

BROADWAY

Homecoming

1997



Homecoming week at a glance

Monday, Sept. 29	Tuesday, Sept. 30	Wednesday, Oct. 1	Thursday, Oct. 2	Friday, Oct. 3	Saturday, Oct. 4
7 - 10 p.m. JUB Tennessee Room Casino Night/ Costume Competition	6 p.m. Livestock Center Chili Cook-Off and Step Show/ Food Drive	Carnival on the Knoll	5:30 p.m. Bell St. Parking Lot Fight Song/Pep Rally/Bon Fire	Office Decoration Competition	10 a.m. Parade and Float Competition
7 - 9 p.m. JUB Food Drive	4:30 p.m. Window Painting/ Banner Competition			9 a.m. - noon Special Olympics Bowling	11 a.m. Alumni Center Activities

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Show your school pride through this week

Homecoming Week provides an opportunity for students to show just how much they love it here.

The Student Government Association has planned a week full of activities designed to get students involved. Games, contests and social gatherings are all centered around showing your school spirit.

Casino Night begins the festivities tonight at 7 p.m. in the James Union Building Tennessee Room. Students will be the dealers and the players. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume for the costume contest, as well.

Judging for the contest is based on audience participation, so bring as many as your friends as possible.

From 7 to 9 p.m. as well tonight will be a canned food drive. Cans will be collected in the Tennessee Room. Groups participating in the Homecoming Spirit Award can also get points for cans brought in for that group.

Tuesday's big event is the Chili Cook-Off and Step show, beginning



File photos
The Homecoming Parade is a traditional event, with organizations competing to best represent the year's theme on wheels.

at 6:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Livestock Center. Teams may begin setting up booths at 4 p.m.

Groups can also gain points by selling tickets to the cook-off. One selling tool might be to mention the Step Show, which will begin shortly after the cook-off.

Step shows are another long-time tradition of Homecoming Week, allowing groups to give an 8-minute presentation of their coordination

skills.

The Window Painting and Banner contest winners also will be decided Tuesday. All entries must be completed by 4:30 p.m.

A Homecoming Carnival will be held on the Knoll Wednesday, with food and free stuff for passers-by.

Starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Bell Street parking lot a pep rally will be held, complete with bon fire and fight song competition. Each group

will sing MTSU's fight song twice — first in the traditional manner. The second time they can be as creative as they wish.

Special Olympics Bowling will be held Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Office decorations will also be judged Friday.

The big day is Saturday. The Parade and float competition begins at 10 a.m.

The parade will run from the

Central Middle School parking lot to judging at the President's house, and end at Greenland Drive parking lot.

There will also be Homecoming activities in the Alumni Center beginning at 11 a.m.

MTSU's Blue Raiders will take on Murray State at 2 p.m. in Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium.

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Homecoming Queen Candidates 1997



Nikkia Brown

Age: 22
Major: Social Work
Hometown: Nashville
Sponsored by: Alpha Phi Alpha



Julie Capps

Age: 21
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Cornersville
Sponsored by: Alpha Omicron Pi



Tina Collins

Age: 21
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Guntersville, Ala.
Sponsored by: Sigma Phi Epsilon



Katie Cunningham

Age: 19
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Columbia
Sponsored by: Blue Raider Club



Saran Dunmore

Age: 22
Major: Broadcast Journalism
Hometown: Chicago, Ill.
Sponsored by: Delta Sigma Theta



Gwen Dyer

Age: 21
Major: Recreation Therapy
Hometown: Liberty
Sponsored by: N/A



Katy Francisco

Age: 20
Major: Public Relations
Hometown: Cooquet, Minn.
Sponsored by: Kappa Delta



Keshia Henderson

Age: 22
Major: Recreation Therapy/Athletic Trainer
Hometown: New Orleans, La.
Sponsored by: Omega Psi Phi



Nicole Lester

Age: 21
Major: Political Science/Pre-law
Hometown: Murfreesboro
Sponsored by: Gamma Beta Phi



Beth Mahon

Age: 21
Major: Elementary Education
Hometown: Murfreesboro
Sponsored by: Phi Sigma Psi



