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**"Viva Las Morris" is UMM Homecoming theme**

*Summary:*

(October 4, 2005)-"Viva Las Morris!" will be the theme for an assortment of fun activities and events as hundreds of alumni return to campus, and current students, staff, faculty and Morris community friends join the celebration during Homecoming 2005 at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Homecoming events, October 20-23, are sponsored by the UMM Alumni Association, along with the Campus Activities Council Homecoming and Traditions Committee.

A reception hosted by the UMM Multi-Ethnic Student Program in the MSP Lounge will kick off the weekend's events from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. The reception will honor Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, Dr. Paulette Fairbanks Molin '66 and Minnesota State Representative Cy Thao '95.

The UMM Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Award Banquet is set for 5:30 p.m. Friday. The event will include a presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award. RSVP to this event is required.

Also on Friday, the Fall Ball, featuring UMM's Big Jazz Band, will begin at 8 p.m. at the Lakeside Ballroom, 180 S Lakeshore Drive, Glenwood. Tickets are \$15 adult admission and \$5 for UMM student admission. Proceeds from the event will benefit Imholte Scholarships, Humanities Phase III at UMM and Lakeside Ballroom Restoration. Free round-trip transportation will be available hourly from the UMM Student Center to the Glenwood Ballroom starting at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, the annual Cougar Quad Run will begin with registration at 8 a.m. at the Regional Fitness Center.

A ceremony to rename the historic UMM Social Science building John Q. Imholte Hall will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Social Science building site. A reception honoring John Q. Imholte, former UMM chancellor, will be held from 9-10:30 a.m., preceding the building dedication, on the Camden Hall Veranda.

The Homecoming Parade will begin on campus at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. The parade will feature the UMM alumni KAZOO band, along with other campus and community entries. The UMM Alumni Association Tailgate party will begin at 11:45 a.m. on the grounds leading to Cougar Field. Cougar football kicks off versus Crown College at 1 p.m. on Cougar Field, followed at 4 p.m. by the UMM Alumni Association post-game celebration at LaFave House.

Enjoy the UMM Alumni Association Brunch in the campus' Food Services building from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23. Later on Sunday, the annual Homecoming Band and Choir Concert, featuring the alumni Concert Band and Choir, is set for 2 p.m. in Recital Hall of Humanities Fine Arts.

Other events during Homecoming 2005 are:

Thursday, Oct. 20

All-Day Residence Hall Decorating

8 p.m. Residence Halls Tug-O-War, Intramural Softball Field

9 p.m. Campus Activities Council Film: Ocean's Eleven, Edson Auditorium

Friday, Oct. 21

4 p.m. Residence Hall Decorating Judging

6 p.m. Cougar Volleyball vs. St. Scholastica, P.E. Center

8 p.m. Pepfest and Bonfire, P.E. Center

8:30 -10 p.m. Public Observing Night, Observatory, Science West top floor

10 p.m. Black Student Union Dance, Oyate Hall

Saturday, Oct. 22:

9-10:30 a.m. Alumni Band Rehearsal, HFA Recital Hall

11 a.m. Homecoming Parade lineup

Noon-3 p.m. UMM Book Store open

4 p.m. Cougar Volleyball vs. Northland College, P.E. Center

7 p.m. Women's Alumni Collective Kickoff, LaFave House

9 p.m. Football squads 10-20-30-40-Year Reunions, Eagles Club, 7 East 8th St., Morris. DJ and former football Cougar Wayne Petermeier '88 will provide the music.

Sunday, Oct. 23:

10:30-11:30 a.m. Alumni Choir Rehearsal, HFA Recital Hall

UMM Homecoming events are open to the public.

For Homecoming events updates or more information, contact the UMM Alumni Relations Office at [alumni@morris.umn.edu](mailto:alumni@morris.umn.edu) or 320-589-6066.

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