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HOMECOMING 2007 A SUCCESS

Homecoming started and finished with a bang and had everything from fireworks to a concert

Reviews are in for Homecoming 2007. “Jazz It Up” was a success! With Mother Nature providing days of clear skies and summer-like temperatures, the campus celebrated throughout the magnificent October weekend.

Through efforts coordinated with the offices of alumni and student services, Defiance Downtown Visitors Bureau, staff of Defiance College and local businesses, it really was an effort that lived up to the billing.

The stage was set with Thursday’s opening fireworks sponsored by Sodehxo Food Services, Integrity Chrysler-Plymouth Dodge, Mark Moats Ford Mercury, and Stykemain Pontiac-Buick auto dealers. Pam Borton ’87, head women’s basketball coach at the University of Minnesota, addressed the stadium crowd with a reminder to never forget the special meaning of wearing the Purple and Gold. Borton was one of three 2007 inductees into the Alumni Varsity D Hall of Fame.

On Friday, the Honorable Denise Clayton ’73 addressed the Law Day luncheon on the topics of justice and local community issues. Dr. Dosia Carlson, faculty member from 1960-74, led the 40th anniversary Schaufler Symposium regarding the importance of living interdependently. Students met throughout campus with alumni and the other award winners, Dr. Robert Bashore ’62, Dr. Jayne Beilke, Michael England ’74, and Rob Harris ’80 to discuss how one’s major gets translated into the workplace.

At Friday evening’s Schaufler Banquet, the first-ever Schaufler Legacy Awards

were handed out to Dr. Carlson, Professor Jeff Weaner for 30 years of service, and to Professor Frank Sanders on his upcoming retirement.

Following the banquet, the Faculty Follies had everyone impressed with the wide range of talent on display, from the Institutional Advancement Office’s lip-sync rendition of the Blues Brothers to Professor Doug Kane’s tone-defying performance of The Animals’ “We Gotta Get Out of This Place.”

Saturday started with a 2K Run/Walk and the annual AVD Hall of Fame breakfast. A Pre-Game Festival drew people into the late afternoon with activities for children and adults.

And what better way to celebrate the day than to have the football team win in a high scoring nail-biter that came down to the last second with the opposing team’s field goal attempt bouncing off the uprights to preserve the win!

The day wound to a close with the Fifth Quarter post-game party, the Alumni Banquet

honoring Bashore, Clayton and Beilke, and an incredibly energetic concert by the group Recycled Percussion.

On Sunday morning, St. John UCC was filled with a variety of people from the campus and community, joining the church’s members in celebrating World Wide Communion Sunday and to hear Dr. Carlson’s message. President Wood was liturgist for the day with Rev. Dave Plant, director of alumni and parent relations, and Dr. Marian Plant, Schaufler Chair of Christian Education, receiving their denominational certificate of recognition for their 30th anniversary of ordination.

The montage of pictures captures the enthusiasm and scope of all the activities available to everyone. A visit to the alumni website will let you know how you can see more of Homecoming 2007 with videos of the Faculty Follies, Schaufler Symposium, and Law Day Luncheon presentation. Visit <http://alumni.defiance.edu>. ♦

2008 Homecoming is scheduled!

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Getting ready for couch races



Fireworks light the sky



Enjoying the hog roast



Greg Pscodna and football alumni



The Blues Brothers?



Dr. Mike Gallagher and alums



President Wood and Hall of Fame inductees



Carolyn Small and Dosia Carlson



Pam Barton with coaches Small and Hasking



Alumni award winners with President Wood



Students cheering for a victory



Prof. Frank Sanders is honored



Prof. Jeff Weaner recognized



2007 Homecoming court



Harris family at Hall of Fame Walkway



Enjoying the carnival



Couches headed for the finish line