

STATE FAIR

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for those early-morning risers getting out to the fair in the morning," he said.
"They'll probably want to bring a jacket."
The 2006 fair will feature new rides and a brighter midway, and Long said traditional attractions such as unique foods and agricultural exhibits will continue to be big hits.

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BRIAN LONG, FAIR SPOKESMAN
one.
"I think that's the real beauty of the state fair, that it does appeal to a variety of people and interests," he said.
"You can just have a good time with your friends and think about coming back next year."
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The weekend's main attractions

Friday
4 p.m. Keith King Bicycle Stunt Show
9:45 p.m. Firework show
Saturday
2 p.m. Folk Festival: Livestock Special Awards
7:30 p.m. Jo Dee Messina concert (\$10)
Sunday
1 p.m. N.C. Tractor Pull (\$7)
7:30 p.m. Blake Shelton concert (\$10)
Visit www.ncstatefair.org for more information on attractions and a complete schedule of N.C. State Fair events.

Students take pass on University Day

BY LUIS TORRES
STAFF WRITER
Thursday marked UNC's 213th birthday, and while a ceremony was held in Memorial Hall to celebrate it, most students were spread around campus enjoying their morning off.
Despite classes being canceled from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Memorial Hall audience of about 500 people was mostly faculty and staff, with fewer than 50 students in attendance.
To junior Matt Conrad, University Day meant little more than an opportunity to get out of three hours' worth of classes.
"I have an exam later today, so that takes priority over going to Memorial Hall," Conrad said.
He said there had not been enough publicity to make him aware of the event. "They haven't really advertised it as far as what's going on," Conrad said.
Having already experienced a past University Day, some students said they didn't feel it warranted a second attendance.
"Last year, I went to see what was going on, but it really wasn't about the students," junior Sydney Krell said. "I didn't feel the need to go again. I went once and I think I got my fill."
Sophomore Joe Little said he appreciated the occasion for one reason. "I just like the getting out of class part," said Little, who did not attend the ceremony.
"I just seems like a bunch of pomp and circumstance for people dressed up in funny robes," he said.
"I understand if they're trying

to highlight the importance of our education, but it seems that they could do it in a better way."
But not all students were uninterested in University Day.
"If I didn't have a meeting to go to, I would have definitely attended," said junior Alisan Fathalizadeh, who was in the Pit during the celebrations.
"I feel that there's not a huge push to be at the event because there's not enough publicity for it," she said. "It'd be great if there was someone out here encouraging students to go."
She also suggested that University officials set up in Polk Place to increase student awareness.
Jane Smith, associate director for University events, and Steve Allred, executive associate provost, said they want increased student attendance at University Day celebrations.
"They are the reason the University is here," Smith said. "In the past, some faculty members have encouraged their students to attend, and I think it'd be a good idea to continue to do that."
She also said student leaders should convince their peers to attend.
Allred said he didn't know what incentives to offer students other than good speakers, but said any suggestions would be welcome.
"We had a reasonable turnout, and I was pleased with faculty assistance, but we'd love to have more students."
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What does University Day mean to you?



"Everything. ... When I came out of that, I thought, 'Is this University a great University or what?' ... I celebrate the founders, the success of what they created and look to the future."

PAUL HARDIN, FORMER UNC CHANCELLOR, 1988-1995



"I just think it's a good time for the faculty and students to do something together to celebrate this amazing University."

MEG PETERSON, SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT



"It's the time you celebrate this place. There's so much that's good at this University."

BILL FRIDAY, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNC SYSTEM, 1956-1986

HISTORY

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N.C. State Fair press office.
"It was a showcase of agriculture."
North Carolina was a distinctively rural, agricultural state in the 1800s, Blankinship said, and there were modern methods of tilling and fertilization afoot that needed to be spread.
The fair traditionally was held the third week in October, after the crop had been harvested and there was bounty to share.
The N.C. State Agricultural Society started the event, luring farmers with entertainment.
"The carrot was horse racing — by all means that was the NASCAR of the 1850s," Blankinship said.
People could ship their exhibitions by train for reduced ticket price, or they'd come by wagon or buggy.
The four-day fair was held in a vacant lot half of a mile from Raleigh. Today that same spot "is considered almost downtown," Blankinship said.
And because the city was so small in 1853, there weren't enough accommodations for everyone. Fair-goers slept outside under wagons or bunked with townspeople who volunteered their homes.
There were big and small animal shows as well as arts and crafts exhibits for the women in Floral Hall.

But despite the clean, family-fun atmosphere of the fair — alcohol was banned — there was never a lack of debauchery.
Each year, Blankinship said, it was the fair's goal to be the most moral fair ever seen.
"By they'd repeat this every year, so obviously they didn't keep this up."
Blankinship noted the "hootchy-kootchy" striptease danced in vaudeville shows — a spectacle continued throughout the 1980s — that would be interspersed between magician or slapstick acts.
As American lifestyles have changed, the fair has changed, too.
It outgrew its first location in 1873, and had to move again to its present site on Blue Ridge Road in 1928.
Wesley Wyatt, who's been working with the fair for 27 years and is now its manager, said the event's physical changes are its most remarkable adaptations.
"We've gotten kind of out of the mud and had a much more modern, attractive facility," he said, adding that the fair has outgrown its dirt roads and power lines that used to be stuck in trees.
It has seen the likes of President Theodore Roosevelt, famous orator William Jennings Bryan and Presidents Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush.
Roosevelt spoke at the fair in 1905 while on a Southern tour.
"He looked out over the crowd

