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# Letter from the editors

This is The Maneater’s second year as a fully digital publication, and we understand that this transition has been difficult for many readers. Wear Maneater merch anywhere, and you’ll be met with the question, “The Maneater? That’s still around?”

Yes, we are still around, and we are here to stay. Thanks to Digital Production Director, aka our “Website Wizard” Matthew Jacobi, we’ve been able to make great strides in both our visual and written sections – and our website officially has a functioning search bar!

Going into the year, we had one shared goal in mind for The Maneater: to cultivate a newsroom that is genuinely excited to produce content. As we approach Homecoming, we can proudly say that there has not yet been a day where our staffers and editors aren’t going beyond this precedent that was set to make content for the student body, by the student body.

Still, the feeling of holding a physical newspaper in your hands is not lost on us. We value the ways in which a fully digital platform allows us to innovate our publication, but we also value



the feeling of seeing yourself exist in print – much like many Maneater alumni saw themselves exist in print. Throughout the years, MU Homecoming has created countless traditions, and The Maneater is proud to present you with a tradition of our own: the Homecoming print edition. In this way, not only do we recognize our beginnings, but we also acknowledge and celebrate the new heights we’ve reached.

The decision to create a second Homecoming print edition gave our staff the chance not only to come together as creators, but to come together as a community, enduring long nights filled with stress and caffeine.

But we also wanted to have fun together.

We want to thank MOVE Magazine Director Molly Levine, and Graphics Editor Payton Strobel, who led the production of this year’s print edition. We are excited to present eight pages of stories, created from the heart of our staffers.

Enjoy,

**Annie Goodykoontz,**  
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# About the cover

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# A look-back at student advocacy at MU

For nearly a century, MU students have used their numbers and voices to stand for their beliefs

EMILIA HANSEN | *DEI Chair*

1970

On the evening of May 6 more than 2,000 MU students and faculty members gathered in Rolins Field to commemorate the lives lost during the shooting at Kent State University. Following the memorial service, 1,000 students continued their efforts to honor the four unarmed students killed two days prior by hosting a sleep-in on the field.



1978

Following a U.S. District Court ruling, allowing MU Gay Liberation to move from off-campus to on-campus operations, the group marched to its first on-campus meeting on April 20. The ruling also granted the ability for the organization to apply for Missouri Student Association funds.

1990

The Legion of Black Collegians, with over 150 participants, marched in protest of racial injustices at MU during the Homecoming parade. This movement boycotted all Homecoming events, and demonstrators gathered at the Reynolds Alumni Center to push for institutional reforms addressing racial discrimination at MU.

1987

Student activists constructed a shantytown and occupied Francis Quadrangle for over a year, urging the university to divest all funds in South Africa. During this period, 41 protesters were arrested, with some serving jail time. Public resistance and deliberation over divestment began in 1978, and continued until Dec. 18, 1987, when UM Curators voted to divest all funds in South Africa entirely.

2015

In the 2015 fall semester, student activist group Concerned Student 1950 called for the resignation of UM System President Tim Wolfe following criticism of his lack of response to multiple acts of racism on campus. Jonathan Butler, MU graduate student, participated in a weeklong hunger strike, demanding Wolfe resign. MU football boycotted operations in support of Butler, an effort backed by head coach Gary Pinkel and athletic director Mack Rhoades. Wolfe resigned in early November.



2023

Several MU student organizations, including Miz-zou Students for Justice in Palestine, among others, organized an emergency protest and walk-out to show support for people in Gaza and student protesters nationwide. The movement expanded from campus to the greater Columbia community, with local groups like Mid-Missouri Peaceworks and Columbia Jews for Ceasefire in attendance as well.

## Faurot Field: Honoring tradition while embracing the future

Almost a century later, with the promise of new renovations, the traditions of Faurot Field remain intact

AVA MOHROR  
*MOVE Reporter*

As University of Missouri students gather at Faurot Field, the crowd roars, black and gold colors fly and anticipation builds before kickoff. Current students gather to make life-long memories while alumni return to the field to relive their collegiate memories. Now, nearly a century old, Faurot Field is deeply rooted in MU’s history, and will continue to be a place to make memories for decades to come.

Faurot Field has been a monument of hard work and dedication from the day construction began in 1925. The stadium is rooted deep in remembrance, as it was dedicated to the 112 MU graduates and students who died in World War I.

In 1972, the field was named Faurot Field after the former Tigers coach and athletic director, Don Faurot. When the field was con-

verted from Omniturf back to natural grass in the summer of 1995, 92 year old Faurot laid the final square of sod, leaving a lasting mark on the field that would forever symbolize his legacy. Faurot passed away a few short months later, during Homecoming week.

Not long after construction began, a well-known tradition in MU’s history was born. In 1927, 600 first-years moved 300 tons of rock leftover from the stadiums’ construction to form the 90-foot-wide, 95-foot-long rock “M” in the north end zone of Faurot Field. Nearly a century later, first-year students are still involved in the tradition, painting the stones white at the beginning of every school year.

