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## FallFest: learn about UNC

By Carly Baker Staff Writer

One of the first events held on campus after move-in day is FallFest — which can best be described as thousands of Carolina blue-clad students, vendors, student-athletes and performers on

South Road for four hours. FallFest is an annual event where students can learn about campus organizations, performing groups and club sports. The alcohol-free celebration welcomes students to campus.

This year FallFest is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 19 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The event will be held on South Road, which runs by Student Stores and Bell Tower, through the middle of campus, and Hooker Fields. The first FallFest was held in 1996.

"I had never seen anything as crowded as FallFest freshman vear, at least until Halloween on Franklin Street," UNC senior Sarah Susalla said.

"I put my email on every piece of paper in front of me, saw the Clef Hangers sing and got a ton of free food. This will be my last

time going, and I think every student here should experience it."

South Road will be packed with food vendors handing out free samples, inflatable slides and other activities. Hundreds of student organizations and many sponsors of the event will be represented.

There are also two stages with live entertainment. This year's entertainment is still being finalized, according to Lauren Sacks, assistant director for student learning and activities.

Appearances by basketball and football team members and performances by the Clef Hangers and other a cappella groups usually headline the lineup.

"Coming into UNC, I wasn't sure what there was to do on campus outside of class," said Taylor Mays, a junior and president of the club basketball team.

"FallFest was a great tool for finding my place here at Carolina."

FallFest is a convenient and fun way for freshmen to meet other students and get information on clubs and organizations they're interested in.

Clubs have clipboards for signing up for their email listservs. Performance groups advertise their try-out dates and show off their special abilities. Many volunteer opportunities will be represented

DTH FILE/LAUREN MCCAY

The Marching Tar Heels watch as UNC athletic teams are introduced by Chancellor Holden Thorp and the student body president at FallFest.

and recruiting incoming students. "I, as well as the other officers,

am running an information table about club basketball here at Carolina," Mays said. Most club sports will have

booths promoting their team with information about try-outs and practices.

One way students can make their time at UNC about more than the classroom is to get involved in student organizations.  $\,$ One of the first opportunities to learn about the options is FallFest.

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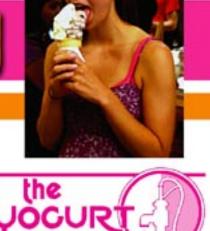
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