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Barney-Billy-Buddy-Fred, the dog of 1000 names, visits with Edwin Toone.

Parents Weekend '89 Students eagerly await parents' arrival

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Drew Van Horn, Director of Parent Relations at Elon, is ready and excited for Parents Weekend '89. Between 500 and 1,000 parents are expected to attend.

The setup for this Parents Weekend is basically the same as in the past. A boxed luncheon under the Oaks, a Saturday football game, and a talent show are a few activities still planned.

A major change is Saturday evening. There will be a Southern Pig-Pickin' Party at the Lodge instead of the usual dance at the Burlington Country Club. There were three main reasons for this change: the Country Club holds only 500 people, dinner was not provided, and it was too formal.

The Pig-Pickin' will begin at 5:30 allowing people to come directly from the football game in their jeans. In past years, parents had to find a restaurant and be dressed. This new atmosphere will be both relaxing and enjoyable.

Weekend highlights

- Parents Weekend Talent Show, 8 p.m., Theatre, Fine Arts Building.
- Registration, 8:30-11 a.m., Front Lobby, Fine Arts Building.
- Parents Meeting, 10-10:30 a.m., Theatre, Fine Arts Building.
- Parents Meet The Faculty, 10:45 a.m.-12, Alamance, Duke, Mooney and Powell Buildings.
- Buffet, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Under the Oaks.
- Pre-game show, 1:30 p.m., Burlington Memorial Stadium.
- Football game, Elon vs. Lenoir-Rhyne, 2 p.m., Burlington Memorial Stadium.
- 5th Quarter "Pig-Pickin' Party," 5:30-10 p.m., Elon College Lodge.
- College Worship Service, 11 a.m., Elon College Community Church.

Many students feel their parents are here to see them-- not Elon. According to Van Horn, "It's a time to enjoy family...together." Many students don't know how to keep their parents occupied, so the activities planned for Parents Weekend are "to fill in the gaps of things to do."

Van Horn says, "Elon's proud to host activities for

parents." There are two activities designed specifically for parents: a Parents Council which will answer any questions the parents may have and a meeting of the faculty to discover what students are doing in the classrooms.

If parents have any concerns or comments, they can meet with Van Horn. If he is unavailable, the Parents Council personnel will be around campus to help.

Hurricane sweeps through Carolinas

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Hurricane Hugo was a disastrous storm, battering areas including Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Florida, and South Carolina. Fortunately, the impact of the storm was not nearly as powerful in North Carolina.

Evacuations were ordered for the entire South Carolina coast and some coastal counties in North Carolina. Hugo had winds up to 135 miles per hour. Myrtle Beach reported the city's highest sustained winds so far.

Elon student Wendy Ellington said, "I live in Gastonia where some houses were split in half, trees knocked down, and we don't have any power or water until Friday."

Charlotte residents were hit the worst. Houses were totally swept away along with schools and businesses. Jimmy Farrell, a student from Charlotte, said, "One of our trees went through our house and a neighbor's tree totally crushed our Mercedes."

The rain on Monday caused more flooding, which made circumstances worse for the thousands of homeless people. It will take two or more weeks to restore the power in Charlotte.

Another major problem here in the Triad is the desperate need for blood. Usually 1100 pounds of blood are donated per day to area hospitals. Due to the weather, fewer donors gave blood last week.

Vice President of Administrative Affairs Bob Poindexter said about half a dozen trees were damaged. "We're very fortunate the hurricane didn't hit us, especially after spending \$200,00 on last spring's tornado. We started cleanup of Hugo on Thursday and it lasted through Sunday."

Poindexter said, "We are very, very fortunate that Hugo didn't hit Elon. We would have had to close school and send students home, then there would be the problem of telling everybody when to come back."

Who's Who applications due

by Theresa Riley
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Junior, senior, and graduate student candidates for Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges need to apply by October 6.

Students nominate themselves by submitting a cover letter and a resume of their academic honors, extracurricular activities, and college services to the academic dean's office, Alamance 109. The cover letter only needs to express interest in being selected for Who's Who.

Dr. Bill Rich, associate dean of academic affairs, chooses a committee to make final recommendations to Who's Who. The committee is made of two students, three faculty members, and two administrators. Nominees selected by the committee will have their

accomplishments printed in the 1990 edition of Who's Who.

Rich encourages students to apply. "If they are qualified, are in good standing academically, and they do have activities that demonstrate leadership and involvement, the recognition is deserved," he said.

Last year 12 Elon students were nominated into Who's Who. Rich didn't know how many applied, but feels more students would apply if they knew the requirements and deadline.

Who's Who allows nominations on a percentage basis; Elon can nominate "about 60 students," according to Rich.

Who's Who has recognized and honored students with exceptional academic standings and community involvement since 1934. Elon's records show participation since 1960.