

Parents Weekend Chocked Full of Activities, Fun

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Bright and early Friday morning, parents of UNC students can begin attending classes as part of the Carolina Family Weekend, sponsored by the Carolina Parents' Office.

The event is usually attended by 500 families said Wayne Kuncel, the director of the Parents Office, who outlined the scheme of the weekend's events.

Registration in the Student Union lobby for parents will begin at 3 p.m. and extend to 6 p.m. on Friday.

Families who pre-registered will pick up their ticket packets in the lobby at the same place and time.

Those who arrive before 4 p.m. will have the opportunity to go on a tour of the UNC campus and its history.

At a reception in the Rare Book Collection Exhibit Area of Wilson Library, interim Chancellor Bill McCoy intends to welcome some UNC parents in honor of the Carolina Parents' Council and Parents' Fund Leadership Donors.

Friday night films will be shown in the Union Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Also on Friday night a show called "Stellar Odyssey," which includes a dinner coupled with a planetarium presentation, will be presented in Morehead State Dining Room in the Morehead Building at 7:30 p.m.

Harry Belafonte will also perform in the Carolina Union as part of the Union Performing Arts Series at 8 p.m. today.

Belafonte is best known for popularizing Jamaican music in record-breaking concerts around the world for the past several decades.

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Carolina Parents' Office Director

He will be presenting both new and classic works at the campus performance.

An entire block of seats has been reserved for those taking part in Family Weekend, but tickets are still limited.

After a variety of recreational events Saturday morning, including another registration session, there will be a

Carolina Parents' Association Tar Heel Barbecue Celebration at Fetzer Gym at 4 p.m.

The barbecue will include entertainment, door prizes and a visit from interim Chancellor Bill McCoy.

McCoy assumed the post following the death of former Chancellor Michael Hooker on June 29.

"(It) is probably the most popular event that we have," Kuncel said.

That evening at 8 p.m., various musical groups from around campus, such as the Jazz Band, Symphony Orchestra, Glee Clubs, Opera Workshop and Carolina Choir will perform a "Spectrum of Music Concert" in Memorial Hall.

Parents who did not purchase tickets beforehand can buy them at the door at \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

The fifth annual Legacy Brunch will be held the next day, Sunday, in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center at 11:30 a.m.

A photographer will also be present to make family portraits for a modest fee.

Seminars sponsored by the Campus Y and University Career Services will also take place at various times to address parents' concerns.

The topic of careers will be the most highly emphasized concern.

"This has been done before as a part of Parents' Weekend," said Vicky Lotz, a hostess of one of the seminars, "Parents as Partners: Helping Your Child Launch A Successful Career."

She said many parents asked questions about what careers were currently popular in the job market and how they can help their children prepare for life after college.

This Parents' Weekend is different from past years' because it is not being held the weekend before Fall Break.

Part of the reason for the change was that the football team that UNC was scheduled to play on the original Saturday pulled out at the last minute and the organizers were left with no options, Kuncel said.

While touting the success and spirit of this annual University event, Kuncel did admit, however, that because of the multitude of events in the area this weekend, particularly Halloween, the timing of Carolina Parents' Weekend is slightly off.

"Obviously it's not the ideal weekend," Kuncel said.

He said he did not think that the weekend would have any conflicts with the Halloween weekend, for either parents or students.

"I don't have any concerns about (it)," he said.

Instead of playing Kent State, the team will play Furman.

Kuncel said he expected about 300 more families than were formally registered to attend.

Carolina Family Weekend Events

Below are some of the events planned for Family Weekend. For a complete listing, check out www.unc.edu/depts/parents.

Friday Oct. 29, 1999

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — Registration
Carolina Union Lobby. Pre-registered families, pick up your ticket packets.

4 p.m. — Campus Tours
Carolina Union Patio. Join campus tours gathering in front of the Carolina Union near the Pit to see more of the UNC campus and gain special insights into its history.

7:30 p.m. — Dinner & Planetarium Show
Morehead State Dining Room and Planetarium. The Morehead Planetarium Building. After dinner, visitors can watch "Stellar Odyssey," introduced by Planetarium Director, Dr. Lee Shapiro. Tickets are \$38 per person.

8:00 p.m. — Harry Belafonte
Memorial Hall. As part of the Carolina Union Performing Arts Series, Harry Belafonte will perform.

Saturday Oct. 30, 1999

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. — Continental Breakfast, Meeting, and Seminars
Carolina Union, Great Hall. Admission is free, but registration is required. Several seminars will be given after breakfast, including "Carolina Technology," "Parenting Your Carolina Student" and "Parenting as Partner."

Kickoff 1:30 p.m. — Carolina vs. Furman football game.
Kenan Stadium. Tickets cost \$25.00 (reserved or general admission).

4:00 p.m. — Tar Heel Barbecue Celebration
Fetzer Gym. The post-game event will include entertainment and door prizes.

8:00 p.m. — Spectrum of Music Concert

Memorial Hall. Visitors can enjoy an evening of entertainment showcasing student and faculty musicians from the UNC Music Department.

Sunday Oct. 31, 1999

11:30 a.m. — Carolina Legacy Brunch
Carolina Club, Hill Alumni Center. This year is the fifth year for the brunch.

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