

Hello Region 8 Alumnae and Friends!

I am sure that, by now, most of you have received the Homecoming 2008 brochure. For those of you who have not attended Homecoming at Sweet Briar, I wanted to give you a bit more information about it and encourage you to attend. For those of you who HAVE attended Homecoming before, you know already what a wonderful opportunity it is--not only to visit the campus and obtain the latest information on "what's happening" at SBC, but also to interact with students and to see the remarkable progress being made at our alma mater.

Homecoming is Founder's Day PLUS!!! Building on the tradition of Founder's Day, the well-known bagpipe march to Monument Hill, the chapel service, and the placing of flowers on Daisy's grave, Homecoming honors these traditions and connects the Sweet Briar of yesterday with a celebration of Sweet Briar today.

At this Homecoming in particular, you can learn how Sweet Briar is "going green" with its new campus housing, learn about Advisory Councils and how students are taking advantage of alumnae advising, enjoy a new piano quartet, and cheer on your favorite team in the Cardboard Boat Regatta! A host of on-campus athletic events will keep all of us cheering for the Vixens throughout the day, and to stimulate our brains, there will be several "Alumnae College" events showcasing the studies and expertise of our accomplished faculty.

Homecoming will be held Thursday, September 25 through Sunday, September 28, 2008. I encourage you all to attend and to encourage other alumnae to attend this wonderful event!

On another note, the alumnae office has advised me that we have 5 students from Alabama (3 from Montgomery!) and 3 from Louisiana at SBC this year. I will be contacting those of you in Alabama and Louisiana in the next several days about hosting (or helping with) Sweet Briar Days. This year, Sweet Briar Days will be held between January 5-18. The Alumnae Office would specifically like to target January 9 or January 16 for these events. If you would be interested in coordinating (or helping coordinate) one of these events, or if you would like to "kick-start" your area alumnae club by hosting another event, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can secure assistance from the Alumnae Office. You can reach me by telephone at 601.713.3632 or by email at stark39216@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your continuing interest in Sweet Briar. I hope to see you all very soon!

Warm regards,
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Region VIII Chair--Alumnae Board