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UNH Alumni Association

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Editors: A high-res photo of the new wildcat sculpture is available for download at:
<http://unh.edu/news/img/wildcatStatue2.jpg>

DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire welcomes alumni and friends back to campus for Homecoming Weekend Oct. 13-15, 2006. The weekend will be packed with a wide range of events and activities for everyone.

Friday Events

On Friday, Oct. 13, at 2:30 p.m., M.A. Lucas, director of child and youth services for the Army, will speak on "Reaching Out to Military Kids" at the Family Studies Homecoming Forum in Murkland Hall. At 5:30 p.m., the traditional Blue and White Parade, complete with student-made floats, will proceed along Main Street to Memorial Field in front of the Whittemore Center, followed by a carnival at 6 p.m., a pep rally at 7 p.m. and a fireworks display around 8:30 p.m. "Seussical," a large-scale musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss, will be performed at Johnson Theater at 7 p.m.

Saturday Road Race

Saturday's activities will kick off with a 5K road race at 9 a.m. on Main Street near the front of the Field House. Registration for the road race begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Whittemore Center. Runners can also register beforehand by visiting the front desk at the Hamel Recreation Center. The fee is \$10 before Oct. 11; \$12 after Oct. 11. T-shirts go to the first 250 registered runners; prizes of cash and merchandise will also be awarded. Children ages 7 and under can enter the quarter-mile Fun Run held immediately after the 5K.

More than 50 volunteers are needed to help the race run smoothly. Volunteers receive a race shirt and are eligible for door prizes. For more information, call (603) 862-2031 or visit the Campus Recreation Web site at <http://campusrec.unh.edu/events/5krace.html>.

Saturday Tailgating, Gatherings and Activities

Family nonalcoholic tailgating will be held in A-Lot (\$5 per car), and traditional tailgating will be held on Boulder Field (\$10 per car), both from 9 a.m. to noon. A ticket to the football game is required for entry to the tailgating areas. Judging for the 2nd Annual Homecoming Tailgating Cook-Off will be held at 10:30 a.m., with a grand prize of a gas grill.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the UNH Alumni Association tent, located behind Bremner Field, will provide a free barbeque and beverages plus children's activities and more. University Hospitality Services will offer alumni a special rate of \$6 for brunch and \$8 for dinner at Holloway Commons from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

A number of alumni groups will hold special tailgating gatherings under other tents near the Alumni Association tent. These groups will include the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences and its CEPS Alumni Society, the Whittemore School of Business, and Acacia and PIKE fraternities, among others.

At 11 a.m., the UNH Marching Band, Wild E. Cat and cheerleaders will be on hand for the dedication of the new larger-than-life bronze Wildcat Sculpture at Memorial Field. Afternoon events will include two exhibitions at the Art Gallery in Paul Creative Arts Center from 1-5 p.m., the musical "Seussical" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Johnson Theater and tours of the new Kingsbury Hall and unveiling of the restored John Hatch mural from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. A New Hampshire Notables concert (Murkland Hall), a performance by Comedy Central comedian Dave Attell (Field House), and a free session at the UNH observatory will all take place at 8 p.m.

Saturday Athletic Events

The UNH football game against James Madison will begin in Cowell Stadium at noon on Saturday. For tickets, call 1-866-WILDCAT (945-3228); visit <http://www.unhwildcats.com/tickets/index.html>; or buy tickets in person at the Whittemore Center Box Office. Saturday evening, the UNH men's ice hockey team will play the US Under-18 Team at 7 p.m. in the Whittemore Center. Tickets will be available at the Whittemore Center box office. The UNH lacrosse annual alumni games will take place at Bremner Field at 8:30 a.m. (women) and 10 a.m. (men).

Sunday Events

On Sunday, Oct. 16, Homecoming festivities will continue with the Sailing Parent/Alumni Regatta set for 10 a.m. at Mendum's Pond. At 1 p.m. the UNH women's field hockey team will play Providence at Memorial Field, and the volleyball team will play Albany at Lundholm Gymnasium. At Paul Creative Arts Center, two art gallery exhibitions (etchings by Norman Ackroyd and works by 16th-century Italian printmakers) will be open from 1-5 p.m., "Seussical," the musical, will be performed at 2 p.m. in Johnson Theater and a faculty concert featuring Peggy Vagts, flute, and Arlene Kies, piano, will be held at 4 p.m. in the Bratton Recital Hall.

For More Information

For more information about Homecoming 2006, call (603) 862-2040, e-mail alumni@unh.edu or visit <http://alumni.unh.edu/keep/homecoming>.