

a TEXAS-sized HOMECOMING



Under the awning of autumn leaves, members of the DBU family flooded University Hill the week of November 12-17 to participate in the 2012 Texas-sized DBU Homecoming.

The week's festivities included rallies, parties, receptions, dinners, parades, and of course, the annual DBU basketball homecoming game, which this year featured a match-up with Texas Baptist rival, the Pioneers of Wayland Baptist University.

The week began with the construction of floats in the Quad. Student organizations and members of DBU Greek Life each took on the challenge of creating a festive and imaginative tribute to homecoming, all with a special Texas flair. The results included tributes to Big Tex, memories of battles for Texas independence, and several larger-than-life items, including a giant bull and a boot fit for Big Tex. In the end, DBU sorority Alpha Delta Kappa earned top honors for their float, "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

On Wednesday, the Homecoming Chapel service took center stage as Dr. Blair Blackburn, DBU executive vice president, introduced the 2012 Homecoming Court, as well as several DBU alumni who continue to serve at DBU.

The following evening saw the grand annual event – Mr. Big Chief. As always, the field of contestants for the headdress proved to be tough, but in the end, sophomore Ben Trotter (pictured above left) outwitted and outperformed the others to walk away as the winner.

Friday was filled with Homecoming events, including the DBU Homecoming Parade and Red Rally, as the DBU Basketball team, Patriettes, and Cheerleaders all greeted the crowd and rallied the troops for the game on Saturday.

Following the parade and rally, DBU alumni gathered in the Hillcrest Great Hall for the annual Homecoming Banquet, which honored DBU alumnus Ron Simmons ('87) as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and retired



Artmann, Simmons Honored During Homecoming

This year's event honored former DBU professor Dr. Sylvia Artmann with the Honorary Alumna Award and Texas State Representative Ron Simmons ('87) with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

For 28 years, Dr. Sylvia Artmann (pictured above top with her husband, Ed) served as a professor of education at DBU, faithfully training and equipping servant leaders for the classroom. She recently wrote a book entitled, *Called to Teach*, which encapsulates the lessons she has taught and learned over the years about what it means to be a Christian educator.

Ron Simmons (pictured above with his wife, Lisa) has worked tirelessly for many years in the corporate realm as a businessman and entrepreneur, serving as a co-founder of the Retirement Advisors of America and named one of the top financial advisors in the Dallas/Fort Worth area by *D Magazine*. This November, he was elected to serve in the Texas House of Representatives for House District 65.



HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

- Sophomore Ben Trotter named Mr. Big Chief
- Sorority Alpha Delta Kappa won first prize in the float contest
- Ron Simmons honored as Distinguished Alumnus
- Dr. Sylvia Artmann honored as Honorary Alumna
- Seniors David Reyes and Felicia Stampley named Homecoming King and Queen
- Senior Basketball player Nick Fox led team with 27 points, but Patriots fell short in overtime by one point
- Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2013 Homecoming, which will be held Nov. 18-23

professor Dr. Sylvia Artmann as the Honorary Alumna of the Year.

Immediately following the banquet, the annual DBU Homecoming Extravaganza kicked off in the Burg Center. Ron Bowles, dean of the College of Fine Arts, produced this year's event that included a wide variety of acts from students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

On Saturday, the DBU family prepared for the main event with the Patriot Tailgate Party. They enjoyed live music, food, fun, and games in preparation for the game against Wayland. While the Patriots battled hard and senior Nick Fox (pictured below) scored a game-high 27 points, the hope for a win unfortunately fell one-point short as the Patriots lost in overtime to the Pioneers, 80-79.

At halftime of the game, the 2012 Homecoming Court was announced as David Reyes was named Homecoming King and Felicia Stampley was named Homecoming Queen (pictured lower left on page 12). Following the game, the students gathered for a final Homecoming celebration, the annual Bonfire Bash.

