

October 6, 2008



ELI Weekly



History of Homecoming

Most homecomings originated in the early 1900s, and by the '20s they were nationwide traditions. Although there was one historical event that temporarily cancelled homecomings due to World War II in 1943 and 1944, by 1945 colleges picked up where they left off and started up the celebrations once again.

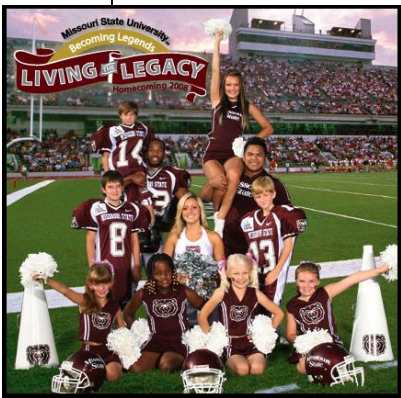
The first recorded homecoming game was at the University of Illinois in 1910. The idea was to initiate a tradition that would help bring more people out to the stands for the last home game of the season. Other schools that held homecomings around the same time were University of Indiana in the same year, University of Wisconsin and University of Missouri in 1911 and University of Arizona in 1914.

It is obvious that every college has developed its own "spirit-building" traditions before the football game, but one event seems to remain constant. The event is the parade, and the parade should be the biggest homecoming event. The early parades had different themes, but they had one thing in common: They were generally held on the Fridays before the football games -- just as they are today.

In addition to the parade, most colleges have their own events around homecoming time to help everyone get pepped up for the game. Whether it's a ceremony, concert or dance, there are usually many activities for students, faculty and fans to get involved with during homecoming.

Another major factor of homecoming festivities is the actual coming home of graduates. This is commonly believed to be homecoming's original purpose -- to encourage alumni to return home and support their team. In the earliest homecomings, alumni would give speeches and be honored with a banquet before the football game. This tradition still carries on today.

Missouri State University also holds homecoming every year, and Homecoming 2008 will be held on October 10 & 11. For more information, visit to: <http://www.missouristate.edu/activities/Homecoming.htm>



Activities This Week

Homecoming Events

Saturday, October 11

- **Missouri State Homecoming Parade:**
 - John Q. Hammons Parkway, 9 am
- **Football Game: Bears vs. Youngstown St:**
 - Plaster Sports Complex, 1:30 pm
 - You can purchase a ticket online: <http://www.missouristatetix.com/>

For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab!



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- This week is **Midterm Week!**
 - Good Luck !!!
- No Class on 10/ 10 (Fri)
 - Midterm Break (hurray!)
- Midterm grades will be emailed by 5 pm on 10/15 (Wed).
- **No academic lecture** in this week.
- **Computer Lab will only be opening for testing during the midterm week** - You will not have access to the labs during your free time. If you need to print something, please bring it printed from home.
- No ELI newsletter for the next week.
 - Why? Because Fall Break is coming!
- **Fall Break:** 10/16 (Thu) - 10/19 (Sun)
 - No classes!
 - Have FUN and Be SAFE!!!



Lost & Found

We are keeping :

- An English-Arabic translator– found in 2nd floor computer lab.



Please stop by the ELI office to claim them.

University Film Series

@PSU Theater

- **October 6 (Mon) 7 p.m.**

Thank You For Smoking (2006)

Reitman's film is set in the fascinating world of Washington spin, where, more often than not, money trumps politics and morals. Its delightfully unscrupulous characters and searing cynicism prick all sides of the anti-smoking issue with hilarity and intelligence.



- **October 13 (Mon) 7 p.m.**

The Wonderful, Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl (1993)

This three-hour portrait of controversial filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl grapples with the central controversy of her career: was she a "pure" filmmaker, or was she the key mythmaker of the Nazi propaganda machine.



Weather Forecast

Forecast for October. 6—October. 12

| | | Fahrenheit (High/Low) |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday: | Partly Cloudy | 74/62 |
| Tuesday: | Scattered T-Storm | 69/58 |
| Wednesday: | Few Showers | 73/60 |
| Thursday: | Few Showers | 71/57 |
| Friday: | Partly Cloudy | 74/56 |
| Saturday: | Showers | 72/50 |
| Sunday: | Sunny | 64/43 |



Weather forecasts are **always** changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or the weather channel.