The traditions rooted deep in Faurot Field will remain constant through the evolving landscape of the stadium. On Sept. 12, the MU Board of Curators unanimously approved the \$250 million Memorial Stadium Improvements Project.

The project includes enclosing the north end of the stadium with a new multilevel north course that will add a variety of new premium

seating options.

The renovations are scheduled for completion in 2026, coinciding with the stadium’s 100th anniversary.

“The project will ensure that Memorial Stadium will remain a cornerstone of our community for decades to come,” MU Director of News

and Information Christopher Ave said.

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Fireworks go off ahead of the Tigers’ game on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024 at Faurot Field in Columbia. PHOTO BY HANNAH HENDERSON

## MU’s 41st annual Homecoming blood drive

The historic blood drive broke the university’s record

JAYDEN BATES-BLAND  
*MOVE Reporter*

The University of Missouri community came together to donate blood for the 41st Homecoming blood drive.

This year, it took place during the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. The number of people injured, in critical condition or dead is continuing to rise, and blood is a necessity right now.

Many people have stated the aftermath of the hurricanes as one of their main reasons for donating.

“There are a lot of people that need blood

who have been in critical condition for a while,” first-year student Kennady Sapp said. “I think it is important for people who are able to give, to give because other people can use it and you’re benefiting others.”

Sophomore Sam Day is a universal donor, meaning that he has Type O-Negative blood, so he makes sure to donate every eight weeks.

“It’s just one good thing that I can always put out into the world for free without having to do anything other than sit somewhere for an hour,” Day said.

Various MU organizations come together in order to promote the blood drive. Many students heavily involved on campus donate on behalf of several organizations, including Greek Life.

“[I donate] in support of a fraternity I am in, and I’m on exec for MizzouThon, [which] is a non-profit organization that is also [a] part of Homecoming,” Day said.

From family members to close friends, people often have a connection that gives them a reason to donate.

“My friend’s younger brother is someone who needs this blood which is why I made myself do it even though I cried the whole time before,” sophomore Jaqueline Bazzell said.

By the end of the blood drive, a total of 4,959 units of blood was donated. This amount has the potential to save 14,877 lives and has broken MU’s historical record for blood donations.

“The people at Mizzou are good people, and they want to help out in any way they can with

any situation going on,” first-year student Will Parish said. “It brings the community together, everybody is helping towards the same cause.”

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# What Missouri needs to do to beat Auburn on Homecoming

Missouri’s three keys for defeating Auburn

TANNER COERR  
Sports Reporter

Missouri football will take on the Auburn Tigers on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. for this year’s Homecoming game. After a 41-10 loss to the Texas A&M Aggies that derailed their momentum, Missouri is looking to regain their early-season form with a victory over a struggling Auburn team that enters the game with a 2-4 record. Missouri is undefeated at Faurot Field this year, sweeping a four-game home-stand to open the season.

Auburn and Missouri have faced off four times previously, with Auburn holding the 3-1 all-time series lead. The two have met once during head coach Eli Drinkwitz’s tenure in 2022 which resulted in a 17-14 overtime victory for Auburn. The circumstances are different for this match-up, as Missouri enters the game ranked for the first time in the series since 2013. Missouri must beat Auburn for the first time since 1973 if they want to retain hope of competing for a national championship.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS MUST DOMINATE**

The Aggies were extremely effective in throwing the ball against Missouri, with quarterback Conner Weigman completing 82% of his passes for 276 yards in a surgical performance. The Ti-



Missouri graduate student quarterback Brady Cook dives into the end zone during the game against Boston College on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024 at Faurot Field in Columbia.  
PHOTO BY TORIE MONTGOMERY

gers cannot allow the same to happen against an Auburn team that has struggled at the quarterback position this year.

Auburn senior Payton Thorne has gotten the majority of the snaps under center after starting five of the team’s six games so far. However, redshirt freshman Hank Brown has been called upon at times to lead the offense, starting over Thorne in a victory over New Mexico in September.

Missouri defensive backs like Daylan Carnell, who has 19 tackles and four pass deflections this year, will be crucial in forcing Auburn to try and win with their running game, which averages

163.2 yards per game.

**RUSHING GAME MUST REGAIN FORM**

Running backs Nate Noel and Marcus Carroll were crucial in Missouri’s narrow win over Vanderbilt; Noel finished with 24 carries for 199 yards and Carroll added a touchdown on five carries. After gaining only 68 yards on the ground against Texas A&M, the Tigers’ rushing offense fell from 15th to 42nd in the country. Noel and Carroll must be more involved if Missouri wants to beat Auburn.

In their most recent loss to Georgia, Auburn gave up 88 yards and two touchdowns to the Bulldogs’ Trevor Etienne. Re-establishing the

dynamic rushing attack that led the way to a 4-0 start would be a huge step toward defeating Auburn.

