklahoma 13 years ago.

"That is the loudest I've ever heard the stadium," then-junior wide receiver T.J. Moe said of the moment.

When the Tigers are winning, the fans show up in even greater numbers on Homecoming. Since 2012, Missouri has entered the Homecoming game with a winning record four times — South Carolina 2013, Vanderbilt 2014, Florida 2015, Ole Miss 2019. In each of those four games, Faurot Field was reported to have been sold out. On Monday, it was announced the 2023 game had been sold out as well, marking

the Tigers' third consecutive home sellout of the season.

The Tigers are riding into Saturday hot. At 6-1, MU is sporting its best record heading into the homecoming game since 2013, when it entered its contest against South Carolina at a perfect 7-0.

"Everybody's just so happy right now," senior defensive lineman Darius Robinson said after Missouri's 38-21 victory over Kentucky last Saturday.

Not only that, Missouri has won its last six Homecoming games dating back to 2017. The hope is the Tigers can keep the good times rolling in a game that's historically been very kind to them.

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Fanfare at Faurot

The University of Missouri debuted Homecoming celebra-L tions in 1911. From parades and pep rallies, to football and tailgating, countless factors preserve homecoming as a timeless MU tradition. Marching Mizzou, Missouri Cheerleading, the Golden Girls and Truman the Tiger are now treasured parts of the ever-expanding tradition. The following images have been curated from The Maneater Visuals 2023 collection.

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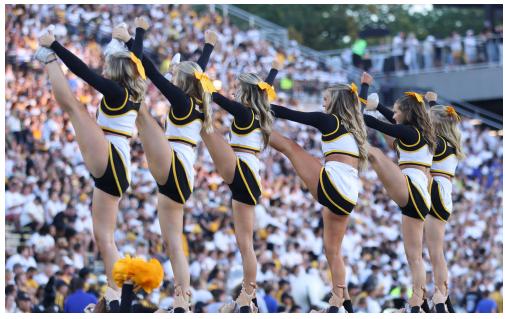


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"I like that [Mizzou] is a big campus, I can walk around and meet plenty of people. It's a new experience from where I was. I like the change."

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"One of my favorite moments as a student would have to be during Welcome Week. I met some people during some of the events that I'm still friends with ... Welcome Week helped me to be more social and to make a lot of friends, most of whom I still talk to today. It makes college feel more worth it, having people to be around with."

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"I'll wait outside stadiums for hours just to get front-row seats because I love my school ... I try to show up to every game ... For me, it was when I was in fourth grade, I wanted to come to Mizzou, so the fact that I'm here now and I'm halfway through with it, I'm trying to make every second count."

Robbie Dutton's journey to save lives like his

Dutton's work with the 2023 MU Homecoming Blood Drive was inspired by his childhood cancer

LOLA JAHANT MOVE Reporter

t seven years old, senior Robbie ADutton was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer that had only been documented five times before his case. After spending the better part of two-and-a-half vears receiving chemotherapy treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, Dutton was declared cancer-free.

Eleven years later, Dutton serves as a 2023 Homecoming Blood Drive Liaison for MU's chapter of Phi Delta Theta. He was inspired to become a Blood Drive Liaison because blood transfusions were a part of the treatment that saved his life.

As a very active kid, seven-year-old Dutton and his family assumed that the bruise on his right leg was no big deal. After watching it change colors and grow in size within days, Dutton's mother, who is a nurse, decided to take him to a nearby doctor in St. Louis.

At first, doctors determined that it was a hematoma, which didn't raise major concerns. After a second visit, doctors found characteristics of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in his leg and other symptoms they were not familiar with.

On Oct. 3, 2008, Dutton was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, manifesting as a blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell tumor in his right leg. Doctors in St. Louis were not able to determine a course of treatment for this kind of cancer, so they sent a biopsy to labs across the country. Within days, the Dutton family received a call from an oncologist at St. Jude.

