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Extra special Homecoming 2010 planned for Morris's 50th birthday

Summary: Athletic events, tailgating, alumni and friend gatherings, and music celebrate Morris's milestone year.

(October 8, 2010)-The University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association (UMMAA) and Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving invite the campus and the community to attend [Homecoming 2010](#)—an extra special event for Morris's 50th birthday. The festivities include something for everyone—athletic events, tailgating, alumni and friend gatherings, and music. Celebrate the campus's historic milestone year by attending Homecoming, October 6–10, 2010.

Wednesday, October 6: Date auction

A favorite student event is in the Homecoming line up this year. The Black Student Union Date Auction will be held at 8 p.m. in Turtle Mountain Cafe.

Thursday, October 7: powderpuff football and tug-o-war

Students will be decorating throughout the day in the residence halls. Don't miss the Powderpuff football game at 7 p.m. in Big Cat Stadium and the residence halls tug-o-war that follows.

Friday, October 8: soccer, disc golf, documentary screening, and dance

The soccer teams plays Presentation College. The women start at 1:30 p.m., and the men start at 3:30 p.m. A disc golf tournament will be held at Pomme de Terre Park at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate. No need to pre-register.

Friday evening, Promise of the Prairie: Education in Three Acts, the campus documentary, will be screened in the Student Center's Edson Auditorium at 9 p.m. The Black Student Union will host a dance at 10 p.m. in Oyate Hall in the Student Center.

Saturday, October 9: 5-K, tailgating, football, Groupie Reunions, and art exhibition

Saturday's event line-up begins at 8 a.m. with run-day registration for the Cougar 5-K at the Regional Fitness Center (RFC). Start time is 9 a.m. Contact the RFC to pre-register at 320-589-6428.

The [Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre dedication](#) will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the recently renamed theatre located in Humanities Fine Arts. A reception follows. Also at 10:30 a.m., campus tours leave from the Welcome Center.

From 10 a.m. until noon, an open house reception will be held at the [Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance](#), located at 630 Atlantic Avenue, downtown Morris. The "Images and Artists from Morris's Past" exhibition on display at the gallery features art created by UMM's first art professors—Fred Peterson, Lois Hodgell, Bruce McGrew, John Stuart

Ingle—on loan from community members' collections.

The tailgate party begins at 11:30 a.m. west of Big Cat Stadium. Don't miss great traditional tailgate food and live music before the 1 p.m. kickoff of an exciting afternoon of football, the Cougars versus Martin Luther College. Following the game, the UMMAA will host a reception for alumni, friends, faculty, and staff at LaFave House, located at 305 College Avenue.

At 5:30 p.m. an alumni extravaganza—Groupie Reunions—begins in the Student Center. Alumni and friends will enjoy the opportunity to reconnect with other alumni from student organizations they belonged to as undergraduates. Cynthia Johnson '78, credited with the 80s hit "Funkytown," will perform with her trio from 6 until 7 p.m., and a Homecoming 2010 slideshow of images from the past will be running in Edson Auditorium from 5:30 until 7 p.m.

At 7 p.m., alumni and friends will gather in Oyate Hall for the UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award, Cougar Hall of Fame, and Groupies Reunion Dinner. [Susan Jackson '74](#), an internationally respected scholar and researcher in the field of organizational psychology, and [Dennis Anderson '73](#), an award winning journalist and conservationist, will be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Jackson will receive her award in absentia. The [Cougar football teams and coaches from 1975, 1976, 1977, and 1978](#), the only teams to remain undefeated in conference regular season play, will be inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame.

Promise of the Prairie: Education in Three Acts, the campus documentary, will be screened in the Student Center's Edson Auditorium following the dinner.

Sunday: Green Campus Tours, Homecoming Concert

On Sunday, "green campus" tours will be offered, departing from the Welcome Center at 1 p.m. The Concert Choir and Symphonic Winds will join their musical talents with those of alumni to present the traditional Homecoming Concert at 2 p.m. in Recital Hall in Humanities Fine Arts. A reception follows.

Throughout Homecoming, a [2010 Celebration exhibition](#) that tells the Morris campus story through artifacts, photographs, and personal memorabilia will be featured in the Humanities Fine Arts Gallery.

Don't forget to stop in at the [Bookstore](#) on Saturday to pick up your "maroon and gold." Located in the lower level of the Science building, it will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. with a 20 percent discount on UMM gear and gifts. A limited edition of Homecoming 2010 T-shirts will be available for \$6.99.

For more information, [e-mail](#) or call 320-589-6066.

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