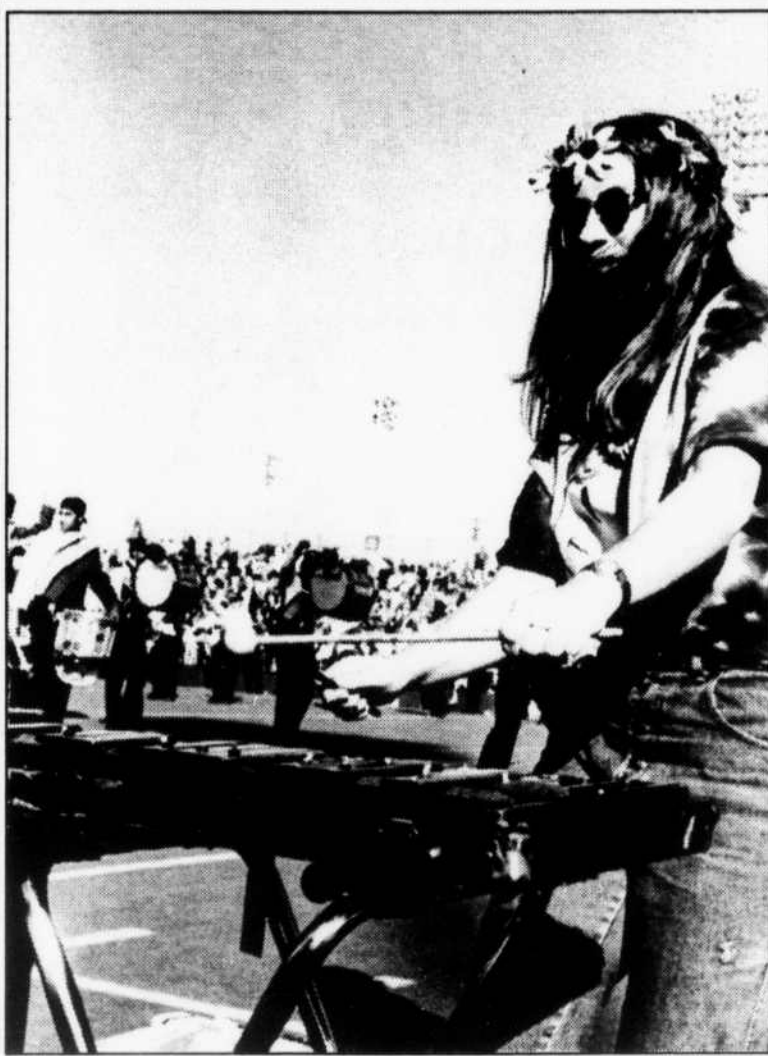
Dana Park

Age: 22
Major: Marketing
Hometown: Cornersville
Sponsored by: Alpha Omicron Pi



Melanie Tock

Age: 22
Major: Elementary Education
Hometown: Franklin
Sponsored by: Kappa Delta



Flowerchild

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The Band of Blue plays to a '70s beat fitting with the theme of last year's homecoming during the half time show. This year, the SGA decided to have a Broadway theme.

Got a problem with something on campus?

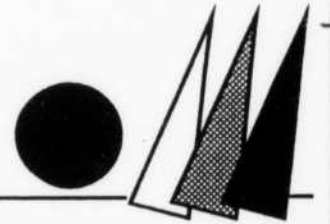
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Her reign ends

Tanisha Harris talks about her year as MTSU Homecoming Queen before passing the title on.

"I wanted to see if I could," she said.

So Tanisha Harris, a then junior early childhood education major, completed the forms and convinced the campus chapter of the NAACP to sponsor her.

"I was shocked," she said of when it was announced she had won. "I thought it was an honor just to be in the Homecoming Court. I was really surprised and overwhelmed."

To win the Homecoming Queen elections took a certain amount of effort, according to Harris. Not only did she make flyers to pass out but she spent time simply talking to students.

"I was just going up and asking people to vote," she explained. "I let them know I was running and when and where to vote."

Harris learned a lot about what it means to be Homecoming Queen this past year. She realized she is a spokesperson for the University — a title that sticks long after Homecoming week is over.

"A lot of people look at the Homecoming Queen as just being around at Homecoming and



File Photos, used with permission. Above, Tanisha Harris is crowned Homecoming Queen, during halftime on Oct. 12, 1996. Her escort is Andre Dooley. Harris said she enjoyed her reign and now prepares to pass the crown to the next worthy student.

then you never hear from her again until it's time to pass it on," she said.

