



HOMECOMING

DBU celebrated 50 years in Dallas during Homecoming 2015! The week kicked off on Monday, November 16, as the various fraternities, sororities, and student organizations took to the Quad to begin building their floats, each focusing on the theme, “Then and Now.” The following evening, as float construction continued, the students, faculty, and staff were treated to the annual DBU Chili Cook-Off, with Lyeah Soland and Carolina Avila, pulling in the top prize.

Thursday witnessed the return of the annual tradition, Mr. Big Chief. Over the years, many DBU men have sought this coveted title, but only one is able to walk away as the victor. This year, the headdress was given to Jordan Gregory, a junior from San Antonio, Texas.

On Friday, the big Homecoming Parade took place, with student organizations and Greek Life making their way around the Quad and on to the Red Rally. At the Rally, members of the 2015-16 Men’s Basketball team were announced, and the DBU cheerleaders led the crowd in supporting their Patriots. Student Life also awarded Alpha Delta Kappa first place among the Homecoming floats for their depiction of the early DBU chapel tent and the current Pilgrim Chapel.

Later that evening, alumni and their family traveled back to campus to take part in the Chancellor’s reception in the new Jim and Sally Nation Hall, followed by the annual Homecoming Alumni Banquet in the John G. Mahler Student Center. At the banquet, Mr. J. Miles Arnold (’05) was recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award, and Dr. Denny Dowd received the Honorary Alumnus Award. Mr. Arnold is CEO and founder of Mining Consultants, LLC, located in Dallas. While studying at DBU, Miles met his future wife, Allison (Brown) Arnold (’03). Shortly after graduation, Miles and Allison were married, and Miles began working in mining and production of natural stone and aggregates for construction, eventually opening his consulting firm in 2007. Miles and Allison have two children, Brooklyn and Hudson, and they attend Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, where Miles serves as a deacon.

Dr. Denny Dowd currently serves as provost and chief academic officer at Dallas Baptist University. In 1999, Dr. Dowd came to DBU following his retirement from a 28-year career as a teacher, coach, principal, and central administrator in the Arlington I.S.D. Dr. Dowd’s commitment to education is a family tradition, with his wife, Candy, daughter, Kelli (’98, ’05), and son, Trent (’09) all serving the students of Arlington I.S.D. Denny and Candy attend Fielder Road Baptist



Dr. Denny and Candy Dowd



Miles and Allison Arnold



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1. Sophomore Court nominees during the Homecoming parade (pictured left to right): Rhett Self, Ariel Banda, Shelby Weatherly, Rachel Peace, Bailey Pylant, Sara Jane Filippini, Wilson Engel, and Jacob Stevens.

2. Sarah Ueckert and Joshua Dodderer were crowned DBU Homecoming King and Queen at the Patriot Basketball game.

3. Dennis Linam, Gail Linam, Carl McKee, Linda Strickland, Martha Heitkamp, Diane Strickland, Charlie Strickland, and Dr. Gary Cook

4. Desi Henk and daughter, Olivia, eating at the DBU tailgate before the basketball game Saturday night.

5. Big Chief winner, Jordan Gregory with friend, Jordan Wonders

6. DBU students of 1965 attended a special alumni luncheon on Saturday.

Church, where they have been members for 46 years. Dr. Dowd serves as a deacon at Fielder and a board member for Mission Arlington and Trinity Kids.

Following the dinner, the crowd headed to the Patti and Bo Pilgrim Chapel for a special 50th Anniversary Worship Service featuring the DBU Grand Chorus and University Concert Chorale. The worship service was an inspirational encouraging time of worship for the entire DBU Family with musical performances from selections of the *Experiencing God: The Musical* and solos by past alumni such as Jaime Parrish Feaster ('02). The service also featured recounts about the early days of Dallas Baptist College by former professor Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley and associate provost and alumnus Deemie Naugle ('77, '91). The service concluded with a word from DBU Chancellor, Dr. Gary Cook, as he spoke of DBU's commitment to remain a Christ-centered institution amidst the changes and challenges facing our country today.

On Saturday came the tailgate party and big game, as the DBU Patriots took on the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Crusaders with a final score of 90-56. During half-time, seniors Sarah Ueckert from Crandall and Joshua Dodderer from Forney were named the 2015 Homecoming King and Queen. After the game, celebrations continued with the Alumni After-Party and Student Life Bonfire Bash at the DBU Southwest Ponds.

Be sure to attend next year's Homecoming festivities, taking place November 14-19, as we celebrate a new chapter in DBU's history.

