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lowest figures ever ...

Record-high enrollment; record-low minority numbers

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Jerry Adams and LaDonna
Martin also contributed to the
story.

Elon College has achieved a
record high enrollment this year,
but the total minority enrollment is
at a record low, according to
figures obtained by *The Pendulum*.
The figures show that out of 854
incoming students this year, only

59 are minority students, nearly all
of them black.

Faculty members say that on two
occasions they were told "75"
minority students were entering, a
growth contrasted with last year's
50 incoming minorities and
described by one administration of-
ficial as "as many as we've ever
had". The figure of 75 was said to
represent "8.7 percent" of the
entering class.

Vice President for Academic and
Student Affairs, Dr. Warren Board,
said that at the time those figures
were released, there were 75
minorities enrolled. "They were
enrolled and had paid deposits but
had later decided to drop out (not
to enroll). This group of students
has more of a problem staying with
us, and I'm not sure I know why,"
he said.

According to Registrar statistics,
there were 3,225 students enrolled

at Elon last year. Of that, 168 were
black, making up 5.2 percent of the
enrollment. This year, there are on-
ly 149 black students out of the
record high 3,314 total student
enrollment. That is the lowest

percentage of black students in over
thirteen years.

The highest that percentage has
been came in 1983 when blacks

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Rape: the most common crime occurring on college campuses

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Information from *Sexual Assault on Cam-
puses: What Colleges Can Do*.

First in a series

Western university, a freshman
returned to her room and
went to sleep after attending a dor-
my party at which there had
been excessive drinking.
Sometime later, a male student
had been at the same party
and returned to her door, forced his way
into her room, pinned her down on the bed,
and raped her. The next day, with
the encouragement of a friend, the
victim reported the attack to cam-
pus authorities.

Nevertheless, for weeks after-
wards, she saw her assailant on

campus every day. He lived down
the hall in the same dorm.

Rape is the most prevalent and
serious violent crime committed on
college campuses. A recent survey
of over 6,000 students from 32 col-
leges published in the *Journal of
Consulting and Clinical Psychology*
showed that one out of every six
female students reported having
been a victim of rape or attempted
rape during the preceeding year.
During that same time, one out of
every 15 male students confessed to
committing rape or attempted rape.

Rape occurs when one person
forces another person to have sex-
ual intercourse against the other's
will. With so many rapes occur-
ring on college campuses, some ad-

ditional terms have been created.
Sexual assaults that occur on
campuses-in residence halls, frater-
nity houses, parking lots, libraries,
walkways, and other locations-are
called "campus rapes."

Although some attackers are
strangers, the majority are people
that victims know. These assaults
are called "acquaintance rapes."
This is the most prevalent form of
rape at colleges across the country.
The attackers don't even have to be
casual acquaintances; it can be a
date or boyfriend.

Despite the relationship, the
criminal laws and punishments are

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Helping hunger: While her parents walked in the annual CROP
march last Sunday, this little girl found it much better to ride.

photo by Sam Walker

Students, faculty participate in 10th annual CROP walk

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Approximately 4,000 people
participated in the 10th annual
CROP walk last Sunday.

Among this group were 30
members of the Elon faculty and
student body as well as a 79
year-old participant who com-
pleted the 10-mile walk from
Burlington Stadium.

The expected revenue is \$112
thousand which will keep
Alamance County among the
highest per capita money
earners.

Twenty-five percent of the
proceeds will go to the com-

munity to aid a number of pro-
jects such as Meals on Wheels,
Family Abuse Center, Homeless
Shelter, and the Salvation Army.

The CROP walk is part of a
world hunger agency that helps
people both domestically and in-
ternationally.

CROP, which stands for
Church-Rural-Overseas-Project,
began after World War II when
the Mid-West sent wheat and
grain to Europe.

County-wide Co-Coordinator
Sharon Walters-Bower said, "We
couldn't do anything without the
help of the walkers and their
sponsors. They are the stars of
the show."

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Homecoming preview

by Janet Bradshaw
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Centennial homecoming week
will begin this Tuesday.

Rob Borgstrom, S.G.A. presi-
dent, is one of those in charge of
planning the week's events. Accord-
ing to him, "We're still in the
planning stages. We have yet to
meet with the organization
leaders."

However, Borgstrom was able to
give a general scope of what the
week's events will be.

The way the homecoming queen
will be selected is by number of
events, each constituting a certain
percent of the final decision for
queen.

Tuesday will be a fund raising
night. Each organization will be
responsible for setting up a booth
in O'Kelly Square, weather permit-
ting, with some type of money-
making idea. Proceeds from all the
booths will go to a non-profit
organization. The recipient will be

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