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DAYTON, Ohio — University of Dayton graduates returning to campus for 1997 Homecoming festivities will make their way through a brand-new entrance to campus as they arrive for some brand-new Homecoming events.

With a revamped schedule this year, UD’s Homecoming on Oct. 17, 18 and 19 will offer alumni an expanded roster of athletic events as well as a dedication ceremony for the new entrance to campus, a revived Homecoming parade organized by students and Founders Field Fest ‘97, where alumni can meet with classmates and current students. Alumni can also get a first look at 1997-98 men’s and women’s Flyer basketball during the weekend.

“You don’t need reservations for most of the events that will be happening during Homecoming weekend, so we hope that the 17,000-plus alumni who live in the Miami Valley will take the opportunity to come back to campus and see some of the changes that may have taken place since they’ve last been here,” says Bill Hunt, director of alumni programs for UD.

One new sight is the arch that defines the new entrance to campus, located near the intersection of Brown and Stewart streets. At noon on Saturday, the arch will be dedicated with a ribbon-cutting and blessing. The Pride of Dayton marching band will lead a procession of alumni and guests through the arch on to campus.

Alumni who haven’t been on campus for a while can also visit the two newest buildings, Keller Hall, which opened this fall as the home for UD’s School of Law, and the Jesse Philips Humanities Center, which opened for classes in 1993. Most campus buildings will be open for Homecoming.

A portion of Founders Field will be put under canvas for the weekend, and it will serve as a gathering ground on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. “Butterside Down,” a Chicago band of UD alumni who were favorites on campus, will return for a Homecoming Jam under the tent, to be held from 8 to 11 p.m. on Friday. Saturday’s Homecoming Fest ’97 will be a picnic-like gathering from 2 to 6 p.m. on Founders Field.

Following the 7 p.m. Pioneer League football game against the University of San Diego at Welcome Stadium, graduates and members of the public can attend a Flyer basketball preview at 10 p.m. Saturday. Coaches Oliver Purnell and Clemette Haskins will introduce the 1997-98 Flyers, who will run drills, sign autographs and participate with the audience in contests.

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Winner of the 1997 Distinguished Alumnus Award is Paul W. Armstrong, a 1967 UD graduate who first came to the nation’s attention when he argued for removing Karen Ann Quinlan from life-support technology in one of the most famous bioethics cases in history. He has argued against physician-assisted suicide before the U.S. Supreme Court and is now involved in the fight to keep tobacco products out of the hands of children.

The Homecoming schedule includes:

**Thursday, Oct. 16**
- 7 p.m., Keller Hall, John Berry Room (103). Lecture and discussion on medical decision-making at the end of life by Paul Armstrong.

**Friday, Oct. 17**
- 6 p.m., Kennedy Union Plaza, Welcome Back Reception.
- 6:30 p.m., Frericks Center, volleyball vs. George Washington University.
- 7 p.m., Kennedy Union ballroom, Alumni Awards dinner. Ticket required.
- 7:30 p.m., Baujan Field, men’s soccer vs. University of Massachusetts.
- 8-11 p.m., Founders Field, Homecoming Jam with food and live music from “Butterside Down,” a band of recent UD graduates now based in Chicago.

**Saturday, Oct. 18**
- 9 a.m., new campus entrance, Thomas J. Frericks Homecoming Fun Run/Walk. The route ends at the Frericks Center.
- 11:30 a.m., Keller Hall, “UD: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow,” a 30-minute presentation on the history and future of UD by Dick Ferguson, assistant to the president.
- 11:30 a.m., Kennedy Union lawn, a la carte lunch.
- Noon, new campus entrance dedication.
- 1 p.m., Baujan Field, men’s soccer vs. University of Rhode Island.
- 1:30 p.m., Homecoming parade will begin at the Stuart Residence Complex and wind throughout the student neighborhood to Founders Field.
- 2-6 p.m., Founders Field, Homecoming Fest ’97. Flyer Radio, in its projected new FM incarnation, will provide a selection of music encompassing the past decades for this picnic-like event, where graduates can meet their friends from clubs and organizations.
- 6:30 p.m., Frericks Center, volleyball vs. Fordham University.
- 7 p.m., Welcome Stadium, UD Flyers vs. University of San Diego in a Pioneer League match-up.
- 10-11:30 p.m., UD Arena, Flyer basketball preview. Coaches Oliver Purnell and Clemette Haskins will introduce the 1997-98 Flyers, who will run drills, sign autographs and participate with the audience in contests.

**Sunday, Oct. 19**
- 10 a.m., Founders Field, Homecoming Memorial Mass.
- 11 a.m., Kennedy Union food court, a la carte brunch.

For more information on Homecoming, call UD’s Alumni House at (937) 229-3299.

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