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Homecoming fun for alumni, parents

By Ming Rodrigues
Emerald Contributor

A gamut of activities will liven up this weekend as an anticipated 2,000 alumni and parents gather for this year's Homecoming and fall Parents' Weekend starting today through Sunday.

With "Better Duck" as the theme of this year's Homecoming, the weekend offers students, University alumni and community members various opportunities to visit the University, renew friendships and observe campus traditions. For parents, it's a chance to share in their son or daughter's college experience.

"Homecoming is a time to show some campus spirit and support the Ducks," said Juan Martinez, a member of the Student University Relations Council's Homecoming Committee, one of the organizers of the event.

"If we can all work together, I think the campus would be a more unified place and less sectioned off into its own student groups," he added. "So Homecoming is for everybody and a time for everyone to get involved."

And that also includes parents.

"Since this is also Parents'

Weekend, it's a good time for parents to visit their son or daughter and be brought up to date with what's happening on campus," said Mary Hudzikiewicz, director of the Office of Student Development, another organizer.

This year's joint celebration has something for everyone: a comedy show, campus tours, receptions, a dance and a football game.

Events get under way today with registration for Parents' Weekend from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Lobby, 1222 E. 13th Ave., continuing from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Class reunion registration is set from 4 to 8 p.m. today in the lobby of the Eugene Hilton, 66 E. Sixth Ave., continuing from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Receptions for the classes of 1950-52 (40th reunion), classes of 1955-57 (35th reunion), classes of 1960-62 (30th reunion) and class of 1966 (25th reunion), will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. today in the Eugene Hilton and the Conference Center adjacent to the Hilton Hotel.

The Homecoming/Parents' Weekend Comedy Night, featuring national comedian Tom Kenny, is slated for 7:30 p.m. today at the Eugene Hilton. Tickets at \$6.30 are available in

advance at the EMU Main Desk.

A big highlight of the weekend festivities is of course the Homecoming football game that will pit the Ducks against the Stanford Cardinal before an anticipated crowd of more than 40,000 fans. Kick-off time is 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Autzen Stadium.

Other events leading to Saturday's football game include a pre-game performance at noon by the School of Music Alumni Band in the alumni tent in the stadium parking lot. You can also get your face painted for \$1 before the game at the alumni tent.

Also, today at noon, you can take pictures with a costumed duck for \$1 at the EMU Courtyard.

And Saturday, kick up those heels in a dance starting at 9 p.m. at the Carson Dining Hall. Admission is free.

Culminating the weekend's events is a Parents' Weekend brunch at 10 a.m. Sunday in the EMU Ballroom. Members of the music school will perform. Tickets for the brunch are at \$6.50, available at the Office of the Student Development.

For more information on Parents' Weekend, contact the Office of Student Development, 346-3216.

WATSON

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according to court records.

Watson said she has now paid all but \$26 of the fine.

Watson was cited for failure to appear in June after her car was stopped by an EPD officer for having a burned-out headlight, police records show. A records check at the time of the traffic violation showed a warrant had been issued for failure to appear, police said.

Although the shoplifting and failure to appear acts were committed while Watson was an IFC member and ASUO executive candidate, she said the shoplifting citation did not have any relevance to her leadership ability.

Watson said the disclosure of her conviction will probably affect students' perception of her, but it will not affect the way

she performs her role as vice president.

"People might question me," Watson said, "but you can also look at it as if, 'Well, you didn't know about it before then and you didn't question me, so why are you questioning me now?'"

Watson also said she failed to appear for her court appearances because she "wasn't sure what was going to happen" and she feared "them taking me off to jail and no one seeing me for months."

"I had several court appearances, and I went to some, and obviously, I didn't go to some," she said. "I didn't know what was going to happen."

Moreover, Watson said she failed to pay her fines because of financial hardship.

"I hadn't paid the fines because I was very low on money," she said. "I was more concerned with paying my rent



Jo Sonja Watson

and putting food on my table more than I was (with) going to jail."

Watson has complied with other portions of her sentence, including performing 40 hours of community service.

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