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University Day

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Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented.

Recipients of the awards, which have been given annually since 1971, were Edward Bilpuch, director of the Triangle Universities Nuclear Laboratory; novelist Gail Godwin; Thomas Lambeth, executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation; broadcast journalist Roger Mudd; and Richard Knight, city manager of Dallas, Texas.

The alumni award recipients were also honored at a breakfast Wednesday morning, where each had an opportunity to speak. This year marks the first such breakfast, but it will probably become an annual event, Bonus said.

The processional music was provided by the University Wind Symphony, and the Carolina Choir performed a song during the ceremony. The University Band played on the steps of Wilson Library during the lunch served after the ceremony.

William Dux, director of Carolina Dining Services, said food was prepared for 6,500 people and the planning for the event started well over a month ago. The work was done almost completely by Marriott employees, although an outside waiters' service was brought in for the day. The food included 20,000 chicken drumettes and 25,000 chocolate chip cookies.

This event was a little bigger than graduation, which until this point was the largest catering job the dining service had ever done, said Kathy Lambui, catering director. Most of the employees spent Fall Break in Chapel Hill to prepare for the event, and they started setting up the food tables at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Lambui said.

As their contribution to University Day, the senior class arranged to have UNC's original charter brought to Wilson Library from the State Capitol in Raleigh for the day. It was the first time the charter has ever been brought to the campus and displayed, said Neil Fulghum, the keeper of the North Caroliniana gallery. Fulghum was in charge of organizing the special charter display, which also included the original bronze cornerstone and the original pen and ink sketch of Old East.

"In a way, bringing home the charter was a gift to the University," said Steve Tepper, senior class president. "We were proud to be able to do it and proud of the response the charter got."

Tepper said he was pleased with the reaction to the exhibit, and that most of the day there was a line about 15 minutes long to see the charter.

The senior class also held two receptions Wednesday afternoon in honor of Hardin. The first, held in Wilson Library, was for the Board of Trustees, the Living Legends (alumni who are more than 70 years old), the Dialectic Society and distinguished administrators and faculty. The second reception was held in the Pit for students and other guests.

The Bible used to administer Hardin's oath was 389 years old, the oldest Bible in North Carolina. Wednesday was the first time it had been taken outside in 173 years.

Those who attended said they were impressed with the University Day ceremony and the related events.

"It was really handled well. It was a very appropriate tribute and recognition to the University's history," said Tom Williams, a freshman history major from Chapel Hill.

"The whole event was extremely well done in the tradition of this University," said Francis DiGiano, professor of environmental sciences and engineering. "I was inspired by Chancellor Hardin's message. He came across as vivacious and enthusiastic and he spoke for change."

"The setting of it was so nice and formal. The quad looked absolutely gorgeous," said Alex Cvijanovich, a freshman biology major from Winston-Salem.

Angela Gomes, a freshman music major from Raleigh, said, "It makes you feel proud."



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Hardin

University have a leader who will not only shape the policies of today, but will enhance the University's legacy for the rest of our lives. Chancellor Paul Hardin is such a leader."

Harry Goorder, secretary of the faculty, said Hardin's willingness to hear new ideas is already a hallmark of his leadership.

"It is not through the specialized activities of our faculty that the nature of this University is made whole, but through a fusion of all," he said. "In order to achieve this fusion, we must continue the tradition of an open

dialogue and interchange of ideas — some controversial, some possibly outrageous — among the faculty and administration. Paul, in the short time you have been with us, you have made it clear that you relish this open interchange."

Hardin will leave his mark on UNC's future, predicted Robert Eubanks, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and C.D. Spangler, UNC-system president.