"Once I got diagnosed [...] I had an amputation for my leg scheduled for Oct. 11," Dutton said. "Then we got a call from a



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Robbie Dutton poses for a portrait on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023 at the MU Student Center in Columbia. Dutton served as a 2023 Homecoming Blood Drive Liaison in efforts to give back to a cause that helped in saving his life as a child. | PHOTO BY HANNAH SCHUH

doctor at St. Jude, and they said, 'Hey, we think we might have something here' [...] It was not a guarantee that their treatment would work, but they were working really hard to try to find something.'

Within a few days of the phone call, Dutton and his family moved into the Ronald McDonald House at St. Jude's campus. During his time at St. Jude, Dutton went through 22 different types of chemotherapy treatments.

"I was the guinea pig for this whole thing," Dutton said. "I was the sixth person to ever be diagnosed with the type of cancer that I had, and the first to ever actually be treated for it [...] it was kind of like trial and error."

According to Dutton, there were multiple times where his blood counts were at zero, meaning he had no white blood cells or disease-fighting agents in his body. This means if he were to catch an illness as minor as a cold he would have had to go to the hospital.

Throughout his treatment, Dutton did end up in the ICU several times for minor medical issues that wouldn't ordinarily require this kind of attention. He also received several blood transfusions.

"I don't know what would have happened if I didn't have my blood transfusions," Dutton said. "I would have had to be quarantined, like isolated completely."

When reflecting on his treatment, Dutton recalls the significant improvement he would feel after receiving a blood transfusion. He also remembers the stress he and his family felt during national blood shortages due to the importance of the transfusions on his recovery process.

"I remember when there [were] talks of blood shortages, it was pretty scary for my family," Dutton said.

Blood shortages are still a national problem, but organizations like the Mizzou Homecoming Steering Committee work to eradicate shortages. According to MU, the university's annual Homecoming Blood Drive – which is run in partnership with the American Red Cross – has grown to become the largest student-run blood drive in the country.

Having benefited from blood transfusions in his youth, Dutton decided to become a Homecoming Blood Drive Liaison for Phi Delta Theta for his final year on campus.

Being a Blood Drive Liaison, Dutton

had the responsibilities of checking people in and out of the blood drive, sending reminder texts to members in advance of their appointment, finding replacements for those who could not donate and more.

Dutton also shared his story with both chapters of his Greek life homecoming pairing - comprising Delta Delta Delta and Phi Delta Theta – urging them to donate if eligible.

"In our last blood drive meeting, we were stressed because people were giving us last minute excuses," Natalia Gomez del Campo, Delta Delta Delta head homecoming blood drive liaison and MU sophomore, said. "Robbie reminded us that at the end of the day, it's all about the blood donations. He was the only person to say that.'

Each Homecoming, the sorority and fraternity pairings compete with each other in multiple events and activities - including the blood drive – with the goal of earning the most points. The blood drive is one way for the Greek life pairings to receive points by having their members donate blood.

Dutton prioritized reminding his pairing that the end goal of the blood drive is saving lives, not points.

"I think it's really easy, especially in Greek life, with a blood drive, to get wrapped up in just chasing points," Ethan Peter, Dutton's friend and Phi Delta Theta head homecoming liaison, said. "Robbie keeps us all grounded in the fact that it's a lot bigger than just this little competition. There are people that are alive today because people were willing to donate blood at the Mizzou Blood Drive.'

The annual MU Homecoming Blood Drive took place from Oct. 9 to 12 at the Hearnes Center. Due to the efforts of those like Dutton, this year's donations set a new record of 4,744 units of blood donated, which has the potential to save 14,232 lives

Dutton said he is incredibly happy with this year's blood drive results, and he urges people to take pride in donating, knowing that it could save lives.

"A lot of people don't realize that your donation is helping right away," Dutton said. "Your blood will go somewhere, and it will go to somebody who needs it, and it will help them."

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From MU's first Homecoming King to curator

After claiming the crown in 1977, Don Downing served on the UM System Board of Curators

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several honors societies.

on Downing's relationship with Missouri Students Association, Alumni As- the University of Missouri Board of Curasociation Student Board, Beta Theta Pi and tors, including one year as Chair." Downing said.



