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.

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