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A colorful illustration of a student running down a street. The student is wearing a blue t-shirt with a white paw print, grey pants, and purple shoes. He is holding a large white banner that says "100 YEARS" in blue letters. The background features autumn trees with yellow and orange leaves, a row of brick buildings, and a street with white dashed lines. The sky is light blue with falling leaves.

MEET THE COURT

Freddy Purnell hopes to challenge tradition, exemplify diversity

By Quincy Reese
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Homecoming is a 100-year tradition on Penn State's campus, but for Homecoming Court nominee Freddy Purnell, it is also about learning from Penn State's past to better its future.

Purnell (senior-biology) is highly involved in a variety of advocacy and education groups on campus. Since coming to Penn State, he realized his passion for standing up for the rights of marginalized communities — a belief he said he hopes to spread across campus and into Homecoming traditions.

“Now that the panel is gender neutral, we're going to have our first gender non-conforming person soon, our first trans person soon,” Purnell said. “I'm just looking forward to how much more accepting the Penn State community is going to be.”

As a queer person of color, Purnell said he is proud to represent these aspects of himself for others and continue to normalize diversity on the Homecoming Court, as well as at Penn State in general. He added he is appreciative of those who paved the way before him to allow LGBTQ people of color to feel more accepted on campus.

“I'm really excited to be a part of the people who are continuing to usher Penn State forward to a more inclusive and safe environment for people regardless of their racial, gender or sexual identities,” Purnell said.

Celeste Good, one of Purnell's close friends, said she believes his nomination brings an important representation of



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Freddy Purnell (senior - biology) poses for a portrait in the HUB-Robeson center on Friday, Sept. 27.

marginalized groups to this Penn State tradition.

“Having representation on the Homecoming Court is so important, because the whole intersectionality of being queer and trans is hard, and you never see yourself represented in anything,” Good (junior-kinesiology) said.

“I know in the past, Homecoming has been very white dominated — and that's not very accurate to what this school is about.”

In order to pursue his passion for advocacy, Purnell is part of a variety of clubs and groups on campus that serve this purpose.

Most notably, he is the president of the LGBTQA Student Roundtable, vice president of QT-POC (Queer and Trans People of Color), a member of Men Against Violence, a Greeks CARE facilitator, a member of the President's Commission for LGBTQ Equity and a member of the Straight Talks Peer Education Program.

Purnell is also politically involved on campus, serving as the outreach chair for the Penn State College Democrats.

Additionally, he is an active member of the Black Caucus and the Caribbean Student Association, both of which he

said tie back into his Trinidadian culture.

According to Purnell, being a part of these groups has allowed him the opportunity to educate people on the importance of respecting all genders, races and sexualities, as well as how to properly show respect.

He said he has had the opportunity to combat active homophobia, transphobia and racism on campus, as well.

Of all of these experiences, Purnell said he believes his involvement in queer advocacy groups has left the greatest

impact on campus.

He added, however, that Greeks CARE and Men Against Violence have also been significant in shaping people's viewpoints on the topics of consent and sexual assault.

Although Purnell has left an impact on campus through his involvement in clubs and organizations, he said this participation has also positively changed him.

“Since I have come to Penn State and gotten involved with the resources here and gotten involved with the queer community, I've come out to my family, and I've developed so much as a leader and an advocate,” Purnell said. “It even helped me get in contact with my cultural roots.”

Anjanique Julius, another friend of Purnell's, said the drive Purnell has to impact Penn State is a big part of what makes him a good candidate for Homecoming Court.

“I feel like Freddy is a very good candidate for Homecoming Court because he is very passionate. I feel like that's one of the biggest things about being on Homecoming,” Julius (senior-food science) said. “[You have to be] passionate for the students, known by the student body and appreciated by them, and I feel that he fits all of those categories.”

Good said Purnell is not only highly involved with the community, but also reliable in all of the activities in which he participates — qualities she said she believes qualify him further for Homecoming Court.

“He gives back to the community, so I feel like the community should give back to him,” Good said.

In the eyes of Collegian business manager Colsen Ackroyd, Homecoming adds to Penn State's traditions

By Adriana Guidi
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Editor's note: Colsen Ackroyd is the business manager of The Daily Collegian.

After a young Colsen Ackroyd purchased his first giant M&M cookie from McLanahan's years ago, he knew he needed to be a Penn State student one day.

