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"Over the Rainbow," the theme for Homecoming's opening celebration, which will start at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, under the portico of Kilcawley Center. Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion will be on hand to kick off events.

At noon University President Neil D. Humphrey will formally open Homecoming, assisted by Youngstown Mayor Pat Ungaro. Others taking part will be members of the Homecoming Court, cheerleaders, coaches and members of the Penguin team.

Student Homecoming Chairman Vicki Spirtos of Campbell will be assisted by coordinators Madonna Barwick, Chrissie Bond and Phil Commins, all of Youngstown, Sam McKinney of Salem and Michael Thomas of Girard.

Crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen will take place Saturday, Oct. 17, at halftime of the YSU-Austin Peay football game, which starts at 4:30 p.m. in Stambaugh Stadium.

Hundreds of alumni will be returning for the events, including the annual Alumni Association meeting at 12:30 and "Munchkin Lunch" at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Homecoming Dance at 9:30 in the Chestnut Room is billed as a come-as-you-are party featuring the band "Astra."

Events during the week include:

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- Oct. 13 - 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Dr. Eldoonie Medicine Show will be performed in the YSU outdoor arcade.
- Oct. 14 - 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Rock concert featuring the band "Avant Garde" in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.
- Oct. 15 - Noon-1:15 p.m., Impressionist John Roarke will perform in the Chestnut Room.
- Oct. 16 - 5-7 p.m., A Star Search Talent Show will be held in the M-20 parking lot.
- 7-8 p.m., A bonfire with music by the YSU Pep Band will be held in the M-20 parking lot.
- Oct. 17 - 4:30 p.m., Homecoming Game, YSU vs. Austin Peay in Stambaugh Stadium.
- 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Homecoming "Come-As-You-Are Dance" in Kilcawley Center Chestnut Room with special awards for returning alumni.

Some of the special attractions at the Oct. 13 opening include:

- *Air balloon from Omaha State Fair
- *Sky banner with the message: Surrender Dorothy-YSU Homecoming
- *Sea World Penguin exhibit
- *Dorothy's Picnic Basket outdoor luncheon for purchase.

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