

The Pendulum

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Last year's total exceeded by 90

Enrollment record set

Registrar Mark Albertson said that the number of students enrolled at Elon College this year is the largest ever, exceeding last year's total by 90 students, making the student populous at 2,715.

Since Elon had such a big graduating class last year of 399 students, Albertson said that at first it looked as if the enrollment would be "a few freshmen behind" last year's number. However, it turned out that Elon has about the

same number of freshmen he said.

"In my opinion," said Albertson "the reasons for the increase are the steady admissions and an exceptionally good year in retention."

He said Elon had "a very low percentage to drop out," which means that many more students returned to school than last year at this time.

He said that he hopes this retention means that Elon students are content with the

school and that they're reasonably happy with the atmosphere.

Another positive aspect, he said, is the increase in the number of students makes Elon more financially sound.

"Even in view of the large graduating class," said Albertson, "our improved retention offset the large number of students who graduated last year and even showed a growth in total student enrollment."

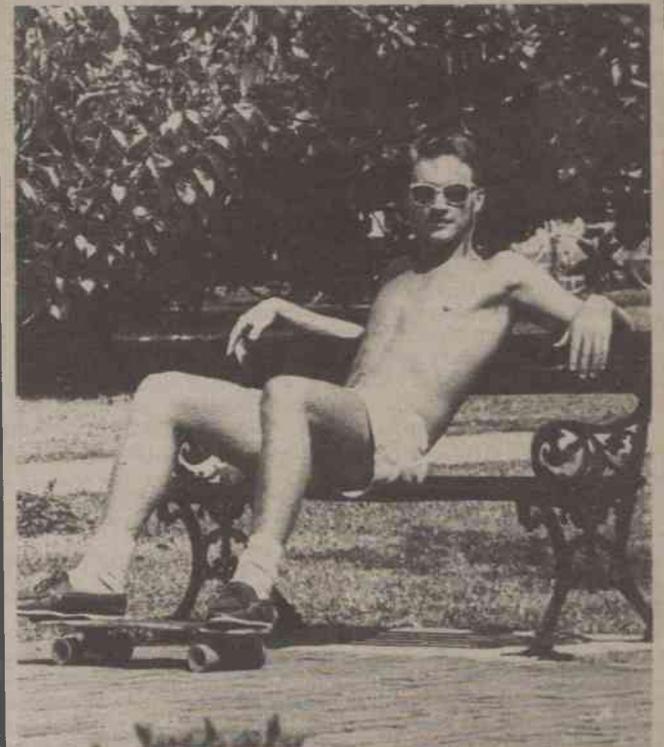


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Cooling out

Dave Volkman, a freshman from Virginia Beach, brings some of that true beach feeling to Elon, as he mellows out in front of the Student Center before hitting the road in real style.

Sigma sisters lose house when town of Elon rezones

By Vicky Jiggetts
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To the members of a Greek organization, losing their housing is a dramatic ordeal and many adjustments must be made.

Sigma Sigma sorority has lost its house at 206 N. Lee St. Cindy Marcum, president of Sigma, said that they lost the house due to changes in zoning laws.

She said, "When we moved into the house, we were under a grandfather clause (an exemption to the zoning law which permitted Tri-Sig to continue to occupy the house). We knew that we might eventually lose the house. Actually, we were supposed to have been out years ago."

According to Elon College Town Hall manager Beth Hetzel, the area that the Tri-Sig house is in was rezoned as an

RS6-single family area in 1976. This meant that group student housing like Greek housing was not allowed in that zone. Had the house been in a multi-housing zone, she said, the Sigmas could have remained in their house.

The College approached the town for an extension on the time before the Sigmas were evicted and were given a three-year "special use" extension since at the time the plans for the Oaks was being made, and the town hoped the sorority would find space there.

When the Sigmas did not get space in the Oaks, they were granted a second extension and hoped to get a space in the New Dorm complex.

However, the sorority did not get space reserved in the New Dorm; and in April 1981, the zoning ordinance was revised. Under the new ordinance, no

more "special use" privileges could be granted, so the sorority was finally forced to relinquish its house.

Overcrowding in dorms was an important reason that they had not lost their house sooner, she said. However, when the new dorms were built, the Elon College Town Hall saw an opportunity to place the residents of the sorority house into dorms. Marcum said, "President Young and Dean Long helped a great deal. They did all that they could to help us keep our house."

Marcum also said that no one was to blame. "It's not the school's fault or the residents of the house. We got along very well with the neighbors and invited them to dinners and teas. We tried to keep good relations with everyone. There were not any discipline problems among the girls in the house."

Another issue involves the placement of the former residents of the house. According to Marcum, some of the girls have a suite in Maynard Dorm; several reside in other dorms. "Several of the residents have apartments off-campus. Since the loss of the house, we usually have our meetings at an apartment," Marcum added.

The women of Sigma do have

a bit of good news. Marcum said, "They (administration) told us that if a house is donated to the college, or if one is ever for sale, we would be the first ones considered."

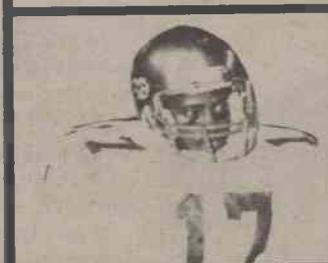
She concluded, "If we were going to lose our house, I'm glad that it happened now. Our sorority is pretty strong at this point, and everyone's attitudes are good."

Jesse Jackson

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Jones' big play helps Elon win

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