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action tonight at 9 p.m.
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Sig Ep togas during rush

Sigma Phi Epsilon threw a toga party during fraternity rush on Feb. 22. Sig Ep brothers [left to right, foreground] Jim Galyon, "Hole" Kemp, Mark James and Mark James and Mark Brady were joined by members of Zeta Tau Alpha [left to

right, background] Linda Wills, Donna Harrell and Fran Rabil. Parties and other activities have been numerous during rush, with bids from sororities going out last Friday and bids from fraternities going out tomorrow. Photo by Ron Kruppa.

Survey shows students want fall term break

by Loukia Louka
News Editor

The Student Government Association results of the Fall Break Survey showed that 92 percent of the students wanted a fall break.

According to SGA vice president Rodney Beebe, the surveys were done to see if students are interested in having a fall break. "We've never really known if they want a fall break or not so we did a survey to find out," he said.

Chairman of the Campus Opinion Committee, Tracey Walser, said the biggest reason students want a break is "because they feel the pressure is too much to handle until Thanksgiving.

"The people surveyed that were against a fall break were worried that school would have to start earlier, but that hasn't been discussed yet, the SGA just got student opinion."

Even though there is resounding student approval of a fall break, the decision is not for SGA to make. The semester calendar under authority of Dr. James Moncure, vice president of academic and student affairs. The calendar itself is formulated by Deans Long and White, Dean of Student and Academic Affairs, respectively.

The big question is whether students would want to return the last week in August, not whether students want a fall break.

Moncure said that the issue of a fall break has been looked at for a long time. "Elon's fall semester is shorter than that of other schools in this area because we have a later start. This way, we get about 25 more students who may have started out at East Carolina or UNC and decided that those schools weren't for them.

"They then may need to go somewhere that hasn't started yet, so they come back to Elon. Starting later also lets students work their summer jobs longer."

Lobbyists seek money for private colleges

by Doug Norwood
Managing Editor

The North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities has assembled a lobbying group of 400 of the state's prominent business and political leaders that will go to Raleigh seeking more funds for in-state students attending the private schools.

Many of the schools are experiencing decreased enrollment due to the great disparity between the costs to students attending state schools and to those attending private schools, according to Dr. J. Fred Young, who was named chairman of the association last week.

North Carolina currently gives in-state private college students \$850 a year in grants to help with the higher costs of attending the private schools. The new group, Citizens Concerned for Higher Education, hopes to get that sum increased to \$1,025 next fall and to \$1,200 in 1984.

In an interview, Young said that private college costs were \$981 more than public school costs in 1975, but that difference has increased to \$2071 in 1982. He said that the problems

arising from this difference are fourfold. First, he said, students who might prefer smaller private colleges are forced into larger public schools because they find the expenses at the private schools are prohibitive.

"Second, when students go from private to public schools, the state has to subsidize these students with approximately \$4,000," Young said. In the last two years, enrollment has fallen off by about 1,000 students in the private schools while it has increased by about the same amount in state schools. Young said that this shift in enrollment has cost the state's taxpayers about \$4 million.

Young said that the state and its communities also cannot fully utilize the facilities such as dormitories, libraries and athletic facilities that already exist on private campuses because of the lagging enrollment.

The fourth problem is that similar facilities would have to be built and maintained on state campuses at the taxpayers' expense, Young said.

"Currently, one-fourth, or 25,000 North Carolinians in

undergraduate school are being educated in these independent colleges," Young noted. "This enrollment pattern is being threatened because the student, or the student's family, must pay most of the cost, where the state pays most of the cost in the public schools," Young said.

Of the 38 private colleges in North Carolina, Young said that only nine had increased enrollments last year. While Elon was one of the nine to show an increase, Young said, other schools which are financially weaker might conceivably have to close one day. But he said that that was only a remote possibility.

Young said it is more likely that "all of the schools will become weaker and weaker" if action is not taken to alleviate the situation.

Young said that Elon has avoided the trend toward declining enrollment because "students like it here and then bring their friends here." Other factors drawing students here are the "great deal of individual attention, great teaching and student activities" students

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receive at Elon, Young said. Also the location of the school, its strong athletic tradition and a strong admissions staff have helped keep enrollment strong, he said.

Young said that additional funds for private college students would not hurt the public university system. He said, "We in private education are strong supporters of public education. We are in favor of a strong dual system with a small, but strong private institution."

Among those associated with Elon who will serve on the committee are former Gov. Robert Scott; former state senator Ralph Scott, who is also a college trustee; Roger Gant, another trustee and president of Glen Raven Mills; W.S. Harris, district

court judge; Dr. Durward Stokes, the college's historian; Royall Spence Jr., president of Canada Dry Bottling

Co., and college trustee; and Jerry Tolley, former Elon football coach who now works in the Development Office.

Also on the committee are Sherril Hall, college trustee; Clyde Gordon, Sr., and Dan Daly, both Elon alumni; Ann Morrison and Fred Bowman, friends of the college; and Sherri Moore, an Elon student who is editor of the Pendulum.