

Trustee, Eure, will retire as board chairman in May

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The Honorable Thad Eure announced at the annual fall meeting of the Elon College Board of Trustees that he will step down as chairman of the board at the end of this current academic year.

"Elon College is just 10 years older than I am," Eure said during a press conference yesterday in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

"I don't know of any institution that has had a chairman on the board of trustees serve as long as I have. Elon College is a part of my life, and I'm so proud that it is."

Eure has been a member of the Elon College Board of Trustees for 17 years, serving as chairman for 14 years.

Eure also served as Secretary of State for the last 52 years, and announced his retirement earlier this year. Prior to serving as Secretary of State, he was mayor of Winton and a member of the State House of Representatives.

Eure said, "It seems to me that I'm retiring from everything I'm a member of, except one thing. I'm not retiring from my grandfather's church."

Eure said that his grandparents on both sides of his family were strong supporters of the Christian Church which founded Elon College.

Eure said he has seen all the other members of the board join in his 47 years of service, and his decisions have not been challenged by any board member. "I have driven over 30,000 miles to come to this campus for the Board of Trustees."

Fred Young, president of Elon College, praised Eure's leadership and expressed regret that Eure is retiring. "Mr. Eure's retirement will be a great loss to Elon college. During his 34 years as chairman—a time of unprecedented growth and progress—there has been almost complete harmony on the Elon board. This stability alone is testimony to his character and in-

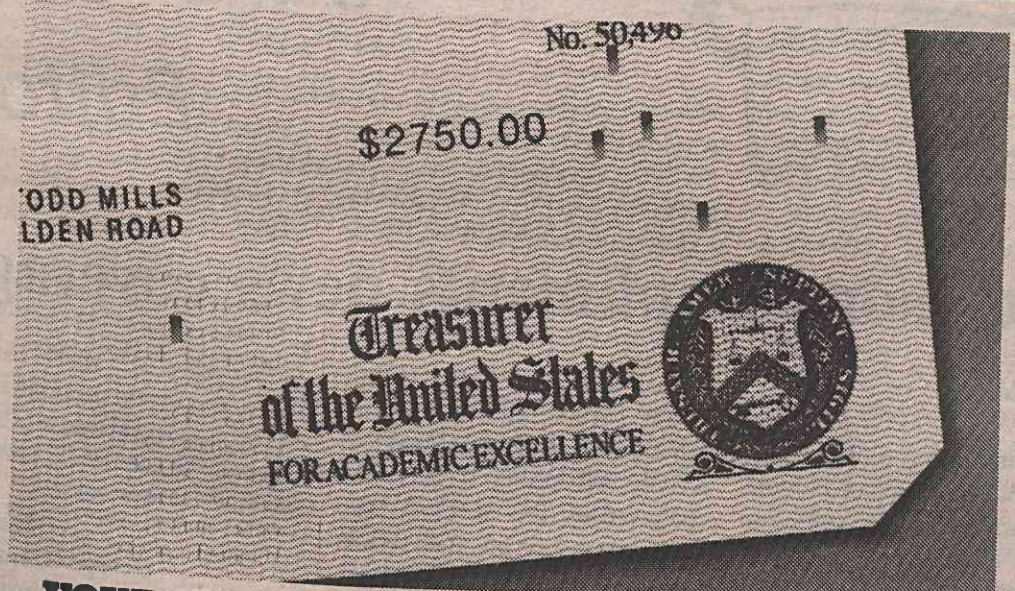


Another winner: Dawn Brown, Sir Walter Mack, and Chris Swann participate in the Black Cultural Society's basketball shooting contest during Carnival Night as part of the week's homecoming activities. Photo by Pat Hobin

tegrity, to his effectiveness as a leader, and to the selfless nature of his service," Young said.

Young said that Eure represents the college's stability of leadership. In the last 55 years, Elong has had only one other chairman of the board and three presidents.

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