**UNLOCK THE VERTICAL PASSING GAME**

Luther Burden III and Theo Wease Jr. proved last season that they are two of the country’s best receivers, combining for 1,894 yards and 15 touchdowns. Although the pair has been effective this season with a combined 805 yards, the Tigers have not been able to unlock the deep passing game. Besides Wease’s 59-yard touchdown near the end of the Texas A&M blowout and a 63-yard touchdown to Joshua Manning where all 63 yards occurred after the catch, the longest passing touchdown thrown by Brady Cook this season was a 25-yard completion to Burden against Vanderbilt.

The Tigers connected on plenty of deep balls in 2023, which was one of the central factors in Cook’s breakout season. Bringing that element of their offense back would force Auburn to spread their defense out and focus on passes to all parts of the field, putting Missouri in the driver’s seat to win the Homecoming game.

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# How Dawn Sullivan sets those around her up for success – on and off the volleyball court

From playing, becoming an assistant coach and now a head coach, Sullivan’s passion for volleyball has shaped her as a person

LANE ROETTERING  
Sports Reporter

Growing up in Marshall, Minn., a young Dawn Sullivan wanted to find a way to play volleyball by any means necessary. The future Missouri volleyball head coach was just beginning her volleyball career and wanted to get started at a young age.

“It was a very small school, and there wasn’t enough girls to play volleyball in my (middle) school,” Sullivan said. “So I had to petition to play (in) high school as an eighth grader.”

While on the high school team, she played with a group of seniors that took her under their wing.

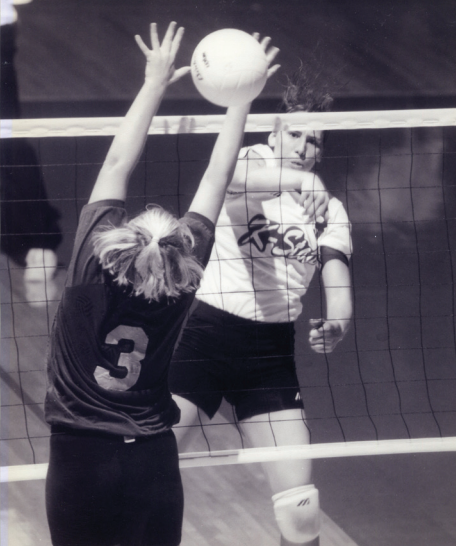
“They didn’t have to allow me to do anything,” Sullivan said. “They could have made fun of this little kid and they didn’t. They let me be just me.”

She eventually committed to play Division 1 volleyball at Kansas State.

**PLAYING AT KANSAS STATE**

Sullivan’s time at Kansas State was littered with accolades. She earned second-team All-America honors as a senior in 1999 and was later inducted into the Wildcats’ Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016. The Wildcats made the NCAA tournament all four years Sullivan played on the team.

However, Sullivan faced adversity early on. She was forced to change positions during her



Dawn Sullivan spikes the ball at a game during her time playing volleyball for Kansas State. COURTESY OF KANSAS STATE ATHLETICS

time on the team.

“I was a middle (blocker) growing up (but) I was recruited as a setter, middle (blocker) and outside (hitter),” Sullivan said. “I then went through a coaching change after my first year, and that coach trained me to become an outside hitter.”

Her new coach was two-time national champion Jim McLaughlin. In his career, McLaughlin was a women’s volleyball head coach for 21 seasons and accumulated five Pac-12 Coach of the Year awards along with an induction into the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2021.

“I was just so blessed to have Jim McLaughlin,” Sullivan said. “He really shaped a lot of parts of, like, how I coach, and who I am as a person, and what I believe and so very thankful for him in my life.”

**WORKING IN THE SPORT**

After going to youth developmental camps that are designed to improve skills, she realized that her intended degree of nutrition and dietetics was less of a priority. Instead — she prioritized becoming a collegiate volleyball coach.

“You step on the court, and I just feel joy,” Sullivan said. “How much you can change people’s lives is really incredible with sport.”

The first job that she accepted was an assistant coach opening at Illinois State University. Former Head Coach Sharon Dingman taught Sullivan the basics on how to handle players and truly become a coach. Dingman gave Sullivan an idea on how to not just lead the players, but to truly support them.

“Sharon allowed me to become a mother in coaching, but also allowed me to experience different things and share and talk,” Sullivan said.

After three years at Illinois State, Sullivan moved onto an assistant coach role at Iowa State University. She spent 13 years working under Head Coach Christy Johnson-Lynch.

“I didn’t know her very well (beforehand),” Johnson-Lynch said. “Really just talking to other people about her work ethic, her competitiveness and just her commitment to being great at anything she does.”

Sullivan’s role changed greatly throughout her 13 years as assistant coach, starting as the recruiting coordinator by helping scout talent around the nation.

“She was instrumental in bringing in talent,” Johnson-Lynch said.

Sullivan was then promoted to associate head coach, becoming more involved while learning the ropes of what it takes to be a head coach.

