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Quick Facts

- Winthrop will host Homecoming 2007 Feb. 5-10, with events scheduled across the campus.
- This year's events will have a Mardi Gras theme.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop's annual **Homecoming week** from Feb. 5-10 will offer several student events with a **Mardi Gras theme**, as well as professional entertainment and action-packed sports.

Homecoming Committee Chair Debbie Garrick said she expects a lot of alumni to attend the festivities during the weekend. "They're looking forward to returning to Winthrop to see old friends and to be a part of the excitement of Homecoming," said **Garrick**, executive director of alumni relations.

The week kicks off with the **Tip-Off Pep Rally**, scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in **McBryde Hall**. The event will feature appearances by the men's and women's basketball teams, the pep band, the dance team, cheerleaders and Big Stuff.

The Tip-Off will get the crowd ready for the men's basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 6. The team will take on Liberty University at 7 p.m. After the game, the **2007 Homecoming Court** will be introduced with six candidates for king and six candidates for queen.

All student **Homecoming** events have been planned with a Mardi Gras theme. "Creole in the Caf" on Wednesday, Feb. 6, will be a full Mardi Gras meal during dinner hours in **Thomson**, complete with PoBoy sandwiches, blackened shrimp alfredo, King Cake and other delicacies from the Big Easy. Later that night, the Resident Students' Association will host an 8 p.m. showing of the "Blues Brothers" movie in **Tillman Auditorium**. On Thursday, Feb. 8, the third annual student talent show will take place in Tillman Auditorium at 8 p.m., emceed by comedian Alexandra McHale.

The theme will continue with a Mardi Gras **masquerade party** at 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9. To be held in McBryde Hall, the party for students and the alumni will feature entertainment from zydeco group Chubby Carrier and the Bayou Swamp Band, more food with a New Orleans flavor and a cash bar.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the action will begin at the **Winthrop Ballpark** as the baseball team take on Creighton at 1 p.m. The women's basketball team will go up against Radford at 1:30 p.m., and the men's game, also against Radford, will begin at 4 p.m. During halftime of the men's game, the **2007 Homecoming King** and **Queen** will be crowned.

Homecoming events will wrap up with the extremely popular annual National Pan-Hellenic Council step show at 8 p.m. in **Byrnes Auditorium**. Doors will open for the show at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. E-mail wustepshow@winthrop.edu to reserve tickets.

All **Homecoming** events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 803/323-2145 or 1-800-578-6545.

Other events for alumni on Feb. 10:

- IMC Majors Reunion: 10 a.m.-noon; **Johnson Hall**; Tickets: \$14 (Contact Marilyn Sarow at 803/323-4530)
- Class of 1982 Reunion: Noon-2 p.m.; **The Shack**
- Black Alumni Club Social: 9 p.m.; **The Shack**; Tickets: \$15 (Contact Charlene Sullivan Davis at 704/904-8208)

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