In 1977, Downing was crowned the first Homecoming King in MU history in front of a crowd of tens of thousands of onlookers at that year's Homecoming football game. In 2009, he returned to MU as a member of the Board of Curators.

Although MU Homecoming queens had been crowned in the annual celebration since 1937, Downing was the first of MU's male Homecoming royalty.

Downing was an economics major from Kennett, Missouri. He recounts that he was completely unaware the university had made the decision to elect a Homecoming king until he learned he was nominated. The selection process included interviews with faculty, staff and alumni.

"After I understood the selection process and the role of the king, I was honored to be crowned as the king," Downing said in an email to The Maneater.

As a student, Downing was involved in a multitude of organizations including the

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Downing later went on to attend the MU School of Law and is currently a practicing attorney in St. Louis. However, his time at MU – especially as Homecoming King – has had a lasting impact on his life and has been a way for him to promote and honor the university.

"[Being crowned Homecoming King] provides very fond memories of my days at Mizzou and students and faculty members who were part of my life at that time," Downing said. "Some remained a part of my life for many years thereafter and some remain part of my life today. It also has made me the subject of trivia questions."

Downing also reflects on his influence on MU - including his position as a member of the UM Board of Curators from March 2009 to Jan. 2015.

"I hope I made some positive impact as a student, but I believe I had a much greater impact during the six years I served on

During Downing's time in this position, he remembers prioritizing low tuition increases, raising faculty salaries and improving campus facilities. MU also left the Big 12 Conference to join the SEC during Downing's tenure.

"It was a very fulfilling six years," Downing said.

Although MU Homecoming is constantly evolving, Downing believes that the spirit of the celebrations have remained constant.

"Homecoming celebrations have always varied to some degree over time, but at [their] core they still celebrate our wonderful institution," Downing said.



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THE MANEATER **Twenty homecomings: a townie's perspective**

Homecoming in Columbia, Missouri? It's a big deal. Every year, not just MU alumni, but all of us townsfolk get into the spirit. Growing up, it was all about the parade. For fiveyear-old me, it was all, "candy, candy, candy." Now, as a MU student? It's still all about candy.

Everyone knows the drill, MU did the homecoming thing first. We've been at it since 1911, calling ourselves the "First and The Finest." And the themes? They've been all over the place: "Homecoming Hootenanny" in '63, "New Fight, Same Bite" when I was a candy-crazed kid and "Paint the Town Gold" my freshman year. That parade though? Magic. I mean, who didn't dream of being on a float, tossing out MU swag?

When homecoming hits Columbia, you can feel it. Streets are packed, alumni are everywhere, families, students - you name it. Old friends catching up and those "haven't-seenyou-in-ages" moments. It's home.

Beyond football, there's homecoming roy-

alty. MU started that whole tradition, can you believe it? Right here in Columbia, we kicked off the whole "crown and sash" tradition that has spread to high schools and colleges across the country. Every time I see someone with that homecoming king or queen glow, I can't help but think, "MU did it first."

The older I get, the more homecoming feels different. It used to be about scoring the most candy. But today, it awakens nostalgia.. It's thinking about those good ole days and how they've shaped me. But some things don't change. That feeling of Homecoming excitement is still the same.

Stepping onto MU's campus, the prominence of Greek life caught me off guard. Their pomping is commendable but at what cost? For those of you who don't know, pomping is the process of rolling colored tissue paper into small balls, which is then placed onto parade floats. Pomping may be done by a variety of student organizations, but the students who aren't in Greek life certainly are not required to pomp for hours a week!

Homecoming at MU currently has a strong Greek life focus, as many of the events are tailored to the interests and participation of sororities and fraternities. One prominent example is the Homecoming Talent competition. While technically open to all students, participation seems to be predominantly from members of Greek life. In my opinion, a pattern has appeared to form which fosters an environment where, despite the inclusive invitation, the event is perceived as almost entirely a Greek life affair. In my experience, even though events are officially open to the entire student body, the strong presence of Greek life members sometimes creates an atmosphere that feels exclusive to me.