Now into his senior year at University Park, he said he's worked hard to make a positive impact at the university he loves.

This weekend, Ackroyd (senior-supply chain and information systems) will serve on the Penn State's 2019 Homecoming Court — the 100th Homecoming celebration in the university's history.

For Ackroyd, this nomination is not only a personal honor, but a memorable experience he is excited to share with his family, many of whom are Penn State alumni.

“It was not only a huge honor to go to Penn State to carry on that family legacy, but now in my senior year, I can make them proud by being on the court,” Ackroyd said.

Like many other Penn State students and fans, emotional and personal connection to the university feels very familiar to Ackroyd.

“My family always joked that

they would kick me out of the family if I didn't come here,” Ackroyd said.

To Ackroyd, Homecoming is a valuable tradition that comes with responsibility.

“The responsibility is through our actions, that we will hold ourselves and the court to the highest honor and to do that by being respectful individuals,” Ackroyd said.

Management and organization professor Ronald Johnson said he believes Ackroyd is strong pick for the court.

“In looking at the Penn State values list, three stand out for me concerning Colsen — responsibility, integrity and excellence,” Johnson said.

“He is a person who is willing to step up and take on leadership responsibility everywhere he goes.”

Ackroyd said he is excited to enjoy the entire week and thank all those who have helped him become the person he is today.

“It will be a way for me to be able to recognize all those who supported me here, from [Smeal College of Business] professors, to my coworkers at the Collegian, to my roommates, to everyone who has played a role in my college career and thank them and show them where I am,” Ackroyd said.



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Colsen Ackroyd (senior - supply chain) poses for a portrait on Foster Ave in State College on Sunday, Sept 29.

Pierre Coupin, a friend of Ackroyd's, believes that Ackroyd stands out from other students with his heavy involvement.

“He embodies what Penn State is about,” Coupin (senior-international politics) said. “A good student, an involved student and a great person overall — from

his work with the Collegian to his internship at Walmart, he has achieved a lot here and that's why he stands out.”

Ackroyd said every person he's met at Penn State has taught him something of important value, which has made him feel grateful for the Penn State community.

“I thought that I had it all together and had the answers to a lot of things,” Ackroyd said.

“But later, after falling on my face and being completely wrong on countless occasions, I think my time here has taught me that everyone has true value and lessons that they can teach me.”

Graciela Bolanos aims to represent international students

By Christina Baker
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

When she first arrived at Penn State, Graciela Bolanos felt like an “outsider.”

However, that experience is what led her to create her own community within the university.

Bolanos (senior-community environment and development) had not encountered the tradition of Homecoming when she was growing up in El Salvador.

Now, she's a member of the Homecoming Court.

She hopes that as a member of the court, she can represent experiences similar to hers as a Penn State student.

When she applied to Penn State, Bolanos recalls, all she knew was that the university had a good agriculture program.

Moving from El Salvador to Penn State with imperfect English was difficult for Bolanos.

She remembers being teased for her accent and choosing to go by “Gracie” because “Graciela” sounded “too foreign.”

Being treated like an outsider shaped Bolanos's understanding

of who she was as a Penn State student — and who she wanted to be for other students.

During her freshman year, Bolanos told her resident assistant to call her “Gracie,” her RA instead learned how to correctly pronounce “Graciela.”

“She took the time to go above and beyond to make sure that I felt like I also belonged,” Bolanos said.

Because of that action, she was inspired to become an RA as well. As an RA, Bolanos said she tries to build a community within her floor. Fellow RA Hannah Yost thinks that Bolanos excels in this area.

“[Bolanos's] floor is so cohesive,” Yost (senior-neuroscience) said. “She's just so welcoming and so positive... she's helped residents through different crises and I know that's been really hard on her in the past.”

Bolanos always prioritizes others' needs, Yost said.

In addition to being an RA, Bolanos works as a hotline counselor for Centre Safe, a resource center for those who have experienced dating and domestic

violence, sexual assault or stalking in Centre County.

Bolanos was drawn to Centre Safe because she wanted to have connections to the State College community outside of Penn State's campus, and wanted to combat issues, like sexual assault and gender violence.

Bolanos's friend Zach Lewis said she puts incredible effort into her work with Centre Safe.

“She will be on call some nights and will get up at 2 a.m. to go to the hospital to sit with someone,” Lewis (sophomore-biobehavioral health) said.

