Every year when the weather starts to change and the leaves start to fall, Patriots of years past return to University Hill to celebrate the always anticipated Homecoming festivities. A week full of events and memories honored specifically the graduating classes of 1970, 1980, and 1990 that commemorated their 40th, 30th, and 20th reunions this year respectively.

During the annual Alumni Homecoming Banquet on Friday night, November 19, DBU presented the 2010 Honorary Alumni Awards to Dr. Stephen Holcomb and Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley. Dr. Holcomb currently holds the position of DBU professor of music and director of choral activities. While he has also served in several churches as the minister of music, Dr. Holcomb has been a member of the faculty at DBU since 1988. Now every member of Dr. Holcomb’s family is a DBU alumni, for his daughter, son, and wife have all graduated from DBU.

Also honored was Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley, who has a long history of involvement with the University. A former full-time faculty member and then adjunct professor, Dr. Rumbley is also a noted historian, author, columnist, and actress. Prior to the Banquet, DBU dedicated the Rose-Mary Rumbley Room, which features Dr. Rumbley’s lifelong collection of books, in the Vance Memorial Library.

After the Banquet, alumni and guests were treated to the annual Homecoming Extravaganza, this year entitled Days at DBU: A Broadway Revue, a musical rendition of life at DBU that featured performances by DBU alumni, faculty, staff, and students. Members of the DBU Music Department, including Legacy and the Chorale, performed, as well as special appearances by other members of the DBU family. A Homecoming Reception hosted by the Women’s Auxiliary Board followed the performance.

On Saturday, special luncheons were held honoring the DBU graduating classes of 1970, 1980, 1990.

Later that afternoon, Patriots filled the parking lot for the annual pre-game Homecoming Tailgate Party, complete with games, food, live music, as the crowd prepared for the Homecoming showdown with the Yellow Jackets of Howard Payne University.

In front of a full-house, the Patriots topped the Yellow Jackets in a 94-56 victory. During halftime, the Homecoming court was announced: Carter Willis was named Homecoming King while Emily Hopmann was named Homecoming Queen. After the game, students gathered for the Homecoming Bonfire Bash on campus.