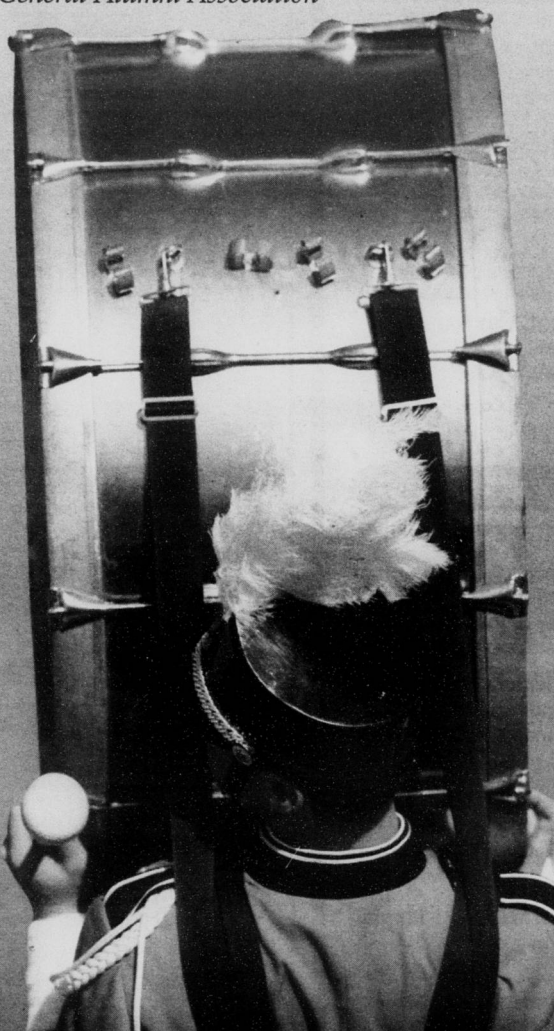


Homecoming Parade

Friday, October 17, 6 p.m.

From the Bell Tower to the Old Well via Raleigh Road, line the streets and show your Carolina spirit.

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GAA parade promotes spirit

About 20 groups plan to participate

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Student organizations, local businesses and community groups will strut their stuff in the annual Homecoming parade at 6 p.m. Friday.

More than 20 organizations are slated to participate in what is expected to be a fun and spirited event sponsored by the General Alumni Association.

For the past two years the parade was organized by the Carolina Athletic Association.

Organizers said the parade will kick off at the Bell Tower and travel to the Old Well via Raleigh Street and Cameron Avenue. In the event of rain the parade will continue, unless weather becomes severe.

The parade's purpose is to represent visually the theme of Homecoming, which is "Crazy for Carolina," said Sallie Hutton, one of the organizers and GAA coordinator of alumni reunions. "We would like a large involvement from both student organizations and the town and hope for the parade to be fun and spirited."

Many community groups are planning to join students in the celebration. Stormy, mascot for the Carolina Hurricanes, will make an appearance. Local antique cars also will be on display, said Katie Jensen, GAA Homecoming parade chair.

Jensen said she expects the candidates for Mr. and Ms. UNC to

make an appearance.

Student groups, including members of the marching band, dance team, UNC Dance Marathon, UNC Clef Hangers, student government and the National Pan Hellenic Council will also participate in the event.

Dance Marathon and the GAA will both have floats. NPHC will put on a step show and showcase cars.

Spectators can expect to see more than just floats in the parade. Organizers said they are promoting displays of decorated vehicles and participation from people marching in costumes.

Hutton said this was done to encourage organization involvement, as floats are often difficult to design.

The GAA sent an e-mail to all official student organizations to offer the groups a chance for publicity and show school pride.

Interest meetings for Homecoming parade were held for student organizations in early October. GAA representatives also attended various student organization meetings and met with group leaders to discuss the parade.

Hutton said, "GAA hopes students will come out to support student organizations and local businesses and groups, and enjoy Homecoming to the fullest."

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