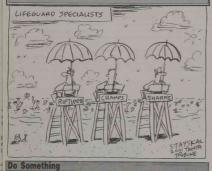
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One of the most amazing things fi about the human species is our ability t to work together to accomplish a task e that could not be done by a single perr son.

F One of the greatest aspects of col-S lege life is the opportunity to be ind volved with the many groups, clubs or \$ organizations that exist on campus.

No matter what your interest, there to is some sort of outlet for you at it UNCW, and if something that suits do f 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. Interact-

sing 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.

James Flint

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 endiversity groups like GLAD. (An-Greek Life, the sating 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. **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

squeezed out of theirs. Things are different than when I lived at home and was so much more 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. In would seem that the stable center they knew was suddenly shaken from under them.

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

