



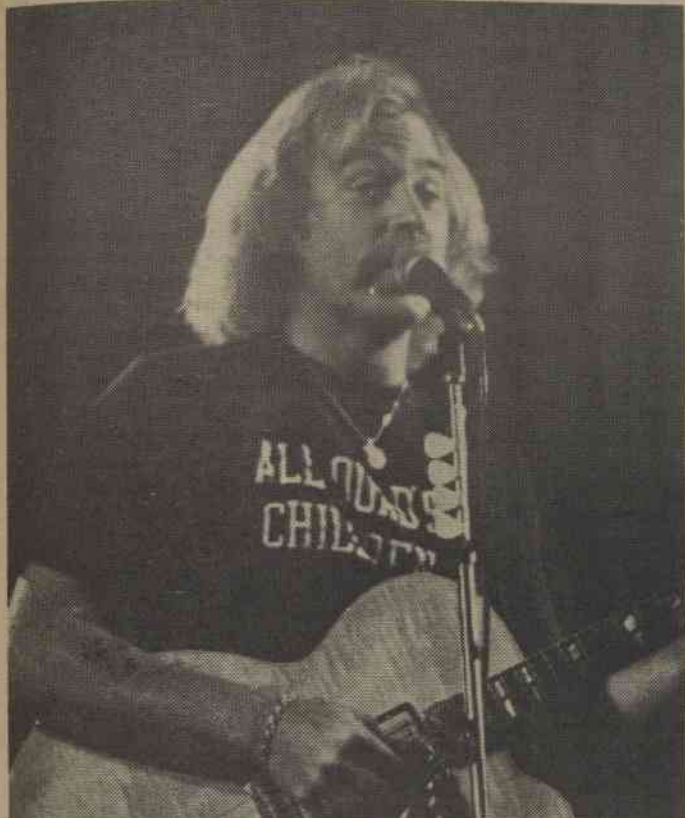
# The Pendulum



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Jimmy Buffett during one of his more mellow tunes. The concert was regarded as one of the best in recent years. Story on p. 3. (News Bureau, Robert House, Photo)

## PIRG releases bookstore policies and price survey

by Doug Durante

The North Carolina Public Interest Group has completed the study on Elon bookstore policies and has turned over to the administration a detailed report. The study was instigated by a public opinion poll last spring that revealed the students were concerned with the high prices and wanted PIRG to investigate this matter.

The report concludes that the typical campus bookstore such as Elon's has little or no discretion in setting new bookstore prices. The basic cost is established by the publisher and allows the retail store very

small margin for profit. It was discovered that textbook prices will not vary much from store to store or even campus to campus.

PIRG has arrived at some alternative policies to help the students save money, including the possibility of a book rental system which would cut student costs considerably. Five colleges in North Carolina are currently using a rental system which seems successful. Another possible alternate is the cooperative system, which is a bookstore owned and operated by the students themselves. Limited copies of the report are available in the PIRG office.

## Car break-ins rise; CB's are prime target

by Kemp Liles

There has been a marked increase in the number of reported car break-ins during recent months. According to Larry McCauley, head of the physical plant at Elon, "You must first realize that these things run in cycles. A few years ago it was the car tape players that were being stolen, and now it is the C.B. radios. There have been steps taken whereby the guards will be placing more emphasis on this problem."

The present security system is composed of three guards from the Burns Security Agency who check all the buildings at

night on a half hour to hour schedule. The guards are equipped with a one-way communication system with the women's dorms for emergency communications. McCauley pointed out that "these guards are not deputized officers with the power to arrest. They are here for the protection of the students. In case there is a civil disturbance their job is to try to break it up or call in the town police." McCauley added that he hopes that sometime in the future the college will have its own security force equipped with communication and transportation for the protection of the students.

## Student-to-student counseling will be implemented in the fall

One of the problems always facing new freshmen is adjustment to the academic requirements of college. A \$6000 grant from the Exxon Education Foundation, added to matching Elon College funds, is making possible the implementation next fall of a new program designed to help freshmen with academic adjustment.

A significant feature of the new program is its dependence upon student counselors. Student-to-student counseling is at the heart of the program's structure. Student academic counselors are now being selected and will be trained this

spring in preparation for the next freshman class. Throughout most of next fall the student counselors will work with about 150 freshmen, helping them in such areas as identifying and adjusting to differences between high school and college; learning effective methods of studying, taking notes, planning and using time, and preparing for tests; exploring positive attitudes about college study and eliminating negative attitudes; identifying individual academic problems and discovering ways to overcome the problems; discovering causes for failure in college and improving academic

motivation.

Jennings Berry, coordinator of counseling and director of the student-to-student counseling program, believes that trained upperclassmen will be successful in helping freshmen with study skills, habits, and attitudes. He says, "In fact, the freshmen will probably respond better to the student counselors than to professional staff members. The fact that the counselors are students themselves will help them establish rapport and credibility with freshmen. The student academic counselor candidates I have talked with

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## Students and administration meet to discuss honors course

by Kay Raskin

An example of cooperation between students, administration, and faculty was set at a March 2 review of the honors program held last fall. Members of the faculty and administration met with eight students who had taken the honors course taught by Dr. John Sullivan and Dr. Carole Troxler.

Dr. James Moncure presided at the meeting with Dr. Chris White, Dr. Earl Danieley, Dr. Robert Blake, Drs. George and Carole Troxler, and Dr. Sullivan present.

Dr. Sullivan opened the meeting by giving a summary of the course, and Dr. Carole

Troxler said the course was probably overly ambitious.

The students' main objection seemed to be their own lack of background in more than a few areas of study involved in the interdisciplinary course.

Some suggestions were made for future courses. One suggestion was to have certain sections of some freshman and sophomore courses designated as "enrichment courses" and to invite students excelling in these areas to register for them. A suggestion was also made to combine some sections of courses that were similar or overlapping and to offer six hours credit for the course. An example was given to combine the first section of American

literature with the first section of American history. Students would register for such a course after being selected as excelling in their other studies.

The opinion of the students on the suggestions was welcomed and most seemed to be in favor of the suggestions. Several commented that perhaps if more students were allowed to meet with the administration and faculty when deciding to change or add courses, fewer courses would have to be dropped for lack of interest.

## English minor now available

by Kay Raskin

Starting next fall, an English minor will be offered. Dr. Robert Blake said this would "give students a chance to buttress their major with a strong English background."

The requirements are at least 18 hours of English courses besides freshman English. At least 12 of these hours must be in literature courses. Children's Literature, studies in Britain, and the two new drama courses do not count.

There will be a meeting of English majors and other interested persons in the large lounge in Long Student Center at 3:30 on March 16. David Hood will present poetry readings, a presentation on vocations, such as journalism, available to English majors will be given, and refreshments will be served.

Three new English courses to be offered during the summer are Tragedy from a Christian Viewpoint taught by Dr. Russell Gill; Evil in Literature taught by Dr. Blake; and American Naturalism taught by Dr. Andrew Angyal.



Dr. Stokes poses in his grandfather's confederate uniform. He is a "southerner at heart." Story on p. 4. (News Bureau, Robert House, Photo)