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Homecoming 2004: Funkadelic Flashback

Summary:

(September 23, 2004)-Remember the '70s? Pocket calculators made the slide rule obsolete...the home computer revolution began...Watergate...OPEC oil embargo...disco, punk rock...Star Wars, Hank Aaron, and Joe Namath...? Relive those '70s memories when you return for Homecoming 2004: Funkadelic Flashback at the University of Minnesota, Morris October 7-10.

"The UMM Alumni Association invites you back to campus for a fun-filled Homecoming weekend," said Carol Eckersen '80, president of the UMM Alumni Association. "We'll gather to remember the past, celebrate the present and look forward to the future. A variety of special events are planned. We know you'll have a great time."

The fun begins even before October 7 when campus residence halls and offices decorate on the Homecoming theme. Decoration judging will be held on Thursday, Oct. 7.

Registration begins at noon on Friday, Oct. 8, in the Student Center lobby. Students of Color will host an Organizations Fair combined with a Meet and Greet event hosted by the Multi-Ethnic Student Program from 3-5 p.m. in Turtle Mountain Cafe.

The Alumni Association Dinner will be held on Friday evening, with a pre-banquet reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room of Oyate Hall in the Student Center. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., also in Oyate Hall. Dr. Leonard Munstermann '64, research scientist at the Yale School of Public Health, will receive The Distinguished Alumni Award. The 1993 and 1994 Cougar men's basketball teams will be inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame. Several MSP alumni will also be honored. Dinner will be followed by the Alumni Association Annual Meeting.

A Pep Fest will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in Edson Auditorium of the Student Center, followed immediately by a bon fire, to be held near the Morris water tower. Friday's events will conclude with a dance sponsored by the Black Student Union, which begins at 9:30 p.m. in Oyate Hall.

An MSP/ Gateway Alumni Breakfast will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday at LaFave House. The Cougar Quad Run, sponsored by the Regional Fitness Center and the Cougar Running Club, will begin at 9 a.m. Registration fee for the run is \$15 before October 2, \$20 after. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday in the RFC lobby. Contact Joy Leafblad at jleafbl@mrs.umn.edu or 320-589-6485. Campus tours are also available between 9-10 a.m. The Alumni Band will rehearse from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in HFA Recital Hall, followed by a reception.

Memorial services to honor two UMM faculty who passed away during the past year will be held on Saturday, both in the southwest corner of the Science building. A service for Peter Whelan, professor of geology, will begin at 10 a.m. A Tree Memorial Service for Jay Roshal, professor emeritus of biology, will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The Homecoming Parade, with the 2004 Cougar Hall of Fame participants serving as grand marshals, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Alumni are invited to participate in the infamous Kazoo Band, directed by Mike Vick '87. Meet at the alumni float parked at the beginning of the parade route. The parade route goes from 4th Street, through campus, back to 4th Street, right onto Columbia Avenue, left onto 7th Street, left onto Atlantic, left onto 2nd Street and concludes at the UMM football field at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Tailgate prior to the Cougar football game, beginning at noon adjacent to the football field. Then stay for the game, cheering on the Cougars to a Homecoming victory over Martin Luther College. A Post-Game Alumni Reception will begin at 4 p.m. at LaFave House. Buy your Cougar gear at the UMM Bookstore, which will be open from 3 to 5 p.m.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening, a buffet will be held at the Prairie Inn, with special gathering locations for classes of '64, '74, '84, '94, '04 Choir alumni and Concert Band alumni. Performances by the UMM student band, Funky Gumbo and UMM Alumni Bands, Jabberwocky and Neighborhood Flash at 9 p.m. in Edson Auditorium will finish the busy day.

Homecoming 2004 concludes on Sunday, Oct. 10, with a 1 p.m. Cougar Alumni soccer game at the UMM Soccer Field. A reception follows. A 2 p.m. concert by the UMM Band and Choir will be performed in HFA Recital Hall. Also at 2 p.m. a Cougar Alumni volleyball game will be held in the P.E. Center gym, with a reception following.

"Homecoming, by virtue of its very name, conjures up many happy memories," shared Carla Riley '85, interim director of alumni relations at UMM. "The '70s not so much! Remember those clothes and hairdos! What were we thinking?"

"Seriously though, Homecoming is a time to enjoy the past in the company of the future and I am very excited about what promises to be a fun-filled, memory-building, funkadelic good time. I look forward to seeing you there."

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at UMM, 320-589-6066.

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