Bolanos is aware that her involvement as an RA and with Centre Safe may seem intense, but she finds these causes rewarding.

“That's how I have community at Penn State,” Bolanos said. “I've found pockets of community within Penn State that embraced me.”

Bolanos looks forward to representing her values and experiences as a member of the Homecoming Court.]

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Graciela Bolanos (senior-community environment and development) poses for a photo on Thursday, Sept. 27.

Visit collegian.psu.edu during the week to read profiles on all 10 members of the 2019 Homecoming Court.

100 years of Homecoming

By Cassandra Kidwell
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

One hundred years ago, Penn State introduced Homecoming to the student body, a tradition that has evolved, yet remained the same in many ways. Generations of Penn Staters have experienced changes in parades, courts and other events that bring the Homecoming spirit to life.

The Homecoming tradition began in a game against Dartmouth on Oct. 9, 1920. Izzy Frances, the executive director of the 100th Homecoming, said the 2019 anniversary was based off of the dates of the 50th and 70th anniversaries.

In her position, Frances (senior -security risk analysis) is in charge of the executive committee and its subsequent members. She said a goal of Homecoming this year was to continue traditions, without stopping innovation.

“Homecoming Court has seen a lot of change over the years,” she said. “Last year I was on the executive committee when we switched to the gender-neutral model that instead presents a leadership and service award.”

The state of the Homecoming Court and the nomination of queens can be directly reflected to the era in which it was established. The 1952 Homecoming queen was advertised to be chosen on the basis of “the girl you would most like to come home to.”

Following the years of the court choosing, Frances said there

were various first wave and second wave moments in the world that were also reflected in Homecoming Court. Eventually, men were added to the court and the queen title was temporarily removed. The title was changed to “best couple.”

In 2018, Homecoming got rid of the popular vote system and the five male, five female ratios. The application process also became more extensive, adding essays and resume readings that are determined as blind applicants. Candidates now go through an interview process and eventually a popular vote is held with the top 10, weighted against the resume and interview process.

Frances said the idea of community is emphasized more in recent years of Homecoming. Additions of the alumni and university court keep networks engaged and the Homecoming Committee aims for the inclusivity of State College, as well.

“I think the role of engaging with the student body and welcoming every member of the community home is the driving idea that we strive to uphold,” Frances said. “We are always striving to expand our events, so they get more traction with people and engage not just the student body but the state college community at large.”

The successes and adjustments in Homecoming are a trial and error process. During her freshman year, Frances said the event “Pollock Party,” was removed from the line of Homecoming events as it was low

attendance with not a lot of pay-off.

Instead, Homecoming decide to replace it with the Allen Street Jam, a music and food truck festival that is held on a blocked off portion of Allen Street. Another adjustment this year is adding full scale carnival rides on the HUB Lawn for the carnival on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Despite the changes, traditions are still alive within Penn State Homecoming. Some greek life competitions are still continued today like the banner competition, float competition and mad hatter competition.

Frances said they tried to maintain the traditional Penn State values of honoring “exceptional members of the community.”

Suzanne Clement Libby , Penn State alumnus and 1992 Homecoming queen, went through a similar process in her nomination.

Asked by a member of the Panhellenic committee if her nomination was okay, Libby was eventually chosen to be on the five women, five men court that was followed by a popular vote by students.

Libby said the transitions of court are a good way to honor the tradition of Homecoming, but still acknowledge the changes society makes.

Libby’s Homecoming experience is coming full circle on Saturday’s game day, as Purdue is the same team Penn State played during her Homecoming.

It was a very special game for Libby and the rest of her hometown, as they already planned to attend the game for a high school friend who was the captain of the Purdue football team.

“There were three tour buses of people from my community coming to watch him play,” Libby said. “My seventh-grade homeroom teacher, best friends and more all were there.”

Although in her nomination, her parents had to switch their bus to come earlier in the week to see her crowning.

“It was a tremendous honor for me, to even have been part of the process regardless of the final selection,” she said. “Throughout the process, it was about Penn State and your connection to it and the values of the university.”

Dale Hoffman , a member of the current Homecoming Alumni Court and graduate of the class of 1972, has been involved with Homecoming since retiring to State College.

During the years of Hoffman’s attendance at Penn State,



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The homecoming logo is revealed during the Blue-White game at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

nationwide movements were reflected heavily in the Homecoming process, with both the Vietnam War and social movements happening.