Everyone at MU has a different Homecoming experience. While pomping and talent shows may be a part of the average Greek lifer's, parades and candy is mine. How can we ensure that every Tiger, regardless of affiliation, feels equally included in the homecoming experience?

Looking ahead, I have high hopes for MU's Homecomings. Sure, bigger and louder has its moments, but what I'm really rooting for is that warm, close-knit feeling I experienced growing up in Columbia. I hope that the Homecoming Steering Committee will take on the challenge of creating a more welcoming Homecoming. Whether that is by creating more official events tailored towards non-Greek life students or inviting a larger variety of organizations to participate, I think it is certainly a necessary change. Here's to hoping future homecomings bring back that cozy community vibe. After all, isn't coming home all about feeling ... Well, at home?

So, Columbia buddies and fellow Tigers, let's have a blast. Stay safe, and let's keep roaring

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Missouri football keys to victory: South Carolina

JOEY VAN ZUMMEREN Sports Reporter

Missouri football will host the South Carolina Gamecocks on Saturday at a sold out Faurot Field for Missouri's 112th Homecoming football game. Missouri, coming off a 38-21 win over Kentucky, has earned the No. 20 spot in the Associated Press Top 25 poll. A win against South Carolina would provide momentum for Missouri before heading into their scheduled break during a bye next week before traveling to Georgia to take on the defending national champions. The Tigers have won the last four matchups against the Gamecocks. If the Tigers want to continue their streak of winning the Mayor's Cup, they'll have to involve these three aspects in their performance.

Attacking through the air

One of the biggest mismatches on Saturday will be Missouri's explosive passing game versus a struggling South Carolina defensive secondary. The Gamecocks have allowed an

average of 337.4 passing yards per game, the second worst in college football. Meanwhile, the Missouri offense is averaging 318.8 passing yards per game, placing them at No.12.

Last week, South Carolina allowed Florida quarterback Graham Mertz to throw for a career high 423 yards. Additionally, Gators' wide receiver Ricky Pearsall's 166 receiving yards were the fourth most in the nation for week seven.

Unfortunately for the Gamecocks, they will once again have their hands full this weekend when facing quarterback Brady Cook and the wide receivers available to him. Cook's 2,054 passing yards are the third most in the SEC, and wide receiver Luther Burden III's 808 receiving yards are the second most in the conference. Expect Missouri to take advantage of this mismatch early and often with a passheavy offense.

Utilizing Cody Schrader at the right times

While the Tigers will likely favor the passing game on Saturday, graduate running back Cody Schrader can play a significant role for the Missouri offense, especially when utilized at the correct times. A balance between an explosive passing game mixed with the threat of an effective running game presents many challenges for defenses.

Schrader, a team captain, has rushed for over 100 yards three times in 2023, often being used to control the pace of the game. Last week against Kentucky, Schrader was used to drain the clock in the fourth quarter and scored a game-sealing touchdown with 11 minutes remaining. If Missouri can build an early lead, expect Schrader to take over to shred time off the clock in hopes of the Tigers maintaining a lead.

Winning the turnover battle

Last week, Missouri coach Eli Drinkwitz said turnovers are the number one indicator of wins and losses.

Games are often decided by just a few crucial mistakes made by an offense that are taken advantage of by the defense.

That was the case in South Carolina's loss last week against Florida as an interception in the final minute from South Carolina quarterback Spencer Rattler ended the Gamecocks chances of a comeback, as they trailed by just four points. Rattler has thrown a total of four interceptions in the past four games. This week, Rattler will look to avoid the hands of Missouri defensive back Kris Abrams-Draine, who currently has four interceptions on the year - tied for the second most in college football this season.

Turnovers for the Missouri defense would provide added opportunities for its offense to take advantage of a struggling South Carolina defense. Against LSU, Missouri's offense gave away two turnovers while not coming away with any on defense, a key factor in them losing the close game. If Saturday's game is a close offensive shootout like Missouri's loss against LSU - or South Carolina's against Florida - the game will likely come down to a few key turnovers.