“(She) filled in wherever was needed, and we had her do a little bit of everything,” John-



Head Coach Dawn Sullivan speaks to her players during the game against Southeast Missouri on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024 at the Hearnes Center in Columbia. Sullivan was hired in 2022 after a five-year tenure as head coach of the women’s volleyball team at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. | PHOTO BY CORINNA UTTERBACK

son-Lynch said. “One of the goals was to get exposure to all the different parts of her program so that she was ready when it was her turn.”

The exposure Sullivan received led to her first head coach job at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She led the Rebels to a pair of Mountain West Conference Championships and two NCAA tournament appearances during her four-year tenure.

“I started again with some really good people that was just incredible,” Sullivan said. “It helped me kind of form some of my standards and code of conduct.”

**JOURNEY TO MU**

Although she never previously lived, played or coached for the University of Missouri, Sullivan viewed it with extreme familiarity. She was no stranger to the Hearnes Center, spending many matches in the arena as both a coach and player.

“I played against Mizzou for many years,” Sullivan said. “I remember playing in this facility.”

After accepting the job, she wanted to change the culture of a program that finished 4-32 the previous two seasons.

Joining her in the journey from UNLV to Missouri were assistant coaches Cullen Irons and Wendel Camargo. Libero Maya Sands made the decision to transfer to Missouri, following Sullivan after one year in Las Vegas.

“I just loved her as a coach, I didn’t want to leave her,” Sands said.

Sands recently accumulated 1,000 digs in her career and won SEC libero of the year in 2023 as a sophomore. She wasn’t initially a libero,

playing outside hitter until her last two years of high school. She credits much of her success to Sullivan.

“I wasn’t as sure of myself because I was in that role for a long time,” Sands said. “So when I got to UNLV with her, she told me, ‘Do you even realize how good you are? You can get to the next level.’ From there on, I never had any stress.”

Sullivan quickly turned the tide during her first year at Missouri, making the second round of the NCAA Tournament and winning SEC Coach of the Year. She earned high praise for her work with that team.

“Pretty unreal is what I’ll say,” Sullivan said. “And I even think back now, is just how special that group is, and the way they came together so fast and just bought in.”

But Sullivan still hopes to take Missouri volleyball to even further heights.

“We want to win a championship,” Sullivan said.

Sullivan kept the same mindset and nothing has changed for her, including her dedication to spread joy and make an impact on future players.

“It’s the fact that I can continue to impact people and they want to stay within the sport,” Sullivan said.

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# Legacies through the lens

Visual content is an invaluable complement to all written pieces in The Maneater. Our dedicated photographers are constantly forging their own legacies by creating pictures that preserve meaningful moments in the MU and wider Columbia community. The following images have been curated from The Maneater Visuals 2024 collection.

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# Homecoming and heritage: creating cross-generational memories

MU Homecoming displays all the qualities that legacies embody, uniting students, alums and the Columbia community

**AINSLEY BRYSON  
& MAYA BENSAOUD**  
*MOVE Reporters*

To the legacy community at the University of Missouri, the emotional connection that plants their roots within Columbia extends far past any familial ties to MU. Legacy status comes with a set of values, all of which are reflected in the iconic Homecoming celebration founded at MU.

Students recognize that Homecoming is a legacy in and of itself, and it creates a space for non-legacies and legacies alike to share their love and pride for the university.

Christian Simmons, a legacy student through nine of his family members and former president of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity at MU, said that, “Every individual kind of creates their own legacy at Mizzou and what they want to contribute back.”

MU legacy students across all generations identified pride, quality of experience, education and community as a foundation of their time in college. These principles will follow them across the graduation stage and into their lives.

“As my mom would say, I’ve ‘bled black and gold’ since I was born, and I haven’t missed a Homecoming football game since,” Simmons said.

Columbia culture is deeply intertwined with the student experience at MU, an atmosphere that many legacy students become accustomed to early in life. MU’s uniquely immersive community, marked by businesses and restaurants that continue to remain well-known by students, makes pursuing an education an obvious choice for legacy students like sophomore Jenna Wildt.

“The Heidelberg especially is a big place that my family has gone to over the years. To have that piece of (Columbia culture) in my family is cool,” Wildt said.

Wildt followed in the footsteps of her parents, sister, aunt, uncle and grandparents— her grandfather a former MU professor — when she chose to pursue secondary education. Wildt recalled special memories of visiting her family in Columbia throughout her childhood.

“I liked the environment, I liked campus and I was sure that (MU) was where I wanted to be,” Wildt said.

Already familiar with the ins and outs of campus, Wildt’s connections to the university only deepened when she transitioned from visitor to legacy student.

For some alums, this feeling is echoed as they continue their MU involvement post-graduation. Dr. Leigh Anne Taylor Knight, President of the MU Alumni Association and legacy alumna through her parents and many members of her extended family, has remained devoted in her involvement with the university since graduation.

“Legacy denotes a pride in our university and the quality of experience that our legacies will have, as well as projecting into the future what is best for Mizzou and Mizzou families,” Dr. Taylor Knight said.

Dr. Taylor Knight was a candidate for Homecoming queen in 1988, an experience that allowed her to further cement her family legacy in MU history.

