

NEWS RELEASE

September 22, 2008 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Brendan Shumway 801-699-4339 brendan.shumway@gmail.com

2008 Homecoming to get political

This year's University of Utah Homecoming is getting political. As part of the Homecoming activities, the Alumni Association is sponsoring two political events in addition to other scheduled occurrences for Homecoming Week.

On Wednesday, September 24 at 11:00 a.m., a 2008 Election Analysis will take place in the Hinckley Institute of Politics Caucus Room in Orson Spencer Hall. The analysis will consist of a panel of local and national experts examining the 2008 elections.

The panel will include Dan Jones, Professor of Political Science and President of Dan Jones and Associates; Kirk Jowers, Director, Hinckley Institute of Politics and partner in the Washington D.C. law firm Caplin & Drysdale, and Ted Wilson, Executive Director of the Utah Rivers Council and former Director of Hinckley Institute of Politics.

The panel will be broadcast live on RadioWest with Doug Fabrizio, and is sponsored by the University of Utah Alumni Association and the Hinckley Institute of Politics .

-more-

Political Homecoming

Page 2 of 2

In addition to the Election Analysis, stand- up comic Dennis Miller will be headlining a performance Friday, September 26 at Kingsbury Hall.

"In this hotly contested political election year, we felt Miller would bring the best blend of wit and satire to accommodate and entertain both sides of the political field," said Mary Theriot, chair of the Utah Homecoming Week Board.

This is the first year a performance a performance such as this is planed in the Homecoming lineup of events. Alumni Association members receive a 20 percent discount on ticket purchases.

For more information about these and other events taking place during the 2008 University of Utah Homecoming Week, please visit <u>www.alumni.utah.edu/homecoming/</u> or contact Brendan Shumway at 801-699-4339.

-###-