"An excellent school attracts excellent people, and we thank him for affirming the validity of our percep-

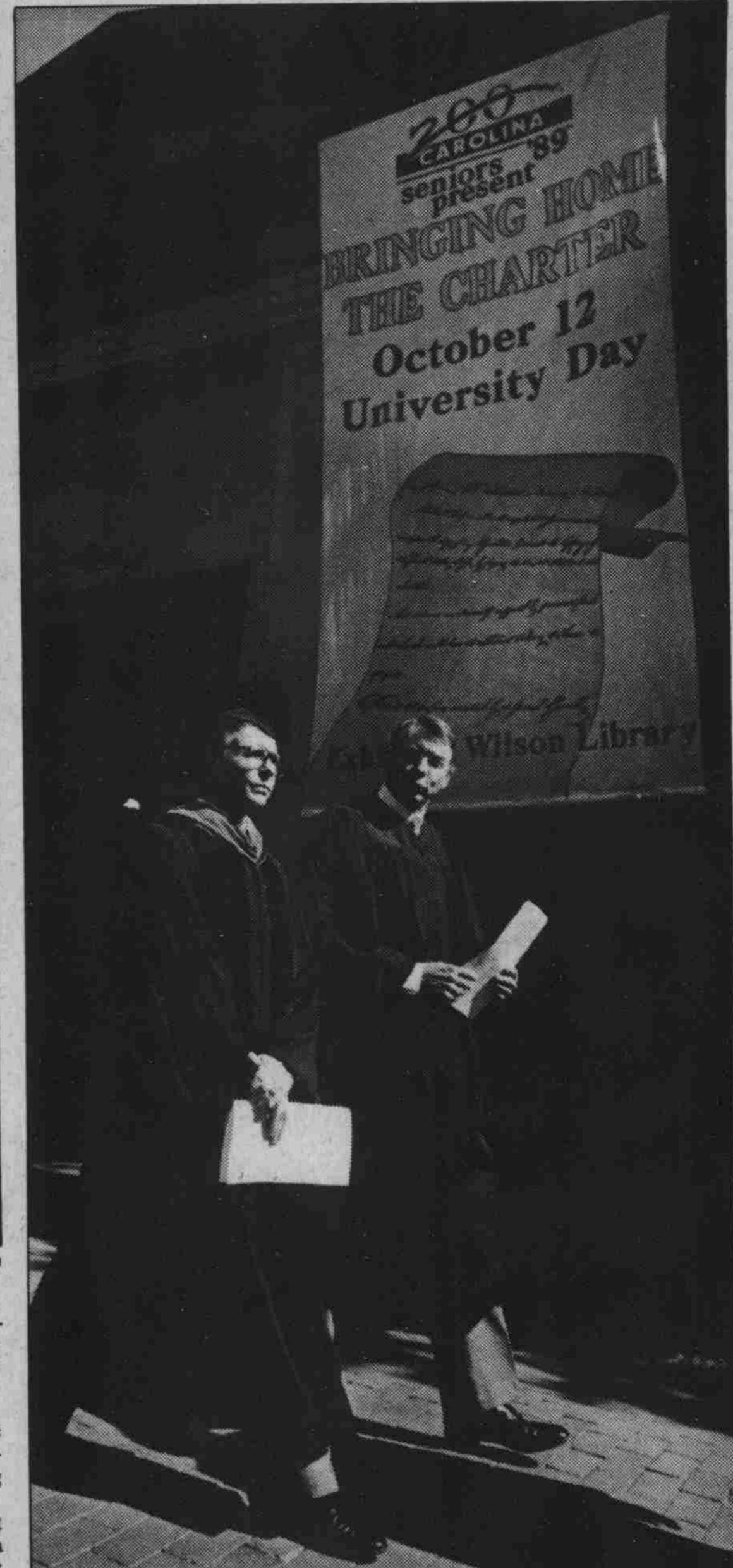
tion of this University," Eubanks said. "Mark my word, Paul Hardin's leadership will be brilliant; it will be original; it will be decisive."

Spangler asked the members of the audience and the University community to join him in supporting Hardin.

"(UNC) has special needs, and it gets special attention. Now it has a special new leader. I pledge to support you, Paul, and it is my wish for you that you will mobilize this University and make this glorious place fulfill our highest dreams."



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