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PRIDE II CAMPAIGNERS: Trustee Royall Spence, donor John Jordan and President Fred Young are recognized for their contributions to the success of the PRIDE II campaigns.

Legal drinking age likely to rise to 21

By Frank Isley
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North Carolina's legal drinking age will be raised to 21, possibly as early as Oct. 1, 1985, state Rep. Tim McDowell predicted Friday.

McDowell, Democrat from the 25th District, told a journalism class at Elon that the state cannot afford to lose the federal highway funds, which will be cut if North Carolina does not raise its drinking age to 21.

Beginning next year, the highway funds to those states which have not raised their drinking age to 21 will be cut 15 percent, McDowell said.

He added that the states which do raise their drinking to 21 by Oct. 1, 1986, will have the 15 percent restored by Washington. If states still refuse to raise the drinking age, he said, more cuts in Federal Highway Funds will follow until the states comply with the law.

McDowell said he sees the new law as "a state's rights issue." The money being withheld is that which North Carolina taxpayers have paid, he said.

Constitutionally, the federal government can tell states what to do, McDowell said, but added this situation almost appears to be "blackmail."

McDowell, who said he is not in favor of raising the drinking age to 21, said that reasons to raise the drinking age do exist.

One reason, he said that half the fatal auto accidents in North Carolina involve alcohol and of those, half the drivers are under 19 years old. McDowell said that "the biggest problem is around age 17."

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PRIDE II exceeds \$5.7 million

By Penny Thomas
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In an interview last Monday, President Fred Young said that Trustees Chairman Jim Powell reported that PRIDE II has exceeded its goal of \$5.7 million, with the current pledges and gifts totaling \$5.8 million in the Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday.

Young also noted that Elon has raised \$300,000 towards the \$1 million Kresge Foundation challenge. The remainder of that challenge must be met by July 1, 1985, he said.

This was the largest foundation gift in the school's 95-year history. The college will receive \$250,000 when it raises an additional \$750,000 all of it earmarked for arts center.

Young said that the board last week, dealt primarily with three issues. First the trustees discussed possible methods of financing the fine arts center. The administration, said Young said that the board last week dealt with drawings ready so that "it might be possible to have funds available for starting the con-

struction of the project next year."

Secondly, the board focused on how to increase income from the college endowment fund, Young said.

The third major consideration was how to secure increased state support to assist North Carolina student attending Elon. With this discussion, the board outlined the legislative proposals to go about receiving additional state support for students.

Three new board members attended this meeting as their first. The new members were selected last March. Kathleen Bryan Edwards of Greensboro, who Young said has been active in civic, church and cultural affairs throughout her life, was one of those new members.

Nancy Newman Fulgham of Suffolk, Va. is another new trustee. She has ties with Elon by her grandfather who was a member of the first graduating class in 1891 and her uncle who was one of Elon's original faculty members.

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Oktoberfest

Elon Hosted the German tradition Oktoberfest in Jordan Gym last Saturday. Organizations participated in dunking booths and other fund-raising projects. Phi Mu Sorority sisters left Sara Springer and Anne Frank sell Halloween popcorn balls and caramel apples for their fund-raiser.

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