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Steering Committee Top 10

Since 1937, MU students have upheld the homecoming tradition of electing a queen - and since 1977, a king - by casting their vote for one of 10 candidates ahead of each Homecoming football game. Seniors apply in August and the top 10 royal candidates are announced near the end of September. Meet this year's royalty, ranging anywhere from engineers to Macy's Thanksgiving Parade performers, before they vie for the crown on Oct. 21.

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Danny Daugherty Missouri Students Association What has been your favorite thing to be involved

Tabitha Crain

Карра Карра Gamma What do you think your impact on MU has been?

"Through my state-recognized non-profit, SPUR, I have raised over half a million dollars for sexual violence education on college campuses through my self-published art galleries. As one of 25 licensed speakers to speak about rape, abuse and incest I have created a new culture of believing victims and creating spaces, like the [Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention] center at Mizzou, so colleae-aaed survivors can feel safe sharing their stories."

Elly Smith Mizzou Engineering Student

Council What has your favorite moment or memory been at Mizzou?

"One of my favorite memories at Mizzou was the 2023 Mid-America AIChE Region al Conference. Mizzou was hosting for the first time in over a decade, with 11 different universities sending over their best chemical engineering students to participate in this event. As 300-plus chemical engineers roamed campus, I felt incredibly proud to show them all that Mizzou and Columbia has to offer. They were impressed by our facilities, students, professors, alumni and our school spirit in general. It was one of the weekends I was most proud to call myself a Tiger.'

Josie Johnson Marching Mizzou What has your favorite moment or memory been at MU?

"My favorite moment has been traveling to New York last fall with Marching Mizzou to perform in the Macy's Thanksaiving Day Parade It was so cool to have the New York experience with the band and explore everything the city had to offer. The parade was so much fun, and it was great to hear things like 'M-I-Z' and 'S-E-C' so far away from home. It was great to spread the unmatched Mizzou tradition and spirit across the nation, and this is by far the most unforgettable experience I have had in my time here."

Alana Hayes

National Pan-Hellenic Council Why did you decide to apply to be a part of Homecoming royalty?

"While NPHC is not a part of the Homecoming pairing or participation levels. I wanted to represent unity and diversity lighting the str my council and community. My major objectives were to inspire people younger than me. By serving as an inspiration for young girls who look like me and may not have good self-esteem, demonstrating that accepting one's real self can lead to extraordinary achievements. I also wanted to live up to the promise that I made to my grandmother before she passed that I would take advantage of every opportunity presented to me."

with on campus?

"As much as I love MSA, I think my favorite thing has been Welcome Week. I've done it for two years, and I loved being able to meet incoming students and serve as a resource for them as they first came to campus. It's always so fun being able to enjoy events like Mid-night BBQ and Plunge into MizzouRec each year and being able to show new students that Mizzou has a community that is always here to support them."

Javden Reves Sigma Pi Epsilon

What's your favorite aspect of Homecoming?

"My favorite aspect of Homecoming is the sense of community that washes over the city of Columbia. I have such a huge sense of pride as a Mizzou student to see so many people rally behind Mizzou, and I really love how Mizzou Homecoming takes this as an opportunity to give back as well. It is such a beautiful relationship."

Reagan Swatosh American Sign Language Club Why did you decide to apply to be a part of Homecoming royalty?

"I applied for Homecoming royalty because I wanted to represent and stand for many of the organizations that are so close to my heart. I want the opportunity to share my passions with the rest of the campus and community, and I want to bring light to organizations that might not be traditionally represented. These groups and people have been integral to my time at Mizzou, and they have fundamentally shaped me. This is the spirit of Mizzou to me."

Sam Varnon

Mizzou Tour Team

Why did you decide to apply to be a part of Homecoming royalty?

"The time I have dedicated to helping future students find their home here at Mizzou. From being a campus tour quide, Summer Welcome Leader and business ambassador, I have worked hard to help prospective students and their families find their place at Mizzou."

Christian Hall

Sigma Pi Epsilon What has your favorite moment or memory been at MU?

"My favorite memory at Mizzou was Homecoming Steering Committee reveal in March 2021. Freshman year was a challenging time for me, and I felt very lost at Mizzou. Receiving the call that I was selected for Steering Committee was the highlight of my freshman year and one of the first times I was happy to call Mizzou home."