“My family got to celebrate in a really kind of special way that year with a Homecoming Court,” Dr. Taylor Knight said. “I can’t remember when Homecoming wasn’t a part of our family.”

Legacy or not, the purpose of Homecoming is to unite MU students across generations. Current students have the opportunity to see how alums have paved the way for them, allowing the alums themselves to reconnect with their alma mater.

“My older brother, who graduated two years ago, says that coming back for Homecoming is one of the (most enjoyable) things that he does



Homecoming queen nominee Dr. Leigh Anne Taylor Knight rides in a car during the parade in 1988. | PHOTO COURTESY OF **JOYCE TAYLOR**

as an (alumna),” said Mathew Kimaku, President of the Alumni Association Student Board and MU senior. “(At Homecoming,) everyone around you is from a different niche, and you all share that one core memory (of going to MU.)”

Alums have paved the way for Homecoming to become the epitome of legacy culture at MU. The traditions that trademark what it means to be a student at this university were championed by those that came before.

Kimaku said that with the help of the AASB, a group of students that serve as representatives in MAA matters, alums have been able to establish strong memories at MU through the different events that are hosted. A significant one is the Tiger Walk, where all the freshmen rush through the MU Columns to signify their entrance into the university.

“Tiger Walk has definitely been one of the most impactful (events) that we’ve had because it brings all of us together,” Kimaku said.

Homecoming in its entirety — and its cultural impact in Columbia — reflects the characteristics of what it means to be a legacy at MU. For many, a legacy is more than just a status exclusive to those with familial connections to the university – it’s a shared responsibility to continue to promote a quality experience for all students.

“You are the start of your own legacy. You may not have a family legacy story, but you are the beginning,” Dr. Taylor Knight said. “You are the seeds of both the next legacy stories to come, and the seeds of our alumni organization.”

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## Homecoming Royalty Top 10

The University of Missouri released their Homecoming Royalty Top 10 on Sept. 19; the candidates represent the Homecoming theme, “Leading the Legacy”

**Evelyn Crane** - *Kappa Kappa Gamma*  
How do you display leadership on campus?

“To me, leadership is displayed most through empathy. Whether I’m catching up with my Kappa sisters, welcoming new members to the chapter or meeting new students and families while giving a tour, I always lead with empathy. I try to understand where others are coming from to be a source of support and show that they are not alone.”

**Justin Eddy** - *Alpha Gamma Rho*  
What advice do you have for future MU students?

“Jump in with both feet. Don’t hold back or hesitate before getting involved on campus. The opportunities here are endless and allow you to really find and define who you are as a person. Find your passion, connect with those who share it and change the world.”

**Jonathan Martinez** - *Phi Kappa Theta*  
What legacy do you hope to leave at MU?

“I hope to leave behind a positive and welcoming environment where everyone feels empowered by their community and supported by those around them. I want people to know that we’re all meant for something bigger, and with the right support system, we can achieve it. I want my legacy to be one that makes others feel seen, supported and capable of reaching their full potential.”

**Will Wehmer** - *Alpha Sigma Phi*  
What is your greatest MU memory?

“My greatest Mizzou memory was standing alongside my fellow Greek Week directors as we presented the \$83,000 check to the Thompson Foundation and Camp Kesem at the end of the 2024 Greek Week. It serves as my favorite memory because in just one week our Greek community truly rallied together to raise these funds and ensure that each of our beneficiaries could thrive.”

**Audrey Stowe** - *Alpha Delta Pi*  
What advice do you have for future MU students?

“You will inevitably misstep, say the wrong thing, fail an interview, etc. That is more than okay. The process doesn’t stop at failure - it stops when you’ve learned something. Keep trying, applying, raising your hand, etc. You got this!”

**Bassil Ahmed** - *Minority Association of Pre-health Students*  
What legacy do you hope to leave at MU?

“I hope to leave a legacy of continued excellence and drive for success. I wanted to show people that success can be achieved in many different fashions and everyone has their own story. From being pre-med to picking up music during my time at Mizzou, I want to leave behind that whatever you are passionate about, college is the time to explore those passions and make them reality, no matter how different it may be (than) what’s expected.”

**Eliana Eubanks** - *Society of Women Engineers*  
What is your greatest MU memory?

“My greatest Mizzou memory is from my sophomore year during Paint the M. It was such a fun day meeting so many new people, coming out of a covid freshman year and being part of a tradition that’s so symbolic of Mizzou pride. It was also the moment I met the group of friends who I still spend weekends with and share countless memories. That day really marked the beginning of feeling at home here, showing me how much fun college can be.”

**Kristina Nenova** - *Chi Omega*  
What advice do you have for future MU students?

“Do not be afraid to try. Some of my best memories and opportunities have come from having the courage to ask, apply and push myself outside of my comfort zone. Mizzou has so many amazing organizations and clubs that can help you grow in your academics, passions and personal development that you will not find anywhere else.”

