

Greek Kids Day games brighten cloudy day

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On Saturday afternoon, before Elon's game against North Carolina A&T, the Office of Greek Life sponsored the second annual Kids Day just outside the stadium's gates.

All 21 Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternity and sorority chapters were represented and worked together to host the event and run the different games and activities available to the children.

Kid's Day included games, popcorn, and prizes for young children. The event provided a safe area for kids to play and have fun for a few hours before the start of the game. Games included a bean bag toss, bowling, can toss, apple bobbing and face painting with small toys and candies as prizes.

Kid's Day was started last year by Carrie Whittier, Director of Greek Life. She established the event as a way to build community with not only the visiting team, but also with the faculty, staff and other residents of the greater Burlington and Elon area.

"The event really shows the ongoing commitment of the fraternity and sorority community to community service as one of the fundamental principles of Greek life," Whittier said.

Last year, the event was in November, and as per usual, it was rather cold. The event was moved to September this year, not only for its better weather, but also because Elon would be playing A&T, a game which usually draws large crowds from everywhere between Elon and Greensboro.

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Green algae blooms are caused by an increase in nutrients in the water, particularly phosphorous.

MacFall came up with a few theories on where the phosphorus could have come from: the runoff from the driving range, the fertilizer used by the nearby homes, runoff from construction or from fertilizer used by the grounds crew here.

Upon learning about this problem Thomas Flood, superintendent of Landscaping and Grounds keeping, immediately took action. He called MacFall and Touchette and together they went down to the lake and assessed the problem. Flood and his crew quickly setup a large water cannon type sprinkler to pump oxygen back into the water which they kept running all weekend.

"Since the South Campus Lake is effectively out of sight, we seldom look at it and have never treated it in any way for algae or

Volunteers were all members of Greek organizations, and many seemed to participate in the event to support the event as well as their respective organization. When asked why he participated in the event, Matt Robey, one of the volunteers, replied, "I volunteered to help out my fraternity, and because I enjoy working with children."

Many of the families and their children did not show up to participate in many of the games until the event was nearly over because they were concerned about the weather. "I think the weather was great, and fortunately it didn't rain. I think that it maybe the event could have been promoted a little better," Robey added.

Assistant Baseball Coach Greg Starbuck and his wife April attended Kids Day with their sons McGuire and Banks. "It's so nice when college students can give back to their community. Their parents must be proud of them knowing that their money was well spent," Mrs. Starbuck said.

Professor Steve Folger and his wife Kiki were also in attendance. "Our children went to Trick or Treat on Greek Street last fall, and really enjoyed it," Mrs. Folger said.

"They always like to come to the Elon events, especially when the students are involved, mostly because the students are so social and our kids really look up to them. They also come out for the candy."

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applied any materials to it," He added that fertilizer used on the driving range could have affected the lake, but only minimally.

"While this range does receive routine fertilization, we typically apply a light watering to help move the fertilizer into the soil in order to minimize the potential for runoff into the lake," Flood said.

While the exact source of the phosphorus is still unknown MacFall had a few suggestions on what could be done to prevent another fish kill in the future. "I would like to see more stream restoration, more planting around the lake and less management," MacFall said.

Flood said, "We make great efforts to protect our environment and are proud to serve as stewards of this campus. We have developed a landscape management plan and an integrated pest management plan to protect our environmental resources."

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Christine Walton/ Photographer
Devon Lewis of Sigma Kappa sorority helps kindergartner Seaira Raimsey select a prize.

Battery power gets a boost



Krista Naposki/ Photographer
Tanya Richmond, director of Multicultural Affairs, and Anthony Bennett, assistant director of Campus Technology support for computers, admire the "It's electric" electric car by Dynasty. Stanley Greeson, assistant director of Physical Plant, drove the demo car to College Coffee on Tuesday. Physical Plant and the university are looking into different ways to conserve fuel for maintenance vehicles and golf carts. Dynasty also makes a truck version of the four-seater electric car. Physical Plant gets to keep the car for a week and test the battery life of the car and then compare it to the gas mileage of Cushman's and golf carts.