# **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming**

#### Experiencing Baylor's Traditions

Let me begin by welcoming you to one of Baylor's oldest and most cherished traditions. In 1909, then President Samuel Palmer Brooks sent a letter to all alumni asking "Will you not, as a loyal student of dear old Baylor, lay aside for a few days the usual cares of life, come back to your alma mater, renew former associations and friendships, and catch that Baylor spirit again?" This tradition of gathering to celebrate the Baylor spirit, old and new, has continued since 1909, **making this year's celebration the most impressive campus has yet to see, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming!** 

Campus will soon be filled with alumni, students, staff, and friends all joined as we celebrate Baylor's  $100^{th}$  Anniversary Homecoming, October  $19^{th} - 25^{th}$ . With only a few months to go, we invite you to take advantage of the opportunities to get involved. Homecoming would not be Homecoming without student organizations, so groups large and small are encouraged to take part in the celebration. **Register now!** 

# Queen and Her Court

All student organizations have the chance to nominate a candidate in the Queen and Her Court competition. A panel of judges will interview all nominees and select this year's Court. **Don't miss the chance to honor a young lady as your nominee.** 

#### **Customized Shirts**

Homecoming T-shirts can be personalized with your group's name. Shirts will include the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming logo on the front and a custom organization design on the back. This is the only way to get an official Homecoming shirt with your group's name on it. **Shirts are available for a limited time only!** 

#### Student Organization Reunion Tents

Tents are available for student organizations to use as meeting and reunion areas on Fountain Mall on Friday evening during Extravaganza. Come early and chat with alumni and current members before watching the Pep Rally and Bonfire.

### Bear Pantry

The official University food drive and contest supports the Food for Families Drive and Caritas of Waco. The winning group from each category receives \$400 for a charity of its choice. Choose the service, social, or special interest division. **Donations accepted starting October 19**<sup>th</sup> **at 2:00 p.m.** 

## Homecoming Parade

Baylor's Homecoming Parade is the oldest and largest collegiate parade in the nation. Building a float gives organizations a chance to work together to create an eye-catching parade entry. Special Entries offer groups the chance to be creative with a unique parade entry. **From** bikes to cars, balloons to bands, special entries are always an entertaining part of the Parade!

This packet includes the necessary forms and information to take part in all of these timeless traditions. Also, more information is always available online at www.baylor.edu/homecoming under "Student Information." If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact **Hayley Gibson (254-710-3322; Hayley\_Gibson@baylor.edu)** for more information regarding any of these opportunities.

Thank you for your support of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming and for helping us make this the best Homecoming celebration yet!

Sincerely,

Hayley Gibson 2009 Homecoming Chair Baylor Chamber of Commerce