**Olivia Prudhomme** - *Vasey Academy*  
What legacy do you hope to leave at MU?

“I aim to leave a legacy of empowerment, ensuring others feel supported and motivated to achieve their goals. Championing inclusivity and combating imposter syndrome is so important as that is how we all have a lasting sense of shared purpose and excellence.”

**Tyler Thomas** - *Sigma Chi*  
What advice do you have for future MU students?

“Time keeps getting faster. You only have four years at Mizzou and they go by in the blink of an eye. Find what makes you happy — whether it’s a group of friends, an activity or an organization — and love it for as long as you can. Give your whole heart to everything you do and make it mean something. When those four years are over, you’ll wish you could do it again, but you won’t regret a single thing.”



# The Maneater alumni give thanks to the student-run paper

Alums of The Maneater remember their time writing on the paper and reflect on their careers as journalists

MEGAN CURRY  
MOVE Reporter

In 1908, Walter Williams founded the world's first school of journalism, establishing one of the most well-endowed institutions for student journalists. Those who wanted to expand their careers joined The Maneater.

The Maneater, founded in 1955, is the student-run newspaper at MU. The Maneater became an outlet for students to share news re-

ports, opinions on student topics and reviews on media with the school community. Many alumni from the paper dedicate much of their careers to The Maneater and said it was a gateway to new opportunities.

Derrick Goold, graduating class of '97, currently works as a sportswriter at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Goold believes he would not have gotten to where he is now without The Maneater.

"I don't know if I would be a sportswriter, if (it wasn't) for The Maneater," Goold said. "I

do know that if it was going to happen, it would have happened slower, and if it happened slower, I'm not sure I'd be a baseball writer."

At MU, Goold studied journalism and political science. One of the first events he went to on campus was an orientation event for The Maneater. His stories caught the attention of the sports editor, who asked him to cover a football game.

Since then, Goold has had an extensive career in sports journalism, from his first job in New Orleans at The Times-Picayune to working in St. Louis covering the Cardinals.

Larry Van Dyne, graduating class of '67, was unsure of the career he wanted to go into when he was a student. He was a first-generation college student and a second-generation high school graduate.

Van Dyne joined The Maneater staff around the fall of 1964 and later assumed an editor position.

"The editor said, 'You know, you seem like a pretty good addition, if you hang in there and work hard, I'm going to recommend that you, in two or three years, become the editor of The Maneater,'" Van Dyne said.

Van Dyne started his career as an education reporter at The Boston Globe. He then completed a fellowship at Stanford University and freelanced as a journalist before assuming a position as a senior writer at Washingtonian Magazine

for 30 years.

While many students go into college with a career path in mind, Gina Lamb, graduating class of '95, had a change of plans after her time at The Maneater. Although she valued the articles she wrote, she found her passion in copy editing.

After graduating from MU, Lamb worked for a group of suburban daily papers outside New York City. She later moved to Colorado.

"(I) worked in Denver from 1997 to 2000," Lamb said. "Then one day, the phone rang at my desk, and it was a recruiter from The New York Times who said, 'We're hiring copy editors. Are you interested in applying?'"

Since then, Lamb has been a copy editor at The New York Times. Lamb applied for this position with the help of a connection from The Maneater, who referred her to a copy editing scholarship that helped her advance her skills. Here, she gained the experience needed to warrant a call from The New York Times.

With a notable network of alumni, the legacy of The Maneater continues.

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Staffers pose for a photo in The Maneater newsroom. | PHOTO COURTESY OF DERRICK GOOLD

# Bridging generations through bids: Greek life legacies

Greek life is central to many students' college journeys, especially for those with family ties, known as 'legacies'

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Sitting in a basement, surrounded by boxes of keepsakes from a generation before, a mom and daughter, Mia and Heather Tomlinson, sift through photos, hats and pins all reading "ZTA." As Heather hands her daughter these heirlooms, she passes down an important family legacy.

For Mia, along with other students, joining a sorority or fraternity means continuing a lineage before them. These students, known as 'legacies,' are biologically connected to an alum from the organization.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIA & HEATHER TOMLINSON

Mia, MU freshman and newly inducted member of Zeta Tau Alpha, stepped into a legacy that runs in her family. Her mother, Heather Tomlinson, was also a Zeta at MU from 1992-1996. Mia recalls her mother's supportive approach during the rush process.

"I'm very close to my mom, so I called her every day after rush and talked to her about houses," Mia said. "She was very much like, 'trust the process with rush, you're gonna find your place, and if that's not Zeta, that's totally okay. Everybody is different.'"

This balance of guidance and independence allowed Mia to forge her own path within Greek life, a sentiment echoed by many legacies at MU.

## SHARED VALUES AND TRADITIONS

As members navigate their own experiences, they often find that the values of their Greek life organizations resonate deeply with their personal and familial beliefs.

Delta Gamma member Audrey Rohlfling is a triple legacy. Her mom and two older sisters, Paige and Lily Rohlfling, all graduated from MU and rushed Delta Gamma.

"Our entire motto is, do good, DG," Rohlfling said. "Small acts of kindness can really make a difference, and that's something that DG really focuses on as a chapter."

