by Mark Sauer, B.A., 1976
Many vivid recollections of Dr. Donald Stokes, first generation Elon student, "are a hazy and weathered character line etched in his face told me this man had not spent his life in a library pondering volumes on man's ascent from the cave. He leaned on a black cane worn as a shield for use until the grain shone like gold set in ebony but he carried himself as one in awe and authority. His personal glimpses into the Southern experience of history, religion, and teaching gave me more enlightenment than it is likely I shall ever have again. Dr. Stokes will be retiring from teaching after the summer term."

Born on Dec. 8, 1908 in Alamance County, he recalls his childhood experiences that helped found his belief in the South. "I was born of substantial working people, and both of my grandfathers lived with the Alamance Community veterans and they instilled in me the principle for which the war was fought." Dr. Stokes has no "romantic notions" about the large Mississippi River plantation as an accurate appraisal of what ante-bellum Southern life was like. "My grandfathers told me of the glories and the despair that the war and reconstruction left the South. Although we had slaves, the crucial issue was not slavery but the state's right to rule itself perpetrated on mankind, but they only meant two more hands in the work," Dr. Stokes says. "I feel the black people were held back in the South; however, this was due to the federal government and reeducation. Both maligned southerner's thinking and created the hate that was so evident toward the Negro." His formative years gave Durward Stokes a healthy respect for the land and the people that gained their life from the soil. "I like the neighborly way in the South; people know one another and therefore I believe we are much better off than the largely urbanized North. I like southern cooking, the easy life style, and the people. I think it's just perfect. I love the United States, but I am a Southerner at heart."

Dr. Stokes' great respect for the land and the people working on it helped create his religious convictions. "I was greatly influenced by the teachings of Calvinism; that is, everyone is supposed to work and produce to the best of his ability, and I feel one gets divine assistance in his endeavors." Stokes remembers what man has risen from and in some instances fallen from, "You can remember when our society was not mobile; most people lived and died near where they were born," he says. His reminiscences are not idle chatter about what some members of society call "the good ole days." His stories are an integral part of making history live. The first radio broadcast I heard was on the third floor of the old Burlington High School, now the Broad Street School, and was broadcast over KDKA and was my generation. Stot's "Goodbye."" The mobility of our society now, compared to (Continued on Page 6)

Honor society undergoing changes

Alpha Chi preparing for next semester

by Kay Raskin
An old favorite from Elon is undergoing facelifting for next fall. Elon's Alpha Chi, a chapter of a national honor society, recently changed sponsors and officers. Dr. Robert Blakes, sports editor of the Pendulum, is the new sponsor. White is assistant sponsor. The new officers are: Zebedee Talley, president; Janice Summers, vice-president; and Bernadette McMullen, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Blake will be in San Antonio in August to see a national Alpha Chi convention. He plans to bring new ideas and a new momentum back to Elon and put them into practice. Alpha Chi has in the past sponsored only one induction in the spring. This was a disadvantage to seniors intending to graduate and become active members. Dr. Blake has suggested two inductions a year, one in the spring and another in the fall.

Other ideas under consideration include sponsoring a nationally known lecturer sometime next fall and honoring area high school valedictorians. A picnic at Craven Center with current members of Alpha Chi are also planned for May to get new ideas from the members.

Dr. Blake said this is an attempt to put some emphasis on the academically talented students at Elon. Members of Alpha Chi are juniors and seniors who rank in the top 10% of their class and must also be of good character. Members inducted this spring are Velver DeHart, Perry Everhart, Mary Beth Glynn, Joanna Goss, Teressa Grogg, Elizabeth Johnson, Bernadette McMullen, Marilee McPherson, Peggy Jo Parker, Arlene Pate, Bonnie Pryce, James Shanks, Rebecca Sharpe, Linda Smith, Janice Summers, Zebedee Talley, Rachel Wagner, and Nancy Sue Wyrick.

Several members of the journalism program at Elon College are writing articles that are published in daily or weekly newspapers. Others have already found jobs in journalism or related fields.

Gary Spell, sports editor of the Sounds, works with the college sports information office. He covers baseball, spring football and basketball and travels with the team while other students in the program also covers football and basketball. He wrote 86 articles on band members last year for their hometown newspapers. As a dorm counselor, he publishes a newsletter for Brannock dorm every week.

Linda Shoffner has had published several feature articles and profiles in Burlington newspapers. Joe Chandler, B.A., '76, became assistant sports editor and photographer for a South Boston newspaper upon graduation. He was already a trained photographer when he came to Elon and has covered most games and sports while here. He had practice in all types of writing in two journalism courses. It was Joe Chandler's published feature article on Ken Toda, the student photographer, that gained him a job in photography upon his graduation in 1976. Two members of the last issue of the Pendulum (Feb. 24) were reprinted with credit in the March 12 issue of the Burlington Times-News.

Journalism students at Elon finding success in related fields

Lost and found office tries new approach for claims

by Ted Salisbury
The lost and found service is run this year by Bill Sharpe in Long Student Center, room 203. The service was moved there from Mrs. Perkins' office at the end of last year because there were more students at the student center. A new system is being used for the office. Sharpe is in charge of the office and says he has lost something, the card file is checked to see if it is there. The actual collection of lost and found objects is not displayed.