



# The Pendulum

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## Registration goes smoothly

# Apply to graduate now

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Classes have been in session for over a week, and the approximate enrollment is 2,450. Of these students, 1,600 completed registration by mail and 600 pre-registered, but did not complete by mail.

Registrar Mark Albertson reports that both registration and drop/add day passed smoothly. "I think a lot of that has to do with the fact that once you got into the gym, the lines in front of the computers were short - the shortest I've ever seen as registrar." Albertson attributes the success of registration and drop/add to the upgrading of the college computer system and the ability it provides to process students sooner.

"Usually, during the fresh-

man sign-up times, the lines are heavy. Now that the computers have been upgraded, it means that both pre-registration and registration will go faster and students won't have to wait as long to have their schedules processed."

One problem the registrar has discovered, is that an increasing number of students are drop/adding after the designated time. "They have to pay a \$10 fee and I'm finding more students are doing this. They have to do all their drop/add when we set time for it, or it all gets confusing."

The registrar will be ordering degrees within the next two weeks. Although the deadline to apply for graduation was Oct 31, Albertson reports that students are still applying for graduation. "I'm worried there

are people out there planning on graduating and I don't know anything about them," he said.

If students applied for graduation in the fall and see they can't meet graduation requirements, they can cancel their application and get their graduation fee back as long as this is done before the degrees are ordered.

Also, if there are any changes in a student's permanent or local address, the student must report the change to the registrar, or else this can cause a delay in mail. "I do the changes in here and by not reporting to me, it can prevent students from receiving mail from any of the offices."

Another reminder to students is that if students are going to class and not hearing their name on the roll, they should report to the registrar.

## Hold Fire!

Elon students Norm Arnene (left) and Paul Kennard (right) ready themselves against an oncoming snowball. Last Monday saw the season's first snowfall for the Piedmont Area, which closed down area schools and gave everyone a chance to see how Mother Nature can change the face of things.

# Civil Rights Leader Abernathy to speak here

In honor of Black History Month, Elon will sponsor "An Evening with the Rev. Ralph Abernathy" at 8 p.m. on Feb. 16th in Whitley Auditorium.

Abernathy first came to national recognition with his leadership in the Montgomery Ala., bus boycott of 1956, and later went on to work closely with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., in the fight for civil rights.

Immediately upon graduation from Alabama State University, he entered Atlanta University, where he received his Master's degree in the field of Sociology. He continued his Theological Training at the

Morehouse School of Religion and then he returned to his Alma Mater and accepted a position on the University staff, first as Personnel Director and later was promoted to the position of Dean of Men.

In Feb. of 1962, Dr. Abernathy was called as the Senior Pastor of the historic First Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., a position which he held for ten years. This job required his full time so the following Sept., he resigned his position as Professor of Social Sciences at Alabama State University to become the full time Pastor of Montgomery, Alabama's oldest black congregation.

In 1956, Dr. Abernathy organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott and later he became one of the founders of the Montgomery Improvement Association. In this organization he was elected to the position of Director of Programs and also led with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the Montgomery Bus Boycott for 381 days.

During this boycott, his home was bombed, his church dynamited, his car was taken away along with his family inheritance and all of this was sold at public auction to the highest bidder. He was sued for \$3,000.00 and his body was

beaten until thought to be dead.

Dr. Abernathy, the late Dr. King and others founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957 which was an outgrowth of the Montgomery Improvement Association. He and Dr. King marched together all the way from Montgomery to Memphis, being jailed more than fourteen times in their non violent quest to achieve justice for all mankind and to tear down the walls of segregation and discrimination. Their major victories included the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and The Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Dr. Abernathy rose to the duty of succeeding his closest friend and associate, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as President of the SCLC on April 4, 1968 when Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

In May of 1981, Dr. Abernathy organized the Foundation For Economic Enterprises Development (FEED). He presently serves as the founder, President and Chairman of the board of FEED. Thru this channel, unemployed youth and young adults are trained and found place of employment at the completion of their training period.



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