Similarly, Andrew Montgomery, an MU

sophomore in Beta Theta Pi emphasized the importance of shared values within his fraternity. Montgomery's uncle, father and older brother were all members of Beta Theta Pi.

"My father's work ethic is a value that is really reflected by the house," Montgomery said.

## LIFELONG RELATIONSHIPS

As the countdown commenced on bid day, everyone began opening their cards to run home. Rather than taking off when she found out she had received a bid from Zeta, Mia's first reaction was to text her mom.

Her mom, little to Mia's knowledge, was closer than she thought. Heather and Mia's grandma had driven to campus to surprise her.

"(I remember) running home and seeing her standing in front of that house," Mia said. "She was crying and she was so excited."

In that moment, the excitement of sorority life intertwined with the love and support of her family. Mia, along with other legacies carry forward the paths of those who came before them, while also creating their own, filled with connection, growth and lasting impact.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As students embrace their roles in Greek life as legacies, many express hopes of growing the family tree for future generations.

Addi Sambo rushed Zeta Tau Alpha in fall

2023, carrying on a cherished family legacy. Her mother, Julie Sambo, was also in Zeta and graduated from MU in 1999.

"It would be really cool to have a daughter and have her join Zeta – and even cooler if it was at Mizzou, but you can't predict how rush will go for anyone," Sambo said "I would definitely encourage it though knowing how much me and my mom both enjoyed our experiences here."

As members navigate their Greek life journeys, they carry forward the legacies of those who came before them, while also creating their own paths filled with connection, growth and lasting impact.



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# MU's Legacy Walk and Traditions Plaza allow alumni to etch themselves into campus history

Brick walkways that were founded by the MU Alumni Association give alumni a way to honor themselves or family on campus

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News Reporter

The "Mizzou Legacy Walk" stretches from the sidewalk to the entrance of the Reynolds Alumni Center and has over 2,500 bricks with names of former MU students and professors.

Originally dedicated in 2007, this project was the MU Alumni Association's gift to campus in celebration of its 150th anniversary. The project finished in 2012, and earned over \$1 million that was allocated into student scholarships.

Todd McCubbin, executive director of the association said he saw the opportunity to help raise money that they could give back to current MU students, while honoring those who came

before them.

"Essentially, it was a sales opportunity where people could buy a brick and have it sold out here in front of our building," McCubbin said. "This certainly turned into a little bit more of an engagement opportunity. It's kind of fun to see (during) football weekend(s) or Homecoming. You'll walk out there, and you'll have families looking around for their brick(s)."

1986 MU graduate Heidi Templeton said her family's legacy is attached to their bricks. To honor the three generations of her immediate and extended family that are MU alums, Templeton and her husband Scott purchased bricks for both themselves and Heidi's parents Betty Lou and Robert Crist. Although both of Heidi's parents have passed, she said the "Mizzou Legacy Walk" allows her to honor them at MU.

"One of the first years they had all the bricks installed, my daughter and I went and took the cutest picture of us honoring her grandparents' bricks," Templeton said. "So when we get to go visit campus, we enjoy going to the Alumni Center, seeing our bricks and talking about all the memories associated with that brick."

Although the "Mizzou Legacy Walk" sold out a few years ago, just down the street, the Alumni Association built Traditions Plaza in 2014 to celebrate MU's 175th anniversary. Bricks are still sold for around \$175 and are installed in the plaza every Homecoming weekend and during the week of graduation in May.

"We have a lot of people that buy bricks as a gift for somebody that's retiring, somebody that has a special anniversary or as an honorific situation," McCubbin said.

Out of over 300,000 MU alums, Heidi Templeton is one of many that has returned to MU to celebrate Homecoming.

"(It's) such a wonderful feeling to be able to go back and feel all those connections that we had (at) the university and know that what we're doing by giving back is doing good for the university."

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# The mascot, the myth, the legacy: Truman Tiger

Since his first introduction, Truman has gone through extreme rebranding with the help of past Tigers to make him into the mascot he is today

LIV MARTIN  
MOVE Reporter

Since the first appearance of the tiger mascot, many different people have held an impactful role in building the legacy Truman now carries. The first tiger mascots were created around the 1940s and included a female “Lil Tiger,” and a male “Big Tiger.” The costumes were originally made of a yellow cloth suit with painted black stripes on it and a paper mache tiger head. Then, it was not unusual to see the mascots without their head on. In the summer of 1976, up-and-coming “Big Tiger,” Matthew Krueger had an idea to remake the mask. Krueger teamed up with MU’s Art Department. The design was based off of the MU logo at the time. They ultimately constructed the head out of fiberglass and attached it to a maskless football helmet.

