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**PARENTS WEEKEND**—Parents and Elon professors got acquainted in McEwen Library during last year's Parents Weekend. Staff Photo.

## Varied activities planned

## Parents to sample Elon life

by Loukia Louka

Parents Weekend, scheduled for Oct. 30-Nov. 1, will be a time for students to share Elon College with their families. "Parents Weekend is designed so parents and students will get the maximum of everything there is to offer," says King White, director of alumni and parents programs.

White adds that last year's Parents Weekend was "a real success," and he hopes that this year will turn out even better.

The October issue of The Magazine of Elon contains a complete description of the events planned for Parents Weekend. This publication was mailed to parents in early October. Advance tickets for the events can be

purchased or parents can pick up their tickets when they arrive at Elon.

The schedule of events for Parents Weekend will be as follows:

**Friday, Oct. 30-** 8 p.m. Talent Show-Whitley Auditorium.

**Saturday, Oct. 31-** 9-10 a.m. Registration-Long Student Center.

—10 a.m.- Parents' Meeting-Whitley Auditorium

—10:45 a.m.-Meeting the Faculty-Iris Holt-McEwen Library.

—11:30-1 p.m.-Picnic Lunch McEwen Dining Hall lawn.

—1-4 p.m.-"On Your Own"

—4-5 p.m.-Reception-President's Home.

—6:30 p.m.-Pre-game Show-Burlington Memorial Sta-

dium.  
—7 p.m.- Intercollegiate Football-Burlington Memorial Stadium.

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## Today's '9-to-5' world needs the humanities, Wilson says

by Joel Maness

The study of humanities is still an important area of education, even though its popularity has declined, Dr. Ed Wilson, provost of Wake Forest University, said here last Thursday.

Wilson told a group of humanities instructors and students that "the nine to-five routine has rewards and satisfactions, but before nine and after five, we may need what only the humanities can provide."

Humanities provide "the same emotions that stir us when we read a Shakespeare sonnet or listen to Beethoven strings," Wilson said.

Wilson pointed out that the area of humanities is struggling compared to a decade ago. "Business courses were unpopular in the 1960s. Students preferred to be psychologists and educators," Wilson recalled.

However, he added, "Quickly the living today becomes a distant yesterday. Will skills being acquired now become as



Dr. Ed Wilson

strangely outdated in 1991 as the curricula of the Vietnam and Woodstock era seem now?"

Expressing confidence in the timelessness of humanistic studies, Wilson said, "Disciplines that are most worthwhile are disciplines that have a past. That there was a past is the best guarantee that there will be a future."

In this life, Wilson said, "We must learn to live with doubt and uncertainty. We will have to retain the capacity to love, feel and rejoice" to really appreciate life.

Wilson had a message for career-oriented students: "Planning for a good life is quite different from planning for a career. The good life is not rooted in bank accounts, but in integrity, compassion, faith and love."

He added that study in the humanities "is the best hope that we can learn about these abstractions."

Wilson also said that the study of humanities helps the individual to understand the true meaning of life. He said, "Humanities are still the best preparation for someone who wants what both work and life have to offer."

His speech came after induction ceremonies at the annual Sigma Tau Delta banquet. Thirteen persons were inducted into the local chapter of the national English honor society.

Society officers for this school year were also announced at the banquet. Terry Martin assumed the office of president; Tammy Cook, vice president, and Teresa Warren, secretary-treasurer.

## Accreditation group visits Elon next week

Members of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will be visiting the Elon campus on Monday, Nov. 2 and Tuesday, Nov. 3 to assess whether or not Elon College will continue to be accredited.

Established colleges and universities must have their accreditation "reaffirmed" every 10 years. Elon's accreditation must be reaffirmed to increase the value of the degrees that the college awards. In addition, only accredited colleges are eligible for most types of student aid, according to Dr. George Troxler, director of the self-study process.

Reaffirmation of accreditation is an 18-month process. Elon must meet the requirements set up by the Southern Association in nine areas: purpose, organization and administration, educational programs, financial resources, faculty, library, student development services, physical resources, and special activities.

Nine standards committees made up of faculty, staff, students and trustees were set up by Dr. Fred Young, college president, to prepare a 347-page Self-Study in the spring of 1980. This report included recommendations in the nine areas of study that would meet existing needs and move the college forward in the next 10 years.

The Self-Study also provided answers to questions asked by the Southern Association in their published standards and contained charts and tables describing such things as the sources of income, average class size, publications by the college and faculty, and available financial aid funds.

"We feel that Elon is meeting or exceeding the standards established by the Southern Association, and the recommendations made by the standards committees are challenging goals for the next decade of growth at Elon," says Dr. Troxler.

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## Mini-floats to feature Homecoming parade

The Homecoming Committee has come up with a new idea for the Homecoming game this year — "mini floats." A "mini-float" is defined as an exhibit on a smaller scale than a regular float, such as on a car or truck decorated appropriately for Homecoming purposes.

Each organization will sponsor a mini-float pertaining to the Homecoming game's opponents, Winston-Salem State. These floats will be placed on the football track where they will be judged by members of the faculty and administration.

This will motivate more spirit from Elon fans and is less expensive and also less time-consuming than larger scale floats, according to Mary E. Watson, SGA secretary. The prize money will be awarded in the range of 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place, \$50.

Not only are all organizations able to participate, but also any groups of students who are interested. All entries should be in the SGA office by Sunday, Nov. 1. Winston-Salem's mascot is the Rams, and their colors are scarlet and white.