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DURHAM, N.H. – The University of New Hampshire will welcome alumni and friends back to campus for Homecoming Weekend Oct. 15-17, 2004. The weekend will be packed with a wide range of events and activities for the whole family. Headquarters on Saturday, Oct. 16, will be the UNH Alumni Association’s big tent on Boulder Field off Main Street.

On Friday, Oct. 15, the UNH women’s soccer team will play Vermont in Bremner Field, located behind the Field House. Friday night, the traditional Blue and White Parade, complete with student-made floats, will proceed from C-Lot to Cowell Stadium starting at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., a pep rally, with the introduction of athletes and coaches and performances by a capella groups and the UNH Dance Team, will take place in the Field House. A fireworks display will follow in Cowell Stadium about 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission. UNH women’s ice hockey will play against Niagara at 7 p.m. at the Whittemore Center.

Activities on Saturday, Oct. 16, kick off with a 5K road race, sponsored by Campus Recreation. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the main lobby of the Whittemore Center, and the race starts at 9 a.m. on Main Street, near the front of the Field House. Children ages 7 and under may enter the quarter-mile Fun Run held immediately following the completion of the 5K. Pre-race entry fee (before Oct. 13) is $10; the price on the day of the race is $12. T-shirts will be awarded to the first 250 registered. Cash prizes will be given to the top three men and women finishers ($100, $75, $50). For more information, call (603) 862-2031 or visit http://campusrec.unh.edu/events/5krace.html.

A swim meet for alumni of the UNH men’s and women’s swimming teams will be held at 9 a.m. at Swasey Pool in the Field House, followed by a tailgating tent on Boulder Field. For more information, call (603) 862-3832.

Family nonalcoholic tailgating will be held in A Lot, and traditional tailgating will be held on Boulder Field, both from 9:30 a.m. to noon. A ticket to the football game is required for entry to the tailgating areas, and the fee for both areas is $5 per car. Official functions will be held in Upper Field.

The UNH Alumni Association's tent will offer an inexpensive barbeque menu and nonalcoholic beverages, provided by University Hospitality Services. Representatives from Yankee magazine, which is offering special subscription rates for alumni dues-paying members, will be present. There will also be face painting for kids and other family-friendly activities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
A number of alumni groups will be holding special tailgating gatherings under tents near the alumni tent. The groups include UNH crew; the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (Robert Henry, robert.henry@unh.edu 603-862-3501); the CEPS Alumni Society (Jack Smith, jsmith26@aol.com 207-885-9936); mechanical engineering (Tracey Harvey, tracey.harvey@unh.edu 603-862-1353); civil engineering (Claire Euloth, claire.euloth@unh.edu 603-862-1440); electrical and computer engineering (Gordon Kraft, gordon.kraft@unh.edu 603-862-1318 or Frank Hludik, Frank.Hludik@unh.edu 603-862-1301); the Whittemore School of Business; WSBE MBA Alumni Club; and the WSBE Alumni Club of New York City (for all three, contact Cynthia Nizzari-McClain, cynthia.nizzari-mcclain@unh.edu); the UNH classes of 1954 and 1958; Freshman Camp Counselor alumni; and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Alumni and friends should look for the banners or flags of the groups listed above.

Sigma Nu fraternity is hosting its 3rd Annual Sigma Nu Alumni Association meeting at noon in the MUB’s Wildcat Room. At 4 p.m., the fraternity will hold its annual pig roast at 21 Madbury Road.

The UNH football game against the University of Massachusetts-Amherst will kick off in Cowell Stadium at noon. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at (603) 868-7300 or buy tickets at the Field House ticket window or parking lot.

After the game, the UNH Alumni Association will host the Fifth Quarter reception under its tent on Boulder Field from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Inexpensive refreshments will be available; current football players, cheerleaders and coaches will be treated to free refreshments. There will be an opportunity to meet the football players and coaches and to hear from UNH President Ann Weaver Hart, alumni association executive director Gregg Sanborn, athletic director Marty Scarano, and football coach Sean McDonnell.

Saturday evening, the UNH women’s hockey team will play Niagara at 7 p.m. in the Whittemore Center. Tickets will be available at the Whittemore Center box office. At 8 p.m., a Homecoming Benefit Concert will be presented by three student a capella groups, the New Hampshire Gentlemen, the Notables and Alabaster Blue, in the Strafford Room of the MUB. Tickets at the door are $5 for students and $7 for nonstudents.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, homecoming festivities continue with the 15th annual Parent-Alumni Sailing Regatta for UNH Sailing Team members, parents and alumni at 10 a.m. on Mendum’s Pond in Barrington. Registration is at 9 a.m. The cost is $20 and includes lunch and a T-shirt. For more details, contact UNH Campus Recreation at (603) 862-2031.

For more information about Homecoming 2004, call (603) 862-2040, e-mail alumni@unh.edu or visit http://alumni.unh.edu/keep/homecoming.