Hoffman said in his time at school there was a protest over the crowning. In 1969, feminist groups at Penn State were fighting against the way they believed a queen was chosen – based on appearance and personality rather than achievements.

In following years, the Homecoming Court began to allow men to apply to be on court and tried to improve crowning criteria. The title of Homecoming queen was removed and re-added multiple times. In 1973, a male contender decided to run for Homecoming queen to show that “the university is receptive to change.”

This fight for what was the best way to go about Homecoming Court was relived in past years, as the court was adjusted to the growing societal norms of today.

In the changes of Homecoming, Hoffman related it to the changes seen all throughout the school. With an electrical engineering degree, Hoffman said only 12 percent of his engineering graduating class were women.

He emphasized the importance in the growth of these numbers, in all realms of Penn State.

“I think it’s great that we are looking at everybody and giving everyone an equal opportunity,” he said. “The changes every year are good, as it reflects where we’re going and what we’re trying to do.”

Hoffman shared a concern with taking away the “king” and “queen” titles that have been a part of Homecoming tradition for so long. He worries that the attempt at inclusiveness

will allow for the court to be uneven in its male to female ratio.

Despite the politicization of Homecoming Week in Hoffman’s time, he said a large part of Homecoming was simply football and the greek competitions.

The Penn State football team was in one of its peaks during Hoffman’s years. On his seventh season coaching, Joe Paterno even crowned the 1970 Homecoming queen, after leading Penn State to two undefeated seasons in 1968 and 1969.

Penn State Homecoming has made strides to make the week more than greek life and football, opening float competitions to all organizations and adding many events to the week.

In this growth, Hoffman said alumni chapters and members of the Blue and White Society began to return to Penn State for the parade, creating a larger experience of Homecoming for everyone with the growth of the parade.

“I remember coming back [to State College] in the 90s where Homecoming began to include the alumni band — the parade began to grow to what it is today,” Hoffman said.

Hoffman previously marched with the Centre County Alumni chapter and visited Penn State prior to moving back to State College. Now, he will experience a different part of Homecoming in being a part of the court.

“I’m really excited to be in the court this year because of the 100 year anniversary,” Hoffman said. “It’s something you would never dream of when you go to college — being in the Homecoming Court in a whole new way.”

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Students look foward to Homecoming

By Becky Marcinko
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Penn State Homecoming annually attracts students, their families and alumni, leaving the town feeling full of life and excitement.

Many students are involved in coordinating homecoming events through various committees, while others enjoy the week from a spectator’s perspective. Homecoming consists of a group of events that students plan for months.

Homecoming events have been occurring since April, like the Day of Service and the Legacy Celebration. Penn State Homecoming 2019 took off in full force with the SPA/Homecoming concert.

The concert featured the DJ Gryffin on Sept. 28 at Alumni Hall.

Various events throughout the week include the For the Glory Talent Show, a student-alumni ice cream social and the parade. The week will conclude with the homecoming football game versus Purdue University at 12 p.m. on Oct. 5.

“I picture homecoming as the

high school thing with kings and queens, but it’s different here, and I don’t really know what all goes into that,” Connor Cook, a student who is not involved in the planning of homecoming, said.

But, Cook (sophomore-security) said he is excited for the game.

He is especially looking forward to it because it happens to fall on his birthday.

Some students who had not yet attended a homecoming parade, like Sofia Reyes , were intrigued by how a parade would operate with so many people involved.

“I’m not sure what exactly even happens during the parade,” Reyes (freshman- geoscience) said.

Moreover, Greek life is heavily involved in homecoming. Ashley Murch is helping to construct her sorority’s float for the parade. She said she is looking forward to homecoming so her sorority’s work could be displayed.

“I’m also excited for the game, and I have family coming, so that’s great,” Murch (sophomore-hospitality management) said.

First-year students like Jenna Michalak and Emily Romberger



Collegian file photo

The Nittany Lion poses for a photo during the Penn State Homecoming Parade on Oct. 12, 2018.

felt all of the homecoming events, besides the football game, were not advertised enough.

Michalak (freshman-art education) had just recently found out about the parade.

“I’m planning on going to the

game, but definitely also the parade now that I know about it,” Michalak (freshman-art education) said.

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Homecoming: do students care?

By Maddie Aiken
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

As Homecoming Weekend quickly approaches, many Penn State students, alumni and community members are anticipating weeklong celebrations.

