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Two-day 'vacation' set

Fall break added to 1985-86 year

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Around the middle of October, most Elon students were slaving away at their books and praying that they will pass their midterms. But in many other colleges and universities across North Carolina, students are enjoying fall break.

Why is it that other colleges have a fall break and Elon does not? According to Dr. Chris White, the vice president for Student Affairs, the issue of establishing a fall break has been raised for several years. White said that the problem was not due to opposition from the administration, but to the problems that would occur from a shortened semester. White also pointed out that a long fall break would take away from the fall semester and would mean an earlier return to school in the fall.

Bob Moser, the president of the Student Government Association, also agrees that the problem with a fall break is a shortened semester. "The main drawback of having a fall break is scheduling," said Moser. "Students would have to come back earlier than September."

Elon students can expect to have a fall break as early as next year. According to Dr. White, the new fall break is being worked into the calendar for 1985-86. "It will not be over two days long and will probably be part of a long weekend," said White. This short break will be scheduled after midterm exams.

This development began to take place a number of years ago with the students' demand for a fall break. The Student Government Association helped out by polling students and showing that a large majority of them wanted a fall break.

Unfortunately, the administration felt that the faculty did not want a fall break because the faculty did not like the idea of missing class time.

Once again the SGA stepped in and conducted a poll which included both students and faculty. Surprisingly the results showed that 80 percent of the faculty and an even greater percentage of the students were in favor of having a fall break. "With that much support, there was no way they could turn us down," said Moser.

When recently asked how they felt about the upcoming fall break, some Elon students were very enthusiastic. Tommy Taylor, a freshman, said, "I think it's great. We need to rest after midterms."

Other students are pleased about the new break also, but for different reasons. Linda Long, a junior, said, "I think it's a good idea because it's a long time from the beginning of school until Thanksgiving vacation."

Iris Matthews, a sophomore, said, "I think we should have one because everyone else does, although I can see why we haven't had one since we start school later."



Photo by Steve Pearce

Lookin' it over

Elon had its third fall semester visitation to let prospective students and parents look over Elon's campus and meet some students. Above, Pat White of the student admission committee shows Elon's points of interest. College officials said that they were pleased with the large number of visitors at this event.



Rabbi Arnold S. Task

Task to speak

Rabbi Arnold Task of Greensboro will speak at the Fall Worship Service at 7 p.m. next Tuesday. The service is to be held at Elon College Community Church.

A native of Chicago, Task is a graduate of the University of Chicago. He was ordained at Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, receiving a master's degree in Hebrew Letters.

Since 1968 Task has been the spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro. He is a member of the Human Relations Commission and the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust.

Task, besides speaking at the Worship Service, will speak to a class and visit with students. His topic at the Worship Service is "The Jewish Jesus and the Christian Christ." A reception will follow the service.

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