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Friendly rivals

On Election Day, Elon Professors Earl Danieley and Martha Smith were on hand at the Elon Middle School to promote their favorite candidates one last time. See page 8 for further coverage of the day's political activities.

Many long distance voyagers

Parents share day with students

By Maureen Sweeney
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The consensus is that this year's Parents Weekend was one of the most successful ever. This view has been expressed not only by parents, but by students and faculty.

The Talent Show began the weekend-long program and was praised by many who attended. Some parents consider this to be the highlight of the weekend. Senior Michelle Palumbo's parents, who have traveled from Naragansett, R.I., each year for the past three, said, "The Talent Show is our favorite part of the weekend. Students are relaxed, and travel around the auditorium socializing with everyone. We're amazed by the caliber of talent. The entries get better every year."

The Palumbos are among the families that travel the farthest to visit their children and enjoy the weekend at Elon. The trip, they said, "takes us 13 hours non-stop. But, it's well worth it, not only to see our daughter but to meet her friends and just have a good time."

Freshman Jay Cirko's parents and sister were visiting Elon for the first time and were impressed with the friendliness of the students and the appearance of the school. They said, "We visited other colleges with Jay, mostly in the Pennsylvania area (the Cirkos are from Philadelphia.) No where else have we met students and faculty who are so genuinely interested in each other. There is a true sense of caring here."

Saturday is by far the busiest day of Parents Weekend. At 10:45 a.m. faculty members were assembled in the library to meet and talk to parents about each of their programs. The library crowd was quite large this year and all seemed to enjoy the discussions.

Following "Meet the Faculty," ARA sponsored a fried chicken box lunch. Many families skipped this and visited the Campus Shop or spent some time at the many Parents Weekend teas sponsored by various fraternities and sororities.

The Fightin' Christians captured another victory Saturday afternoon by defeating Newberry 9 to 7. In keeping with tradition, the halftime show featured the Showband of the Carolinas.

If all these activities weren't for the families, there was the "5th-quarter" social held this year at the Alamance Country Club. More than 600 people attended this event. King White, director of alumni and parent programs, said he was pleased with the turnout as well as with the entire weekend. The band for the evening was Haven, who played a variety of tunes from beach to swing to light rock and roll. There was standing room only at the event.

Senior Lee Dufief's parents were here from Potomac, Md. They said, "We always have a good time at Parents Weekend and especially enjoyed the "5th-quarter social." They added, "We can't wait to come back for graduation."

Major promoted to colonel

By John Holland
Special to the Pendulum

In a ceremony held last Wednesday in Scott Plaza, T.N. McCarther, chairman of the military science department, was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

McCarther joined the Elon faculty in July 1982 after completing the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kans. McCarther's promotion coincides with the direction in which he has guided the department since his arrival. When he arrived, an officer and a sergeant worked at Elon aided by the North Carolina A&T faculty to teach

Elon cadets. This was despite a drastic increase from the original seven students when ROTC was first introduced to Elon in 1975. Today the ROTC program has five full-time faculty members and more than 100 cadets who are active in practically every aspect of campus life.

McCarther, a native of Mount Airy, N.C., earned a degree in business administration from North Carolina Central University in 1966 and later a master's degree in management from Webster University, St. Louis.

McCarther began his military career as an enlisted man

in April 1967 during the Vietnam War. He completed Officer Candidate School in 1968 and worked as a tactical officer in the school for six months. He was sent on a one-year assignment to Vietnam where he served as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army. The next two years he worked as a recruiting officer in New York city. In 1972 he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., where he was an aviation battalion logistics officer, a platoon leader and a company executive officer.

In August 1975 LTC McCarther was transferred to the 101st

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ROTC HEAD PROMOTED: T.N. McCarther is congratulated by Lieutenant Colonel Wille Skinner after his promotion to LTC. The ceremony was held last Wednesday in Scott Plaza. Pictured in the background is McCarther's father Eugene McCarther.

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