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Laura Hals/ Photographer

Fall Convocation is a tradition at Elon. Each year, new students receive acorns at Convocation. When students graduate, they receive an oak sapling. Both ceremonies are held in front of West hall.

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A meeting Under the Oaks marked the beginning of a new year for freshmen and transfer students. Saturday's early morning convocation brought new students and parents together to formally begin the next four years of their life in college.

Chaplain Richard McBride began the ceremony with a prayer and invocation after faculty processed in to the "Triumphal March" from "Aida." Convocation continued with a welcome from Student Government Association Executive President Michael Bumbry. "This is your adventure and your autobiography," Bumbry said. "What did you want to say while you are here?" Bumbry also offered some advice to the new students, "Let spirit and commu-

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Additional police officers set tone for the year

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The Town of Elon Police led an operation over the past weekend targeting alcohol use at several off-campus parties in an effort to reduce underage drinking. The campaign is titled "Think Before You Drink."

Although the police generally coordinate heavy patrols the first weekend of school, this marked the first time they publicly announced their intentions.

"In the past, we've done these types of operations on the first week of school," said Captain Sam Russell of the Elon police department. "We want to set the tone early in the year. About 99 percent of the freshmen are underage. They are away from home for the first time and they want to go out and experiment."

The Elon police, in conjunction with Elon University Campus Police

and the NC Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (ALE) worked together targeting underage possession, sale and purchase of alcohol, according to Russell.

The zero-tolerance policy is aimed to reduce the number of drinking-related incidents.

"I'd rather not call your family and tell them you died or are about to die (due to an alcohol-related accident)," Russell said.

Sheridan Place, home to many Elon students, was one of the places targeted by police over the weekend.

"I know they're trying to cut down on crime," said Sheridan resident and senior Andy Ordemann. "I don't think ALE should be able to come (onto private property). You have to watch your back and you have to worry about people coming into your house. It makes me feel a little



File Photo

More than 21 additional officers were on duty this weekend. Campus Police and ALE (N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement Division) worked together to curb underage drinking and crime.

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