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## Family Weekend

# Caribbean Theme Highlights Weekend

Scott McCrary

This weekend will bring parents and siblings to Elon for the annual Family Weekend.

The office of Residence and Greek Life has several activities planned for the weekend. Highlights will include an address by President Fred Young and meetings between parents and professors.

Families can also take part in a tailgating party at the football game against Carson-Newman, as well as a "Collage Concert" sponsored by the Department for the Performing Arts, said Amanda Harless, director of Greek life.

Friday afternoon will start with the family/student golf tournament

at the Indian Valley Golf Course, registration and open recreation at Koury Center.

Other activities Friday include a Shabbat service and dinner in McKinnon Hall and the Collage Concert.

"This is the first year we've had more than one Collage Concert," Harless said. In the past, there had been problems with seating all the family members interested in attending the concert.

"This year we decided to have two. Even parents who don't have children in the program come and see this," Harless added about the concert.

Saturday's activities will consist of breakfast and President Young's address in McCrary The-

atre.

During the address, sibling activities, such as a college workshop geared toward high school students, will take place in Moseley Center until noon.

Harless said, "This is the first year we've done sibling activities."

Sibling activities were added at the suggestion of a member of the Parents' Council. It will consist of two sections.

Brothers and sisters can participate in a college search coordinated by the admissions office. They will learn about the importance of a campus visit, the application process and how to show their strengths in an interview. They will also tour the campus.

"This is not a recruiting ses-

sion for Elon," Harless said. "However, many will see the great things we have to offer through this workshop."

Elon's Finest is sponsoring the younger siblings' section, Fun and Games. This will feature sidewalk chalk art and a dance exhibition. The group will also teach the younger siblings a few dance moves and Elon cheers.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet professors following Young's address. There will also be an open house for parents of honor students.

Mini-classes on topics, such as NASCAR, will be taught Saturday afternoon. There will be sessions on study abroad and parent

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## General Studies Dir. Hopes to Better Program

Carriann Kuryla

For Tom Tiemann, it was a compromise with his wife that brought him to Elon.

Elon's new General Studies Director moved to North Carolina from St. Louis with his wife and three cats because he liked small schools and she liked larger ones.

"So this area was perfect," Tiemann said. While he teaches classes like Principles of Economics, Statistics and Global Experience, his wife works as a librarian at Chapel Hill.

Tiemann chose teaching at the college level because he liked college the best as a student. His professors taught him to expand his mind and he enjoys helping others do the same. "Teaching others how to expand their thinking is exciting," he said.

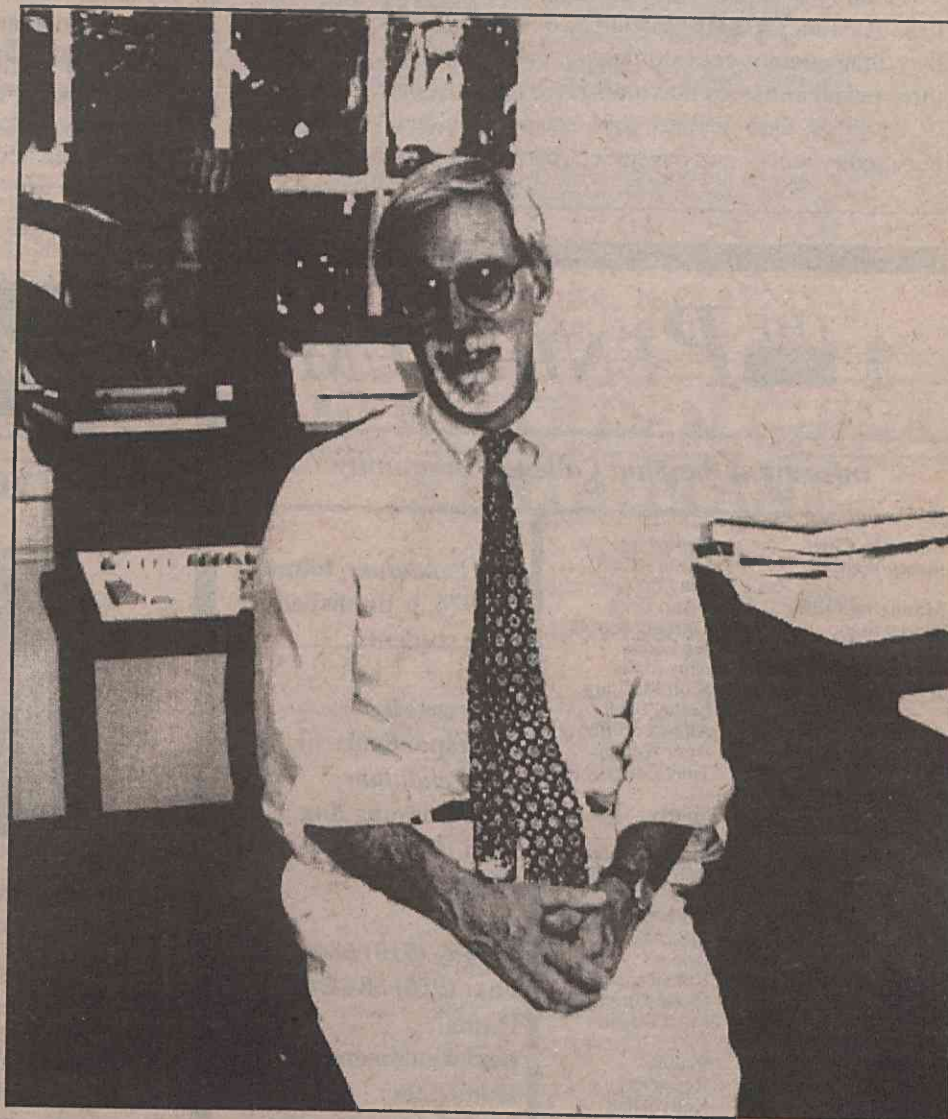
As the new General Studies Director, he has moved into his office or "most of it" and has begun working on a plan with others to evaluate the program.

The General Studies program consists of the first-year core, liberal studies and advanced studies.

Tiemann wants to be able to evaluate the levels of thinking a student goes through and where a student is in his or her thinking process at the end of each year.

"For example, freshmen usually see things in black or white," he said. "As they progress through school, however, they learn that things are actually in shades of gray. Once they recognize this, they have to determine what shade of gray everything is."

When he finds the right way to



Tom Tiemann

assess the program, Tiemann wants to use his findings to "teach the faculty how to be better instruc-

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tors."

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