Steven Klumb Alumni Association Student Board

What do you think your impact on MU has been?

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Once an 'Eater, always an 'Eater

MOLLY GIBBS

Marketing and Strategy Director

Cince The Maneater was founded, count-**O**less students have called the newsroom a second home. Long after their last byline was published with the paper 'Eaters find ways to connect with it. Some alumni shared how The Maneater has impacted their lives and careers. "Plot your own career path and stick to the

'rivia

1. What is the name of MU's mascot?

- a. Trevor the Tiger
- b. Truman the Tiger
- c. That Tiger
- d. Calvin the Cat

2. How many columns are on the Quad?

- a. Four
- b. Five
- c. Six
- d. Seven

Crossword

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ACROSS

- **1.** Mizzou started this tradition, plural.
- 8. What one does with a football.
- **9.** If it is cold during the game, you may
- want to **12.** Homecoming week starts with light-
- ing the
- 14. Not close.
- **16.** Us.

a. Truman Turf b. Faurot Field c. Mizzou Arena d. Stackman Stadium

plan," Evan Davies, from the class of 1980, said.

cy. At The Maneater he worked as a business

manager. He shared how working at The Ma-

sastrously," Davies said. "Then I heard a fellow

Maneater alum's name paged. I dropped his

name to my interviewer. My friend vouched for

3. What is the name of MU's football stadium?

me after the interview and I got the job."

neater helped him land his first job.

Currently Davies operates his own ad agen-

"My first interview at an ad agency went di-

4. What year did Truman get his name?

a. 1948 **b.** 1962 **c.** 1975 **d.** 1984

a. 1818	
b. 1832	
c. 1839	
d. 1855	

5. When was MU established?

6. When did MU's Homecoming begin?

"Take as many creative risks as you can ad

stay flexible--you never know what opportu-

nities will come your way or how your career

will change," Waverly Colville, from the class of

er at The New Yorker. In the past, she was an

associate producer at CNBC and at HBO's Real

Sports. At The Maneater, she was an MSA beat

reporter and student organizations editor. Her

Colville is currently a multimedia produc-

7. Whose nose should a student rub if they want good luck on their next test?

fondest memory is making friends who she was

able to collaborate with and cheer on. She said

working for The Maneater set her up forsuc-

- d. Bill Stackman

8. How long was the record-breaking field goal kick by Harrison Mevis against Kansas State this season?

- a. Fifty-seven yards
- b. Fifty-nine yards
- c. Sixty-one yards
- d. Sixty-two yards

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Finest Tradition First Football Homecoming

King Mizzou Parade





 State Mizzou plays on Saturday. 4. Overtime

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5. Master of ceremonies.

Mizzou Perform.

- 6. In-Home Display, abbr.
- 7. Opposing mascot in Homecoming 2023

1. When the Golden Girls and Marching

a. 1908 **b.** 1911

2018, said.

c. 1914 **d.** 1984

Word Search

a. David R. Francis b. Mun Choi c. Sheryl Crow

cess.

17. First two initials of famous St. Louis poet who wrote "The Wasteland." 18. Decorated for a parade.

19. In the common era.

21. International equivalent for AP courses.

22. Artifical intelligence.

23. Who the MU football field is named after, first name.

24. ____ning back, position in football.

25. Eliah Drinkwitz.

26. Acting hastily.

- **28.** Missouri Athletics historic rival.
- **29.** "A long time _____."
- **30.** Nine-digit ID.
- **31.** The opposite of afternoon.

32. Truman, plural.

36. M-I-Z! Response.

37. Where touchdowns occur.

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10. Student tradition keepers. **11.** Length of time, abbr. 13. "That hurt!"

2. A degree offered at MU, abbr.

15. ____ing Mizzou. 18. Where the Tiger fans will gather on Saturday.

20. Make better. 23. District attorney.

27. Poster.

29. "I love," in Latin.

30. Single sign-on.

31. Two ends of the alphabet.

33. "That is," in Latin, abbr.

34. Education.

35. Red Zone, abbr.

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