

Homecoming spurs UNC spirit

Nostalgia lures many to the campus

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Every fall, students, faculty, alumni and fans join together for a week of celebration leading up to the much anticipated Homecoming football game.

For alumni, it's a time to come back to old stomping grounds and experience the nostalgia that

comes with being a UNC graduate. For students, along with the game, Homecoming means a week of on-campus hype, the Michael Hooker 5K road race and the Homecoming parade.

This year, Homecoming coordinators anticipate an even bigger involvement on the part of all participants.

"We're trying to get more UNC organizations involved in the parade," said Homecoming parade coordinator Katie Jensen. "We're hoping to have about six floats, bands and prizes."

Carolina Fever also plans to take advantage of events throughout the week.

"Homecoming week is really exciting because it's the culmination of football season," said Fever Chairman William Keith. "We go to all of the events and get painted up to get the whole campus excited."

Junior Marika Barner, a varsity cheerleader, said she loves the energy of the crowd and the general increase in enthusiasm throughout the week.

"People get more into the Homecoming game and really involved in Homecoming week," she said. "It's also great to see so many alumni returning."

The alumni presence on campus is much more noticeable during Homecoming week. This year, the General Alumni Association and the Carolina Athletic Association are working together to raise both alumni and student spirit.

Tar Heel Town, a performance by the Emma Gibbs Band and reunions are all incentives for the alumni to come back to UNC.

"Homecoming speaks to a certain community of alumni. They love to come back," said Rick Davis, GAA director of enrichment.

He said he sees alumni spirit not only at athletic events, but in their University involvement as a whole.

T-shirt and memorabilia stores in Chapel Hill also see a change in clientele. Some store managers said they don't necessarily get



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Sophomores Kathryn Idol (left) and Erin Wrenn shop for UNC clothing Sept. 25 in Student Stores. Clothes are a popular way to show spirit.

more business, but they do see a much bigger crowd of alumni and parents.

Alumni weekend brings a whole new feel to town with the arrival of alumni who graduated anywhere from last year to decades ago.

Angela Teachey, a 1994 UNC alumnus, said she is especially

excited about the Homecoming game.

"I enjoy seeing people come home," she said. "Alumni participation is one of my favorite parts, like old band members joining in on the field."

She also praised UNC spirit, both when she was a student and now, especially the chants and audience involvement.

Teachey has attended every Homecoming game since she graduated, and she said some of her best memories were from football games while she attended UNC. Beating Georgia Tech in the Homecoming game her junior year and the victory against Florida State two years ago were her two favorite memories of UNC athletics.

With so many great memories of football games, Teachey said she is anticipating greatly this year's game, both for the game itself and the atmosphere that it brings.

"It feels like a good day to be home in Chapel Hill."

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