

## One Packed Weekend

The General Alumni Association, as well as individual schools and departments, will host a variety of activities this weekend. For a full schedule, go to <http://alumni.unc.edu>.

### Friday

- 11 a.m. — Black Alumni Reunion golf tournament on Finley Golf Course.  
 2 p.m. — "Celebrating 20 Years: The African-American Experience." UNC black alumni will participate in a panel discussion about the black experience at UNC.  
 7:30 p.m. — NABC Classic men's basketball games at the Smith Center.  
 evening — Franklin Street Live: Meet with your class at traditional Franklin Street locations.

### Saturday

- 9:30 a.m. — General Alumni Association Pre-Game Party at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center  
 10 a.m. — Festivities for the Homecoming football game start with a tailgate party at Tar Heel Town, located next to Wilson Library and Dey Hall.  
 noon — Kickoff for UNC's game against the University of Maryland, Kenan Stadium. Immediately following the game, an All Alumni Post-Game Party will be held on the lawn of the Carolina Inn. Tickets are \$20.  
 9 p.m. — The Black Alumni Reunion will host its Vintage Party and its Reunion Dance at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel.

### Sunday

- 11:30 a.m. — The Black Alumni Reunion will hold its Farewell Brunch at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel.

SOURCE: GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# GAA Prepares for Alumni

**Alumni coming to town this weekend will be able to choose between eight pregame parties Saturday.**

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Students can expect to see plenty of alumni at parties and even in some classes trying to relive their UNC experiences during this year's Homecoming weekend.

Alumni are already getting nostalgic by printing up their old class T-shirts and making plans for weekend poker games with old UNC buddies.

The General Alumni Association began planning the alumni weekend — which happens to coincide with Homecoming — last spring with the release of the fall football schedule.

Linda Rainey, GAA events coordinator, said the planning process focused on making the weekend interesting for all alumni.

"It's new and different because we're not just sponsoring milestone reunions this year," she said.

"This year, it doesn't matter whether it's a milestone year or not, everyone should come."

Rainey estimated that students can expect to see from 800 to 1,000 alumni descend on Chapel Hill this weekend.

That total includes the alumni returning for the Black Alumni Reunion 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Alumni will be able to choose from more than eight different pregame parties before the Saturday football game opening at the University of Maryland.

The GAA's main pregame party, held at George Watts Hill Alumni Center, will include the presentation of the Distinguished Young Alumni Awards.

The GAA is also sponsoring a tent at Tar Heel Town specifically for alumni from the classes of 1995 and 2000.

After the game, GAA has an all-alumni postgame party planned at the Carolina Inn.

"We want (alumni) to leave Kenan Stadium to come straight over to the

lawn at the Carolina Inn," Rainey said. "It's right across from Frat Court and we hope the party will remind them of what they used to do when they were students."

Rainey also said she hoped the party would be a good opportunity for alumni to find each other because of the specific informational sections organized for classes from the last three decades.

In addition to planning the various events for Homecoming weekend, the GAA has helped organize information on all the different alumni activities happening this weekend.

"We sort of helped partner all the schools together to get their information out to all alumni," Rainey said.

The Chancellors' Club, the Medical Foundation Cofounders Club and the School of Nursing will be sponsoring various Homecoming events aimed at educating members about current conditions at the University.

Jason McAbee, spokesman for the Chancellors' Club, said some professors have agreed to let club members attend their classes on Friday.

"We're having our members participate in some undergraduate courses," McAbee said.

The nursing school will focus on education with discussion panels and lectures open to alumni during Homecoming weekend. "We're also debuting a video documenting the last 50 years of the nursing school," said Kelly Almond, spokeswoman for the school.

All nursing alumni events planned for Homecoming weekend are a culmination of the yearlong celebration of the school's 50 years of service, Almond said.

With all of the different events planned, UNC alumni will definitely be able to feel at home during Homecoming weekend. Rainey said, "It's going to be a very big weekend!"

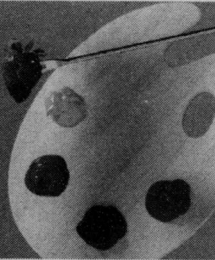
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