



# HOMECOMING

**D**BU celebrated its 2014 Homecoming in Family style! The week kicked off on Monday, November 17, as the various fraternities, sororities, and student organizations took to the Quad to begin building their floats, each requiring a theme focusing on family. The following evening, as construction continued, the students, faculty, and staff were treated to the annual DBU Chili Cook-Off, with Zach Bean and Jacob Winslager pulling in the top prize for the second year in a row with

their dish, "Chili Nelson," followed by Chris Holloway and Dr. Blair Blackburn.

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 Austin Pradon, a junior from Odessa.

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 2014-15 Men's Basketball team were announced, and the DBU cheerleaders, along with guest yell leader Dr. Blair Blackburn, led the crowd in supporting their Patriots. Also, Student Life named the top greek life Homecoming floats, with

the honoring for best float going to Sigma Chi Eta.

Later that evening, alumni and their family travelled back to campus to take part in the reception at the President's home and the annual Homecoming Alumni Banquet, which this year's distinguished alumni were Drs. Abraham ('97 and '99) and Amie ('99) Sarker. Following the dinner, the crowd headed to the Burg Center for the Homecoming Extravaganza, a showcase of talent from the DBU family.

On Saturday came the big game, as the DBU Patriots took on the Lions of Texas A&M University - Commerce. Coming into the game, the Patriots played the role of underdogs against a TAMUC team that had previously beaten Texas Tech in a pre-season exhibition. Undaunted, the Patriots played hard in a neck to neck contest

that saw the Patriots take a lead with 39 seconds left off a 3-pointer by junior Shannon Lilly. A pair of free throws by the Lions took the game to overtime, where the Patriots soared ahead for the win behind the play of redshirt sophomore Myles Johnson and redshirt senior Jordan Walker. The final score of 104-101 proved to be one of the most thrilling



Jacob Setser and Breanna Chilcote



Jeremy and Frances Goldschmeding



games in DBU Homecoming history  
Be sure to attend next year's Homecoming festivities, taking place November 16-21, as we celebrate 50 years of being in Dallas.

## ALUMNI BANQUET

This year's DBU Alumni Homecoming Dinner honored two special individuals with the 2014 DBU Distinguished Alumni Awards, Drs. Abraham and Amie Sarker.

Dr. Abraham Sarker, president of Sarker Investments and co-founder of Gospel for Muslims, came to know the Lord through quite a miraculous experience at the age of 15 which led Abraham to move to America from Bangladesh and study in greater depth the faith he had developed. After completing a degree at Christ for the Nations Institute, Abraham began as a student at DBU, earning both his bachelor's degree in 1997 and an MBA in 1999. It was during his time working on his MBA that Abraham met Amie Hatton, and they were married shortly after they shared a graduation date of December 1999.

Amie came to DBU to pursue a career as a teacher, earning her bachelor's degree in elementary education. After marrying Abraham, she served for six years in Grand Prairie



Drs. Abraham and Amie Sarker

ISD before returning to DBU as an assistant professor in the College of Education in 2006. This past summer, Amie left DBU to become a professor of education at the University of Dallas.

Together in 2005, Abraham and Amie founded Gospel for Muslims, an organization focused on serving the practical and physical needs of the Muslim community both nationally and internationally with the ultimate desire to share the transforming truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Mr. Big Chief, Austin Pradon