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Do Something

One of the most amazing things about the human species is our ability to work together to accomplish a task that could not be done by a single person.

One of the greatest aspects of college life is the opportunity to be involved with the many groups, clubs or organizations that exist on campus.

No matter what your interest, there is some sort of outlet for you at UNCW, and if something that suits do not exist, you very well could start a new club or organization.

The value of involvement is something that cannot be measured, but it is true that by being involved you will gain a feeling of belonging. Interacting with your university community is an extension of being involved with the community around you, and this is

something that enables you to explore your full potential.

UNCW students can take part in organized athletics, social and political groups like P.E.A.C.E. (People for Education and an Active Commitment to Equality) and WAIL (Women Act in Liberation), student government, campus entertainment, student media, one of many religious groups, one of the many diversity groups like GLAD, environmental groups like the ECO Club, Greek Life, the sailing club, dance groups, music ensembles, academic honor societies, or one of many others.

For more information about being involved with campus life, students can visit the Campus Activities and Involvement Center in the student union, or call 962-3827.

James Flint

Appreciate Family Weekend

Megan O'Brien

Family Weekend is an important time. In many cases, it is the first time since move in day that parents and siblings have come to see their college student. It's an odd time for families and students, an adjustment that may not be easy, but is certainly an important one.

Students who went home for Labor Day weekend have probably already started to feel the change. Your life and your family member's lives have diverged, you going in one direction and they in another. It's a difficult thing to accept. Sometimes your family seems not to miss you at all, but to be carrying on with their normal lives, easily filling the gap you left. That's how I have always felt about my family, and it's taken me about three years to accept the fact that, yes, they have their own lives. It has also taken me time to realize that I have grown my own life too, one every bit as real and important as theirs (even if they don't always acknowledge it). It almost compensates for feeling sort of

squeezed out of things. Things are different than when I lived at home and was so much more of a part of their lives. I'm still important, I know, just less central.

For friends of mine, their families are practically unrecognizable from freshman year. Parents moved away, got divorced or went back to school. While dealing with my family's seeming sameness was tough, dealing with these huge changes must be even harder. It would seem that the stable center they knew was suddenly shaken from under them.

The idea behind Family Weekend seems even more precious after last week's attacks on New York and Washington. Thousands of people lost family members forever. Take this weekend to enjoy your family, as maddening as it may be sometimes. Family Weekend is not about the university's planned events; it's about being together and taking strength from one another during a challenging time.

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