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1911



MISSOURI
KANSAS

MORNING
PARADE

1913





1945



1978







HOMECOMING GALLERY

On Rollins Field, little more than an open field with bleachers, Mizzou hosts Kansas for the first "coming home" game in 1911. Courtesy of University Archives C:22/1/3



A Mizzou Homecoming float, circa 1913, consists of a team of horses, a bucket of oats and a buggy frame. Decorative bunting and a costumed Bengal tiger also fuel school spirit. Courtesy of University Archives C:0/3/7



The sophomore women's baseball club lines up for the 1921 Homecoming parade. By the 1920s, women's intramural athletics includes indoor baseball. Courtesy of University Archives C:22/8/19



Sigma Chi's house decoration "Luster's Last Stand," a play on Oklahoma's head football coach Dewey Luster, wins the men's house decoration contest in 1945. 1946 Savitar photo



Bonfires and pep rallies go hand-in-hand for Homecoming. In October 1978, revelers fire up the team the night before the game, but the Tigers lose to Colorado, 28-27. Photo by Larry Boehm



As the ROTC cannon signals victory, fans rush Faurot Field to mark one of the Tigers' sweetest Homecoming upsets, 36-27, over Oklahoma in 2010. Photo by Rachel Coward



Meet Homecoming's student leaders

A committee of 32 students does a lot of legwork to plan and execute Homecoming, a program of the Mizzou Alumni Association. Three students lead the association's Homecoming Steering Committee as they handle the blood drive, parade, talent show and much more. Meet this year's leaders: Brandon Thiel, Kelly Heins and Morgan Adrian.

BRANDON THIEL, 21,
MARSHALL, MO.

Plant sciences major

Self-description: Independent, functional, practical

Got involved in Homecoming because: I want it to continue as the highlight of students' time at Mizzou.

Best idea I've had as a director: Embracing the other directors' idea of having office hours at Panera Bread

Favorite classes at MU: Large lectures. I can zone out and get a nap.
Can't live without: Energy drinks to help me study

A casual friend would never guess: I am an excellent ping-pong player.

Splurge: Dairy Queen Blizzards
First purchases after winning the lottery: Investments, charities, then replacing my lost iPod
Would never: Eat sushi. I prefer my fish breaded and deep-fried.

Biggest weakness: Taco Bell. It's my kryptonite.

Dream job: Going back to the family farm. Probably won't ever happen, but I always enjoyed my time in the seat of a tractor.

First crush: Jennifer Aniston
Favorite game: Angry Birds. It's easy and a great distraction.

Obsession: Facebook
Favorite quote: "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift." — Steve Prefontaine



KELLY HEINS, 22,
CONCORDIA, MO.

Elementary education major

Self-description: Determined, cheerful, nurturing

Most challenging thing about being a director: Responding to all my emails

What the Homecoming theme means to me: "A Century of Coming Home" honors Chester Brewer's idea of Homecoming and celebrates the event's evolution during the past 100 years.

Biggest surprise about college life: I actually can do my own laundry.

Most exciting experience: Riding a camel among the pyramids in Egypt

Ultimate dinner companion: Harry Potter. He can teach me some spells.

A casual friend would never guess: I love antiques. I mean I really love antiques!

Glad I did it but wouldn't do it again: High school

Would never: Is never graduating from college an option?

Biggest weakness: \$1 Diet Cokes at McDonalds

First crush: Benny "The Jet" Rodriguez

Who would play you in a movie: Maggie Gyllenhal and all her dimples

Obsession: Mizzou men's basketball

Favorite quote: "Let your light shine. Be a source of strength and courage. Share your wisdom. Radiate love." — Wilfred Peterson



MORGAN ADRIAN, 20,
JOPLIN, MO.

Hospitality management major

Self-description: Creative, organized, energetic

Got involved in Homecoming because: It's in my DNA. I grew up wearing Tiger ears, sitting on the curb watching Homecoming parades and listening to countless Homecoming memories from my alumni parents.

Most challenging thing about being a director: Living without sleep

Ultimate dinner companion: Buddy Valastro from Cake Boss — but only if he brings dessert

Always wanted to: Pick up a hitchhiker, but I have been too afraid

A casual friend would never guess: I am a Star Wars nerd.

Glad I did it but wouldn't do it again: Parasailing

Splurge: Any kind of FroYo [frozen yogurt]

Most important quality in a boyfriend: I am currently in a relationship with Homecoming. I will get back to you after Oct. 15.

Dream job: Owning a wedding planning business

Obsession: Justin Bieber, my guilty pleasure

Best way to relax: Movie marathon with my sisters

Favorite quote: "This above all: To thine own self, be true." — William Shakespeare



1972

MU 20, CU 17 — Kicker **Greg Hill** nails a field goal with six seconds to play as the Tigers upset the No. 7 Buffaloes.

1976

Claire McCaskill, BA '76, JD '77, now a U.S. senator, serves on Homecoming Steering Committee.

1977

Don Downing, BS BA '79, JD '82, now a University of Missouri System curator, is voted first Homecoming king.