However, Harris has been quite busy since the night she was crowned.

She goes and speaks to campus organizations. She represents the University at

certain functions.

Harris was even recognized by *Ebony* magazine as one of the nation's top campus queens in an annual contest the magazine holds.

After all she has accomplished in the past year, Harris also wishes the stress Homecoming Queens are not all about looks.

"I was glad that the students voted for the things I did," she said. "They saw that I was a good leader, I was involved in the community. They saw my inner beauty."

"The Homecoming Queen should be about leadership, communication skills and academics," she added.

Currently, Homecoming Queen candidates must have a certain GPA. They are almost always sponsored by an organization they are involved in, and often are further involved with other campus organizations and activities.

It was this support system that Harris credits with helping her win the title of Homecoming Queen.

"It has been a

pleasure," she said. "I wish the best of luck to all the candidates, the top five and the Queen. I really enjoyed it."



Extra enthusiastic participants eligible for the Spirit Award

To be eligible for the Homecoming Spirit Award, a group or organization must compete in almost every single event.

That's seven required events in the space of one week, plus four more optional ones, and for all that hard work the winners receive a trophy, and the congratulations of the SGA and the student body.

Groups must compete in the banner competition, window painting competition, costume competition, have a dealer at Casino Night, and participate in the chili cook-off, fight song and the float or hall lobby competitions.

In addition, groups can get points for participating in Special Olympics Bowling, the step show,



File Photo Some people go all out for Homecoming Week. There's even an award for those groups that give it their all.

ticket sales for the chili cook-off and the canned food drive.

Participation points will be awarded, and the top three groups get bonus points as well.

The break-down of points per event follows:

- Banner and Window Competitions — 10 points each for participating.
- Costume Competition — 15 points for participation, 20 for third place, 25 for second place and 30 for first place.
- Dealing at Casino Night — 25 points for participation.
- Chili Cook-Off — 25 points for participation, 40 for third place, 45 for second place, and 50 for first place.
- Ticket sales for the Chili Cook-Off — 35 points for 25-44

percent sales, 40 for 45-64 percent sales, 45 for 65-84 percent sales, and 50 for 85-100 percent sales.

- Fight Song — 25 points for third place, 35 for second place, and 50 for first place.
- Float/Hall lobby competition — 75 points for participation, 100 for third place, 150 for second place, and 200 for first place.
- Special Olympics Bowling — 70 points for participation.
- Step Show — 35 points for participation.
- Canned Food Drive — 10 points for 40 cans, 20 for 60-80 cans, 30 for 100-120 cans, 40 for 140-160 cans, 50 for 180-200 cans and 60 for 200 or more cans.

Even working together has rules and regulations

Most of the activities planned for Homecoming involve working in groups.

There are three types of groups regulated by SGA — Greek Division, Residence Hall, and Open-Independent.

The greek division groups are open to sororities and fraternities only, while residence hall groups are open to male and female residents only.

One fraternity and one sorority can work together, and one female dorm and one male dorm can work together. However, two male organizations or two female organizations may not work together.

Groups from the greek and residence hall divisions may work together, but they will only compete in their respective divisions.

Any independent student organization can enter in the open-independent category.

No more than two organizations can work together.

Groups may work together in the following events: float competition, chili cook-off, banner competition, and window painting competition.

Groups may not work together in the following events: fight song, step show, special olympics bowling, costume competition, hall/lobby decorations, and the canned food drive.

Many prizes are to be won this week

Not all that hard work you put into Homecoming week goes unnoticed.

Besides winning points toward the overall Homecoming Spirit Award, there are several categories

that offer their own little bit of glory.

Groups will receive trophies for best float and best hall or lobby. The winners of the chili cook-off and the fight song

competition will also receive trophies.

However, all winners will receive the grand prize of satisfaction for a job well done.

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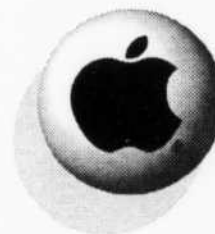
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Throughout construction, students will be able to gain access to KUC through the designated front doors and wheelchair ramp on the east side. The other entrances will be closed temporarily.

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