However, others just don’t care. Homecoming has seemingly become a staple of Penn State life. Events are planned, roads are closed, the Lion Shrine is guarded and students are chosen to represent the university’s values on the Homecoming Student Court.

But despite the university’s push for excitement and festivities during the early October celebration, some students do not care or understand what Homecoming is.

Students Jasper Asprer , Matthew Genova and Camille Bautista said they don’t really care about Homecoming — in fact, they didn’t even realize it was this weekend, despite the fact that they are all football fans.

Aspects such as the parade, community events and the Homecoming Court don’t interest any of the three students, and Bautista (freshman-business management) didn’t even know there was a court.

As a freshman, Genova (freshman-cybersecurity) said he was never really informed of Homecoming, and doesn’t understand what it entails.

Asprer (freshman-actuarial science) agreed, saying the celebration doesn’t interest him or pertain to him.

“I think it affects such a small amount of people,” Asprer said.

However, Kiera Sargent said she is looking forward to Homecoming, and definitely plans to attend the football game — and possibly the week-long events leading up to the match up against Purdue.

Sargent (freshman-English) believes the Homecoming aspect adds something to the football season, making the game more suspenseful and exciting for students and other Penn State fans.

“[Homecoming] brings the people that go here closer together,” she said.

“At a big school, it’s something to rally around.”

Kyle Funelas pointed out the event seems to be more geared

toward Penn State’s extensive number of alumni, who flood to State College for Homecoming Weekend to reminisce their college days, watch football and soak up the State College sun.

However, like Sargent, Funelas (junior-structural engineering) pointed to the fact that the event is one that students and alumni can enjoy together.

“Penn State’s Alumni Association is one of the top in the country, they always come back to enjoy what was,” Funelas said. “For the students, it’s the same thing. While you’re in school, you want to experience this kind of stuff.”

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THE BIGGEST MOMENTS

Before the 100th homecoming game this Saturday, here are the top five moments this game has provided

By Dylan Jacobs
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

This Saturday marks the 100th homecoming game in Penn State history, and with so many games, there are sure to be some memorable moments.

Some of Penn State's most historic moments took place during homecoming, and here are five that stand out:



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Allen Robinson (8) catches the ball at the 1-yard line to set up the game tying touchdown at the end of the fourth quarter against Michigan.

5. The first homecoming

Penn State's first ever homecoming game was certainly full of drama.

In 1920, the Nittany Lions snuck out a 14-7 win over Dartmouth, thanks to a pick-six by W. Glenn Killinger in the final minutes.

The capacity crowd of 12,000 was treated to a great game, setting the stage for 98 more homecoming games.

4. Larry Johnson's monster game

No. 21 Penn State took the field against Northwestern in the 2002 homecoming, and Larry Johnson decided to take it over.

The running back rushed for a then school-record 257 yards and three touchdowns, leading the Nittany Lions to a 49-0 rout of the Wildcats.

That game was a catalyst for Johnson, who had his historic 2,087 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns.

3. Saquon starts with a bang

The 2017 installment of the homecoming game saw Penn State debut its throwback uniforms, and the game got started in a big way.

Saquon Barkley, who had just begun returning kicks, took the opening kickoff all the way back for a touchdown.

It was a spark to Penn State, giving them the lead it never gave back.

2. Matt McGloin's dramatic comeback

The 2012 homecoming game was one of the more dramatic in its history.

Trailing against Northwestern 28-17 in the fourth quarter, Matt McGloin led the Nittany Lions back during the final frame, capping off the comeback with a five-yard touchdown run by the quar-



Collegian file photo

Matt McGloin (11) dives into the endzone; bringing the score to 31-28. The Nittany Lions went on to win the game against Northwestern.

terback in the final minutes.

Penn State won the game 38-28, and it was certainly a feel-good win during a time around State College where that was hard to find.

1. The catch

Could it really be anything else?

As Allen Robinson reached up and snagged a highlight-reel catch to spark Penn State's comeback win over No. 18 Michigan,

it was obvious how historic this game would be.

His grab led to the game-tying touchdown from Hackenberg, and then four overtimes later, Bill Belton finished off the game and gave the Nittany Lions the upset win.

It was a monumental win for the program, and it took place on an important day for many Penn Staters.

