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The banner competition was on Tuesday. Banners from various organizations on campus were displayed around Fonville Fountain.

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Denny points out that the successful election of a homecoming queen and king undoubtedly helps any team, but does not guarantee its success in the overall week-long competition. She said adjusting the competition rules will ensure participation in all events.

Participant Elizabeth Rennick said members of her sorority have

been discussing their role in homecoming for over a month. "We've planned for the float, for tailgating, we've even planned who was going to plan homecoming," she explained.

With events from tailgating to a quiz competition, SGA hopes to draw interest from all areas of campus. Additional information can be obtained from the SGA office at 278-7254.

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He is also the Rescue Manager on the Urban Search and Rescue Team wide assistance during disasters. He took part in the search-and-rescue at the Murrah Federal Building after the Oklahoma City bombing. Sutz also served at the Pentagon on Sept. 12 following the terrorist attacks. "He puts his life on the line for people he has never even met," Hitt said.

Angelica Tarplin, who was nominated by Aisha Sims, is the owner of a hair salon where she mentors beginning stylists and barbers. She hosts an annual hair show for the community, which helps young people build self-confidence. Tarplin gives the proceeds to church and youth programs. She volunteers as the youth and adult choir director at her church, offering youth a positive role model and someone to talk to.

"Pretty women wonder where my secret lies. I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size, but when I start to tell them, they think I'm telling lies. I say, it's in the reach of my arms, the span of my hips, the stride of my step, the curl of my lips. I'm a woman phenomenally. Phenomenal woman, that's me," Tarplin said, quoting Maya Angelou's poem,

"Phenomenal Woman."

W.K. White, from Hillsborough, N.C., was nominated by Joseph Allen. White served as the Deputy Sheriff in Virginia for 10 years until He was then introduced to the difficulties of obtaining Social Security disability benefits. He is now an advocate for people with disabilities in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina who are seeking to achieve social security compensation. He is a charter member of the National Association of Disability Representatives. "Injustice for all," the last three words of the Pledge of Allegiance, are what motivates him, White said.

Eugene P. Wile, nominated by Benjamin Keeney, is from Ronks, Penn. Wile is a retired history teacher and a former member of the U.S. Army. He is currently writing a history of the 275-year-old Conestoga Church of the Brethren. He is the benefactor of the Wile Scholarship, which helps students in his community obtain undergraduate and graduate education. He is a volunteer for Disaster Relief nationwide where he offers labor to needy homeowners after natural disasters.

Each Hometown Hero is nominated by a freshman, and the application process takes place in Elon 101 classrooms. "Twenty-one sec-

tions participated and sent a nomination to the freshman class officers who serve as the selection committee," McBride said.

"Hometown Heroes program people have been honored during this time. "The program got started when I realized this was a way entering students could make a difference in their first year," McBride said.

Students are able to thank someone who made a difference in their lives and in the lives of others. "None of us get here only on our own energy," McBride said. Nominees win because they know they made a difference and are recognized for their heroism in their communities.

Each Hometown Hero received a gift bag full of Elon goodies, a plaque and a framed certificate. The plaques read, "Celebrating his/her life of moral purpose, which inspires others and strengthens community." Each certificate features a different message identifying the main reasons each person was chosen.

"Hometown Heroes offers an opportunity to recognize individuals who have provided service and leadership to their community, and by recognizing these individuals, we encourage the same attributes in others," Kincaid said.

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