In 1981, “Lil Tiger” and “Big Tiger” merged into one — but it still was not the Truman MU students know today. This tiger went nameless for three years before earning his name in 1984 during a fundraiser called “Name the Tiger.” Truman officially received his name in memory of Harry S. Truman, the 33rd U.S. President and Missouri native. Two years after he received the name “Truman,” Director of Athletics, Joe Castiglione, recruited Missouri native Joe Turnbough and his team to help with the development of Truman’s look and personality. On Sept. 13, 1986, Truman made his debut appearance at the football game against Utah. Now, people recognize that day as his official birthday. Today, Truman auditionees are interviewed and are expected to commit to a year-long role. The interview has certain aspects like dancing in the suit to the fight song and improv to see if the person can accurately represent Truman’s lively

and friendly personality. Building relationships with everyone in the MU community is a big part of Truman’s role. From attending sporting events to spending time at MU’s Children’s Hospital, Truman can be found all throughout Columbia. The secret society of those who have been Truman in the past have their own club, but it does not stop them from making friendships. These lifelong friendships are not exclusive between past mascots — they expand to those who helped bring Truman to life on and off the field. “The esprit decor that developed among all these enthusiastic students, athletes and musicians was incredible,” Krueger said. “Many remain my lifelong friends.” Being Truman is more than just putting on a tiger costume and entertaining more than 60,000 fans — it brings excitement and maintains a legacy. Truman is the face of MU, and that would not be possible without the help of

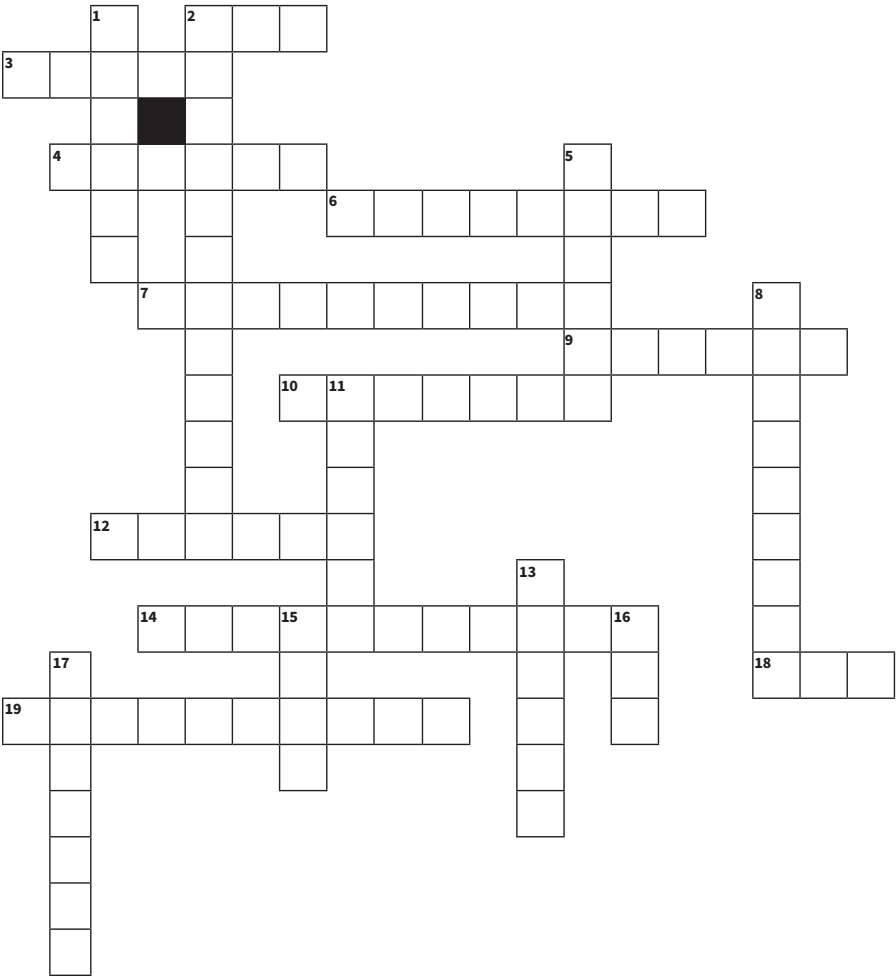


Truman and the Golden Girls pose for a photo in 1976.  
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those in the past who have brought him to life and everyone in the future who will continue to do so.

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## CROSSWORD



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DOWN

2. First three letters of the chant

3. Football games have a \_\_\_\_\_ bag policy

4. Unscramble: TAF0UR

6. MU was founded in this month

7. Second-most photographed monument in Missouri

9. Homecoming game opponent team

10. Iconic Buck’s ice cream flavor: Tiger\_\_\_\_\_

12. MU alum \_\_\_\_\_Crow

14. MU women’s dance team

18. Ending of clue 2

19. MU event founded in 1911
1. 2024 Homecoming theme: Leading the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Classic football game song by The Killers

5. First Homecoming opponent, University of \_\_\_\_\_

8. MU Football Coach Eliah \_\_\_\_\_

11. Brady Cook football number

13. Unscramble: UMRANT

15. Light the \_\_\_\_\_

16. Number of columns

17. What Greek Life does for the Homecoming Parade

AMORY MOORE & KRITI DHADUVAI  
MOVE Reporters

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| Tiger   | Float      | Alumni   |           |



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