and saw the Confederate soldiers in their uniforms and he spoke to the great heritage of North Carolina," Blankinship said. "Once a Confederate soldier, always a Confederate soldier."
There is no longer a track for racing, but there is a horse complex, a grandstand and the straightaway.
While there used to be hell drivers showcasing their automobiles and tricks, there are still tractor pulls, the demolition derby and stunt bikes.
The fair has adapted over time, but it has retained its firm agricultural base.
"You can talk about the deep-fried candy bars, you can talk about the midway rides, but agriculture is still there," he said.
There are traditional competitions for the biggest watermelon, the best pie and prized livestock.
North Carolina is still a leading producer of tobacco and sweet potatoes, and agriculture and agribusiness are the state's top industries.
It's also an event to showcase the state's fresh, local produce in an age of globalization.
"As our state has grown — we're over eight million people now — we're known for technology and science and medicine," Long said. "But agriculture was the foundation on which a lot of these other industries were built."
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LATE NIGHT

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they're going to see until they actually show up," he said.
ESPN anchorman and University alumnus Stuart Scott will host the event.
Burke said that "sexy" was going to be one of the themes of the night and that fans also can expect a parody of the MTV show "Next."
Planning has been going on since the summer, and rehearsals began Monday, said Ali Madigan, Carolina Athletic Association

sports marketing director.
CAA and dance team members are helping the players with their scripts and choreography.
"We don't take it too seriously; we just enjoy it," senior guard Wes Miller said.
From when the doors open until the event begins, fans will be able to participate in games and promotions by Late Night's sponsors.
Big-name basketball schools such as the University of Kentucky, the University of Kansas, and defending national champions, the University of Florida, are plan-

ning similar events for tomorrow night.
Steinbacher said Late Night with Roy stands out from events held at other schools because of UNC's fans, athletes and coaches.
He added that the event will not differ too much from years past.
Williams will be at the Pit at noon today to speak about the event, as well as the upcoming basketball season.
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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The town of Efland hosts a rodeo for the whole family this weekend. See pg. 4 for story.
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Viewpoints takes a look at the new class registration system. See pg. 6 for story.
The men's soccer team, coming off a loss, will face No. 5 Wake Forest. See pg. 9 for story.
Lab! Theatre puts on "La Turista," an absurdist comedy. Go online for story.

UNIVERSITY DAY

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museum.unc.edu, tells the UNC story with documents, photographs, videos and biographies.
Officials unveiled the site Thursday afternoon in Wilson Library, with a navigational explanation of the pages.
As for looking to the future, Bowles said one of his goals as president is to enable all eligible students to attend the University.
"I love that Carolina stands up for all people of the state," he said.
Bowles outlined six points for UNC to become the best public university: accessibility, faculty investment, graduate student financial aid, research investment, a liberal arts focus and accountability.
"I don't want to hear excuses about why Berkeley or Michigan or, for God's sake, Virginia ranked above us," he said.
"The University must never be content with the status quo — good enough is never good enough," he said, reiterating the theme of Moeser's State of the University address last month.
Although he didn't give a speech in Memorial Hall, Student Body

President James Allred said after the event that Bowles is on track.
"I really appreciated his recognizing graduate students," Allred said. "I think that shows an understanding of the value graduate students add to the University."
Six alumni also received the Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus Awards during the ceremony.
Later in the day, a crowd of students stood where the crowd of alumni and faculty had gathered in the morning.
They assembled near the Old Well to celebrate Old East as the first campus building, with an event sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.
They listened to Allred read the end of Samuel McCorkle's speech from when the cornerstone was laid at Old East in 1793 and watched him blow out the birthday cake candles.
Sophomore Eric Carlberg, who attended the Old East celebration, said that although he didn't go to the morning's events, he feels connected to UNC's past.
"I'm happy to be a part of a University with this history."
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13TH

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13th — was nowhere to be found.
"I think it's just a superstition," freshman Sarah Ashley King said.
But is Friday just another day and 13 just another number?
Many hotels and hospitals don't have 13th floors; some airlines don't include a 13th row; and many ships will not set sail on the 13th.
Additionally, many infamous figures — Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden, Charles Manson — have 13 letters in their names.
A study conducted in the United Kingdom 13 years ago claims that despite there being less traffic on Friday the 13th, the risk of hospital

admission due to traffic accidents increased by as much as 52 percent compared with a "normal" Friday.
But UNC Health Care reported no abnormally high amount of people coming through the emergency department on Friday the 13ths, said Stephanie Crayton, media relations manager for UNC Hospitals.
Randy Young, spokesman for the UNC Department of Public Safety, didn't find any unusual data either.
Though all students interviewed knew of the supposedly cursed date, none knew its origin.
"Someone will point to the crucifixion occurring on a Friday and they will point to the 13 people at the Last Supper — the last person being regarded as Judas Iscariot,"

Glenn Hinson, chairman of the folklore curriculum, said.
But Hinson said this is a kind of backward reasoning. Prominent folklore texts don't mention Friday and 13 being combined until the early decades of the 20th century.
Hinson said he doesn't believe today is cursed, but he understands the allure of participating in macabre traditions on the 13th, such as visiting the Devil's Tramping Ground, an area near Siler City rumored to be haunted by the devil.
"To be able to challenge Friday the 13th and dare it makes for a wonderful story."
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Advertisement for 'Late Night with Roy' featuring Roy Williams, Stuart Scott, and Sylvia Hatchell. Includes show date 10.13.06 and venue information.