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Summary:

(September 9, 2003)-Alumni, faculty and friends of the University of Minnesota, Morris are invited to get into the spirit of Homecoming 2003: "A Tropical Luau-The Three Hour Tour," September 24 through 28. Area community residents are also welcome to campus to celebrate the event and renew friendships.

Homecoming weekend gets underway at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at with a Recognition and Pep Fest in Edson Auditorium during which members of UMM student organizations will be recognized as the homecoming court and athletic teams will be introduced.

Alumni events begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, with an Awards Dinner and the Alumni Association annual meeting in Turtle Mountain Cafe in the Student Center. John Dayton '68 will receive the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award, given to honor UMM alumni have made noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, to public service, or in service to the University, thus reflecting favorably upon UMM. Dayton, of Dallas, Texas, is described by UMM alumni director Pat Gannon '70 as "an outstanding alumnus." As one of the co-chairs of Campaign Minnesota, Dayton helped UMM surpass its Campaign fundraising goal.

The public is invited to attend the Alumni Awards Dinner. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be reserved by calling the UMM Office of Alumni Relations at 320-589-6066. Free parking is available. The deadline for making dinner reservations is September 22.

The Homecoming Parade, a UMM tradition, begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. Basil Meyer '87, 2003 NSIC Hall of Fame Inductee, will serve as the Parade's grand marshal. Meyer was an All-American tight end in football and also pitched in Minnesota Twins minor leagues for four years.

The UMM football Cougars will take the field versus Carthage College at 1 p.m. Meyer will be honored with a special half-time presentation.

Additional events for Homecoming are as follows:

Thursday, September 25

4 p.m. Residence Hall and Apartments decorating judging
9 p.m. CAC films presents "Race the Sun" in Edson Auditorium

Friday, September 26

1 p.m. UMM soccer versus Northland College, Soccer Field
7 p.m. Phi Mu Delta Reunion, LaFave House
9 p.m.-Midnight Dance sponsored by Black Student Union, Student Center Louie's Lower Level and Oracle

Saturday, September 27

9 a.m. Cougar Quad Run beginning at Regional Fitness Center

11 a.m. UMM soccer versus St. Scholastica

Noon Tailgate party, next to Cougar Field

3-5 p.m. UMM Bookstore will be open

5 p.m. UMM volleyball versus Mayville State, P.E. Center

7 p.m. Phi Mu Delta gathering, LaFave House

Sunday, September 28

2 p.m. Homecoming concert by UMM Choir and UMM Concert Band, HFA Recital Hall

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