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Families enjoy weekend at Elon

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Reporter

This year about 3,000 people arrived on campus for Family Weekend 2002, sending the message that family involvement is important at Elon.

Elon's Family Weekend tradition began 14 years ago and has been going strong ever since.

This year, the weekend began with the Captain's Choice golf tournament Sept. 20 and concluded with coffee at the President's home on Sept. 22.

In between, families had the opportunity to attend a number of events. The main goal of Family Weekend is for parents to visit their children, see where their tuition money is going and have a good time.

Bill Morningstar, director of golf at Elon, is head of the Captain's Choice golf tournament for parents and students. The golf tournament always has a high turnout, he said. There is room for 50 teams and all the slots filled this year.

"Collage" was another hit of the weekend. The group sponsored two performances, both of

which were in Yeager Recital Hall. Both the 7 p.m. show on Friday night and the 5:30 p.m. show on Saturday night sold out in five minutes. The concert boasts a variety of songs and dances from Broadway shows. This concert is always a favorite, says Scott Nelson, assistant dean of students.

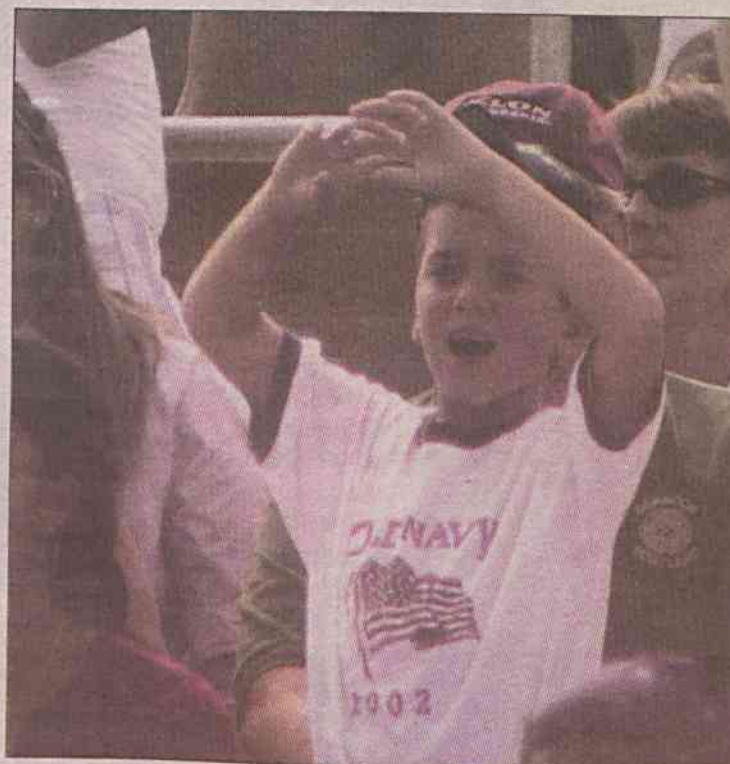
Perhaps the most highly anticipated activity of the weekend was the football game against Johnson C. Smith University.

The family barbecue prior to the game was a success. Three thousand people showed up at noon to eat barbecue chicken and socialize around Lake Mary Nell.

Members of fraternities and sororities held their own gatherings On the Green along with their families before the game.

After lunch, fans moved over the Rhodes Stadium to watch the Phoenix take on Johnson C. Smith's Golden Bulls.

The Elon Phoenix played an exciting game in front of 10,520 fans, the second-largest crowd in history. The cheers of the fans were thunderous as they rooted Elon on to a 38-14 victory over



Tim Rosner/Photography Editor

One Family Weekend participant stands up and cheers during the football game Saturday afternoon.

the Golden Bulls. There were a total of 11 turnovers during the game.

Erin Flynn, a student who attended the game, said, "Injuries and turnovers caused the game to

be a little drawn out, but it was still thrilling because we won. And the guys played well. Seeing

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Elon defines goals in New Century

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Reporter

In the four graduations Leo Lambert has presided over, he has awarded more diplomas than were distributed from 1889 to 1960.

To cope with Elon's rapid growth rate, senior staff members and trustees developed a strategic plan to guide the university into the new century. The NewCentury@Elon plan became reality in 2000.

“It is definitely possible to rise a few more spots at the current level we are at, but it will be tough to compete with the bigger schools because of the financial limitations that are a result of the small endowment.

—Leo Lambert, university president

The plan includes three broad, overarching goals designed to enhance academic excellence, provide facilities to support excellence and provide the resources to make this happen. Each main goal

has several objectives.

To enhance academic excellence, university administrators plan to attract a Phi Beta Kappa honors program to campus. Phi Beta Kappa currently has chap-

ters in 262 of the top colleges and universities in the country. This program is the definitive characteristic of the best arts and science programs. The process of attracting a chapter to Elon will be a difficult task that could require curriculum adjustments and will take a few years.

Another objective is to build a prestigious honors program. This objective includes the addition of

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Student has visa trouble

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Filling out college applications and anxiously awaiting an acceptance letter is a stressful time for any student. But the process for international students hoping to study at Elon is more complex and relies more on visas than SAT scores.

This year, Nina Agyeman-Duah found out the hard way that applying for an international-student visa isn't as easy as it may seem. Agyeman-Duah, of Ghana, applied to attend Elon this semester, but she was denied a visa.

She was denied because she was unable to convince embassy officials that she would return to Ghana, according to Bill Rich, director of International Programs.

"It almost boils down to it's my word I'm coming back," Rich said.

Officials granting student visas look for evidence the student will return after receiving an education. "The basic concern is whether or not they think there is some reason for them to come back to the home country," Rich said.

To determine if a student will return to the country, officials look for financial holdings and property. "It's hard because students usually don't have these," he said.

After Agyeman-Duah was denied a student visa, she went through an appeal process, which was fueled by letters from North Carolina Senator John Edwards,

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