



# The Pendulum

Tri-Beta  
To Sponsor  
Ice Cream Social  
For Prospective Members  
On Wednesday, Oct. 7  
At 7 p.m. in Duke 205

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## Elon honor societies in full swing

Elon College offers 10 honor societies representing many disciplines. Now that classes have begun for the fall semester, the members and advisers are making plans and setting dates for the upcoming induction ceremonies.

### Alpha Chi

The highest honor a student can receive at Elon College is induction into Alpha Chi honor society. The objective of Alpha Chi is the stimulation, development and recognition of scholarship and character.

This national honor society requires a 3.6 overall grade-point average and junior or senior status in the upper 10 percent of the class.

This year's induction will

be Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. in Mooney Theater. Inductees, parents, and/or spouses will be welcomed to a reception following the induction, according to Dr. Robert Blake, adviser.

### Beta Beta Beta

The Sigma Mu chapter of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society is an active organization that combines both academic and social aspects of college life. Activities include picnics, district and national conventions, camping trips, research projects, socials, and field trips to local places of biological interest.

Tri-Beta also provides tutoring sessions for biology students every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. in Duke

205. A mini-library of reference books is currently available for students' use. Dr. Herbert House is the adviser for the group.

An informal induction is held for new members in the fall and a formal induction banquet in the spring. For associate membership, an individual must have an interest in the biological sciences. For active membership, an individual must be a biology major with a 3.3 average in biology and a 3.0 overall average with 12 completed hours of biology course work.

### Pi Gamma Mu

The North Carolina Alpha Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu is a national social science honor society that requires a

minimum 3.0 average and completion of at least 20 hours in social sciences. Students must be a junior or senior to qualify and have no failures in the social sciences, distinguishing themselves in the department.

Under the guidance of Professor Rachel Holt, Pi Gamma Mu plans a lecture for Nov. 5, featuring Professor William Geer, two-time recipient of the Tanner Award for teaching at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Nominations for Pi Gamma Mu will go out this week, and induction will take place on Oct. 15.

### Theta Alpha Kappa

Theta Alpha Kappa, the

religious honor society, recognizes outstanding scholastic work in the religion field. This society recognizes outstanding work by all students rather than just religion majors. The members have a project once a year that is strictly academic.

To be inducted, a student must have 12 hours of religion with an average of 3.5 and an overall average of 3.0.

### Omicron Delta Kappa

Omicron Delta Kappa is a national leadership honor society. It recognizes students, faculty, and alumni who have distinguished themselves as leaders in character, scholarship, intel-

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## Holmes gives \$75,000 to chemistry department

by Loukia Louka

A \$75,000 endowment fund is being established for the chemistry department by Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas Holmes, graduates of Elon College.

They are funding the endowment to improve the facilities and curricula and to qualify the department to prepare Elon students for

admission to professional engineering schools.

Commenting on the Holmes endowment, President J. Fred Young said that the endowment fund is the best means for long-term funding for excellence in higher education.

"We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Holmes for endowing such an important

department for their alma mater," he said.

Holmes, a 1939 graduate of Elon College, is a retired executive of the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) and is currently serving on the Board of Trustees of Elon College.

"Holmes appreciated the contact and access that a smaller institution like Elon can provide for student-teacher association," Dr. J. Earl Danieley, former president of the college, says. "He felt that he was better prepared and instructed for more advanced study. Holmes understands that the

department has needs that are outside of the ordinary budget."

Dr. Danieley, professor of chemistry, says that his department has known for quite awhile that Holmes, as well as Alcoa, have a special interest in Elon College. In the past, Elon has received \$5,000 from Alcoa, used to buy spectronic-20 analytical instruments, now being used in various science courses.

The pledge was received on June 18, 1981, and will be completely paid by the end of 1984. Because it will not be available for use until

1985, Danieley said that it would be premature to speculate on how the money will be used at this point.

"The endowment will provide materials and equipment to improve the educational experience of Elon students because of the tremendous advances made recently in the field of chemistry," Dr. Danieley added. "It is important for us to not only provide an understanding of the basic principles but also an introduction to modern methods and instrumentation."



CROP WALK — The participants in last year's CROP Walk had a good time and raised a lot of money for hungry people. Photo by Jack Sink of the Daily Times-News.

## Alamance County CROP walk involves college and community

by Loukia Louka

The CROP walk for Alamance County will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. at Williams High School in Burlington. The 10-mile walk will start at 2 p.m.

The route of the walkers will swing through Elon College and back to Burlington Memorial Stadium. An estimated 40 Elon students, faculty members and administrators will participate in this fund-raising effort for the hungry, says Bill Sharpe, campus chaplain.

About 1,500 people of all ages from Alamance County

are expected to walk on Sunday, according to Ed Hillman, youth minister at the Community Church and area coordinator for West dorm.

Chaplain Sharpe and Professor J. Earl Danieley are both volunteering and recruiting local Rotary clubs in Burlington. Other volunteers will be working at stations along the route.

CROP, which stands for Christian Rural Overseas Program, is believed to have been originated after World War II by Christian farmers, who wanted to aid European countries which were ravaged and in need of food.

This idea grew into an international agency.

Many organizations walk at various times throughout the year. Last year this event raised \$32,000. Twenty-five percent of the local earnings raised from this Sunday will return to Alamance County to help alleviate local poverty. Such organizations as Meals on Wheels will take food to the elderly.

Persons who wish to participate, or sponsor a walker, or contribute to CROP, should see Bill Sharpe in Whitley 102. Those who wish to work at the Community Church station may contact Hillman.