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Bigar's Stars

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ARIES (3/21-4/19) ★★★★★ You wake up with a strong sense of what you want to handle. The key is an agreement between you and another person. This pact affects not only your well-being, but your financial status. An element of volatility floats through the day. Proceed with care. Tonight: A tete-a-tete conversation.

TAURUS (4/20-5/20) ★★★★★ You have been sufficiently of service to various individuals. You might be ready for your own mini-revolution, but others' reactions point to another approach. One person remains receptive to your inquiries. Tonight: Do not stand on ceremony.

GEMINI (5/21-6/20) ★★★ Tame that inner friskiness and playful personality. Others will appreciate if you modify your behavior and stay in tune with their energy. If you're shocked by what someone reveals, play it cool. Tonight: Go for a tension buster.

CANCER (6/21-7/22) ★★★★★ Use your self-discipline to curb a reaction to a friend. You might wonder what has hit this person. Is there an element of envy? Maybe you will take a page from him or her and give into spontaneity and whim! Tonight: Go for it.

LEO (7/23-8/22) ★★★ You thought you had explained where you were coming from yesterday. Nevertheless, you are at square one again. Deal with the fundamentals of a decision, possibly involving real estate. Be open to questions and some uproar. Tonight: Know that you cannot change what is. Smile anyway.

VIRGO (8/23-9/22) ★★★★★ Communication sizzles. You might be shaking your head. Relax, and don't get upset as someone tries on many different ideas and gives an equal number of suggestions. All will settle in, given space. Tonight: Respond to a sudden invitation.

LIBRA (9/23-10/22) ★★★ Few signs enjoy the good life like you. Someone will challenge this love of quality and luxury. Your response could determine the end results. Ask yourself if you are willing to give some on the question at hand. Tonight: Pay bills first.

SCORPIO (10/23-11/21) ★★★★★ Your personality, intuitiveness and strength of will might be tested by a close associate or loved one. You might not be sure where this person is coming from, but you know where you are coming from. Hold your position diplomatically. Tonight: Keep smiling and listening.

SAGITTARIUS (11/22-12/21) ★★★ You would be best off observing and saying very little. You come to a new understanding, at least with yourself, about what is going on with a key person who affects your daily life. Tonight: Hang in there, and try to stay as neutral as possible.

CAPRICORN (12/22-1/19) ★★★★★ You might want to reverse a decision, and you will if you can. However, an element of instability cues you to ride the roller coaster ride until the end. At that point, you will know which way to go. Tonight: Maintain a sense of humor!

AQUARIUS (1/20-2/18) ★★★★★ You could be flying high around a professional or work-related matter. Enjoy this moment, as someone from your personal life could toss a boomerang into it. Smile. Be willing to toss that boomerang back. Tonight: Watch another person's actions, possibly manipulative ones. No reactions, please.

PISCES (2/19-3/20) ★★★★★ Your perception of the universe is far different from the majority of people's. Don't get caught up in what a reactive person might say or do. Know that others also find you unpredictable. You simply come from a different base. Tonight: How 'bout a movie?

HOMECOMING THROUGH THE YEARS

2007



Collegian File Photo
Fraternity Alpha Zeta floats by the Allen Street gates during the 2007 homecoming parade on Oct. 12, 2007.

2010



Collegian File Photo
Students greet the Nittany Lion on the Old Main patio during the 2010 Penn State Homecoming Carnival on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010.

2013



Collegian File Photo
The THON 2013 float enthusiastically travels down College Ave. while displaying the new theme during the Homecoming parade Friday afternoon, "Inspire Tomorrow's Miracles", on Friday, Oct 5, 2012.

2015



Collegian File Photo
Homecoming grand marshal Keegan-Michael Key leads the fans in the 'We Are' chant during a timeout during the homecoming game against Indiana at Beaver Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015.

2004



Collegian File Photo
Members of the 2004 Penn State Homecoming Court and homecoming committee play tug-of-war with freshmen on the East Halls Quad on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004.

2012



Collegian File Photo
Homecoming Court member Ryan Brown (senior-intergrative arts) rides the mechanical bull outside Old Main during the Homecoming Carnival on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012.

2014



Collegian File Photo
Blue Sapphire Rachel Reiss leads the Penn State Blue Band on College Avenue at the Homecoming Parade on Friday Sept. 26th, 2014.

2018



Collegian File Photo
The Nittany Lion poses for a photo with fans during the Penn State Homecoming Parade on West College Ave in downtown State College on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018.

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