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**PIG PICKERS:** Elon students, left to right Laura Mahaffey, Mouche Maggio, Mo Sweeney, Lee Dufief and Bob Moser are all smiles in helping out with the pig pickin' and concert held last Saturday under the Oaks.

## News analysis

# Federal loan cuts would hurt Elon

By the editors of the Pendulum

In the fourth and final debate between Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Gov. Jim Hunt last Saturday night, Helms, speaking of student loans, said, "What may be needed is a tempering off, a leveling off, of student loans furnished in this country."

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The number of Elon students who would be affected by a total cutoff of federal financial aid is unknown. But Joanne Soliday, dean of admissions and financial aid, was able to provide the dollars and cents involved.

In the 1984-85 academic year, Elon students will receive \$2,445,000 in federal loans and aid. Of this, \$1,526,000 is National Direct Student Loans. Also, \$145,000 is supplementary Educational Opportunity Grants and \$513,000 in Pell Grants. Add to these latter figures, Soliday said, \$214,000 in federal work study and \$47,000 in "incomplete Pell grants."

Cuts along the lines of those proposed by Helms would spell definite trouble for Elon College. Helms has been touting his close ties to President Reagan. Reagan says he won't increase taxes to cut the huge federal deficit—Helms supports that.

But experts agree that cuts in the budget will have to be made if taxes aren't increased. Thus, Helms' thinking ("the private sector" should take care of students loans) could be reflected in

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Reagan's second administration budget-cuttig.

Already in Reagan's administration, the "net effect" of the president's cuts has been a 20 percent reduction in student aid from the federal government, according to Joe Berryhill, Walter Mondale's North Carolina press secretary.

"It's safe to say that if Reagan is re-elected, he'll cut student aid further," Berryhill predicted.

Berryhill also said that "If Congress had given Reagan all of the federal spending cuts he had requested, we think at least 1 million more students would have had to leave college."

Gov. Hunt, expressing his concern about Helms' views in the last debate, said, "I want everybody to think about who gets hurt if we don't have these funds available. It's the middle-class taxpayer."

Hunt also speculated on how widespread the effects would be if Helms would receive the cuts he so desires. He said, "20,000 North Carolina students would have to drop out of school tomorrow. I think this really shows what far-out positions Sen. Helms takes."

## Pig pickers gather, enjoy weekend

By Maureen Sweeney  
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More than 400 students and faculty gathered under the Oaks between McEwen Library and Long Student Center on Saturday afternoon to enjoy the first ever campus-wide pig pickin' and concert.

The event was co-sponsored by the student Government Association and the Senior Class.

Any students who chose this weekend for a road trip might have been wise to have considered staying. The weather could not have been more beautiful. At noon the sun was shining and lunch was served.

Four pigs were used to serve the crowd along with hamburgers, coleslaw and sodas provided by ARA. Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity was responsible for the pigs themselves; everything from slaughter to serving was supervised by Brian Batchelor (Grizz) and Tim Malone. The Pigs were cooked at College Town apartments. From start to finish they took more than 24 hours to prepare.

But, everyone will agree, it was well worth it.

Kilby and the Rule Breakers were the band for the day. They began playing at 12:30 but because of electrical problems had to stop for an hour or more after only three songs. The band's rock and roll sounds could be heard all over campus. The students who stayed until the band was to play again enjoyed the music.

Plans for this premiere event began during the summer. It was a large project to plan, but because of its success there will others like it. The organizers commented on the support they received. An effort like this one requires that groups both on and off campus work together and communicate throughout the planning process.

The Senior Class was responsible for the food. This required co-operation from ARA, TKE, Elon College Fire Department and other area businesses. Because of hard work on the part of all involved, the day was a success and won't be the last of its kind seen at Elon.

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