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"Many people attended various events, including the Imholte Hall Open House, Homecoming parade, tailgate party and football game," said Carla Riley, UMM director of alumni relations and annual giving.

UMM Meiningens, University Register, the Class of '96 and the Women's Alumnae Collective reunions reconnected numerous alumni in various venues over the weekend.

"A large crowd honored 2006 UMM Alumni Association Award recipients, Jon Mukand '80 and Stu Starner '65, along with Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee, Jim Gremmels at the Friday evening banquet. Each recipient, in turn, graciously accepted their award while offering compelling, heart felt and witty remarks."

On the athletic front, an unassisted goal by Patrick O'Connor proved to be the game-winning goal as UMM defeated Marin Luther College 2-1 in Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) men's soccer action Friday. It was the second straight win for the Cougars.

Also on Friday, pair of second-half goals from senior co-captain Stephanie Clark and one from Nina Jarnot lifted the UMM women's soccer team to a 5-1 Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) win over Martin Luther College in New Ulm.

UMM scored four touchdowns and added two safeties in the second quarter to take a 46-0 lead at halftime on the way to a 67-0 win over Trinity Bible before a large homecoming crowd at Big Cat Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Golfers were also in action, again in the rain, on Thursday in Benson during the 2006 Cougar Invitational men's meet. On Tuesday, the Cougar volleyball team defeated Pillsbury Baptist 3-0 (30-16, 30-16, 30-28) in Owatonna in non-conference action.

Off the field of play, Lauren Paulson and Sara Bremer were selected by the student body as Homecoming Ambassadors. Gay Hall residents were the victors in the annual Gay/Indy tug-o-war. Gay I-1 won as the Best Floor in residence hall decorating and Spooner Hall won for best overall decorating.

Visit [Homecoming 2006](#) to see photos from the weekend's events.

Photo by David Nieves: Gay I-1 Residence Hall Best Floor decorating contest winner.

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