

# Welcome Parents of Elon Students



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### Parents Weekend may get largest turnout ever

The parents of Elon College students will join their sons and daughters on campus this weekend for the annual Parents Weekend activities. Three days of events, which begin on Friday, have been scheduled.

According to J. King White, director of alumni and parent programs, Parents Weekend has become one of the biggest campus events of the year. "Judging by the number of inquiries we have received, this year's Parents Weekend should involve the largest turnout ever," he said. "The

student body is anxiously awaiting Parents Weekend and all of the members of the college community look forward to welcoming the families of our students to campus."

The annual Parents Weekend Talent Show, sponsored by the Student Union board, begins at 8 p.m. on Friday in Whitley Auditorium. A variety of student acts will be performed and evaluated by a panel of faculty and student judges. The grand prize is a check for \$100 from the Elon College Alumni Association.

There is no admission charge.

On Saturday morning the registration and ticket sales desk will be open on Scott Plaza from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The Campus Shop in Long Student Center will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday Dr. Fred Young, president, and Ronald A. Klepcyk, dean of student affairs, will discuss the state of the college and issues concerning student life at Elon at the Parents Meeting in Whitley Auditorium.

Following the Parents Meet-

ing parents will have the opportunity to "Meet The Faculty" in Iris Holt McEwen library. The members of the faculty will be arranged throughout the library by department.

A picnic lunch will be offered at 11:30 a.m. in front of McEwen Memorial Dining Hall. Box lunches will be available for \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

At 1:30 p.m. Elon's Showband of the Carolinas under the direction of Dr. Jack White will present a pregame show

at Burlington Memorial Stadium. The Fighting Christians tackle the Newberry College Indians in the 2 p.m. game. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$6 for reserved seats and may be purchased in advance from the college's athletic and alumni offices or at the gate.

The "5th Quarter Social," a dance honoring parents at the Alamance Country Club, will conclude the day's activities. Haven will entertain at the event, which is co-sponsored by

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Photo by Jamie Cobb

**Let's Roll:** Conductor John Cannon of Monroe, Va., welcomed passengers aboard Amtrak's inaugural run last Friday. The Carolinian, which stops in Burlington, has restored a rail passenger link between Raleigh and Charlotte.

### All aboard!

#### Passenger train service returns to Burlington area

By Frank Isley  
Special to The Pendulum

Greeted with anticipation and excitement all along its route by crowds of people ranging in age from the very young to the old, a silver, red and blue train made its way through the heart of Piedmont North Carolina last Friday.

The train was Amtrak's Raleigh-to-Charlotte passenger train, the first passenger train to pass through this part of the state in more than 20 years.

Almost a week old now, and still drawing the attention of people along the tracks as it passes by, the train, known as The Carolinian, makes its run daily from Charlotte to Raleigh in the morning, returning to Charlotte in the evening.

More than three years of study were put into the train to determine whether it would be

worth the effort, and now it has a one-year trial to prove itself.

"Two million North Carolina residents live near this route," N.C. Secretary of Transportation William R. Robertson Jr. said in an article in the Burlington Daily Times-News.

"It is up to the people of North Carolina to decide for themselves if they want this service," he said.

Although The Carolinian arouses a thrill in people in the way that only a train can, just how many people ride the train will determine whether the train survives past its one-year trial period.

The Carolinian offers an alternative mode of transportation to people traveling between any of the cities along its route at competitive prices with other means of transportation.

A round-trip ticket from

Raleigh to Charlotte aboard The Carolinian is \$30, whereas a round-trip airline ticket would cost about \$78, and a bus ticket would cost around \$26 round-trip.

However, the train will only come through twice a day, once going each way.

It is expected that the majority of passengers on The Carolinian will be college-age people and the elderly because the time schedule will suit them best, according to David King, the state's director of public transportation.

The Carolinian will take a little over four hours to make the trip each way, making it inconvenient for those for whom time is an important factor, such as businessman.

The train's travel time is lengthened partly because the

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