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Carter to reaffirm a tradition of service

Former President Jimmy Carter will deliver the keynote address at Elon College's Centennial Convocation on April 25 at 7:45 p.m. in Alumni Gym. The public is invited to attend, free of charge.

President Carter will arrive on campus at 4:30 p.m. His first engagement is a question-and-answer seminar with 60 students and 15 faculty and staff members. Following the one-hour seminar, he will be honored at a special dinner with donors and friends of the college. At 7:00 p.m. he will hold a brief press conference before his 7:45 p.m. address.

President Carter's address will kick off a three-day symposium entitled "Reaffirming a Tradition of Service." In his remarks President Carter will challenge the audience to broaden its commitment to service and increase its awareness of humanitarian concerns—a theme central to the symposium focus, according to organizers Drs. Chalmers Brumbaugh and George Broxler.

"Our purpose is to help students recognize that service is a vital part of education and intrinsic to one's personal and professional

life," Brumbaugh noted. "President Carter is an excellent example of an individual who epitomizes service." Symposium coordinators extended the invitation to Carter more than a year ago.

Since the completion of his presidency, Carter has become very active in the Habitat for Humanity project, an international program to construct low-cost housing. Elon has a campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity and has assisted the local chapter in the construction of several houses.

On Wednesday, April 26, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., 12 concurrent panels will discuss opportunities for service within representative professions.

Dr. John Sullivan, Maude Sharpe Powell Professor of Philosophy and coordinator of the panels with Dr. Rosemary Haskell, will deliver the opening remarks. In specified locations throughout the campus, well-known professionals from throughout the state will address the particular service components within their career areas.

On Wednesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. John R. Georgius, chairman and chief executive officer of First

Union National Bank of North Carolina, will discuss service as part of a profession. His talk is scheduled for the Fine Arts Theatre and is open to the public, free of charge.

To explore the opportunities for service within the community, a special issues seminar and agency fair will be held on Thursday, April 27, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in locations across campus.

Seminar topics range from "Suicide: Who is at Risk?" and "Dispute Settlement--Out of Court" to "The Prisoner's Return to Community" and "Recycling Elon." More than 30 agencies will provide information booths at the Agency Fair on Scott Plaza.

To conclude the symposium, Wayne Meisel will speak on the topic "Students Making a Difference" in the Fine Arts Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27. Meisel is an '82 graduate of Harvard and founder of Campus Outreach and Opportunity League (COOL), which organizes service and leadership opportunity programs on campuses across the nation.

Service medallion and mace to be introduced

For the first time in Elon College's 100-year history an official college mace will be carried at the head of the formal academic procession at the Centennial Convocation on April 25.

The mace has been made possible through a gift from the estate of E. M. Martin and is in memory of one of Elon's most beloved professors, Dr. Alonzo L. Hook. Dr. J. Earl Danieley, former president of the college and senior

members of the faculty, will have the honor of carrying the mace in the convocation procession.

An ancient symbol of authority, the mace is an ornamental staff featuring Elon's most representative symbols. The college seal in gold tops a five-sided, sterling silver replica of the brick colonnades, complete with open arches and chasing to imitate the brick work.

The colonnades represent strength and stability of the college as well as the five dimensions of a liberal arts education. The five-sided figure forms a pentagon, the Greek symbol of the universe.

The shaft of the mace, also made of sterling, has four distinct sections representing the four years of study and is decorated with symbols of the oak, Elon's namesake. Fluted silver bands alternate with bands of oak leaves and bright silver. A gold acorn, representing the seed of learning, is carved at the end of the shaft.

The mace, which was hand-

crafted in Portugal, is approximately 40 inches in length and weighs 12 pounds. The original model was designed by Elon graduate Gayle Fishel '78.

The mace will be carried at all official college functions, and when not in use, will be on display in a specially designed case.

The first Elon College Medallions for exceptional service will be conferred at the Centennial Convocation.

The recipients of the prestigious new award will be the Honorable Thad Eure and Dr. J. Earl Danieley.

The Medallion is awarded to individuals who in some official capacity have rendered outstanding service to the college.

Eure has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for 52 years and as a chairman for 34. Dr. J. Earl Danieley is an Elon graduate, the Thomas E. Powell Professor of Chemistry, former president of the college and current director of planned giving.

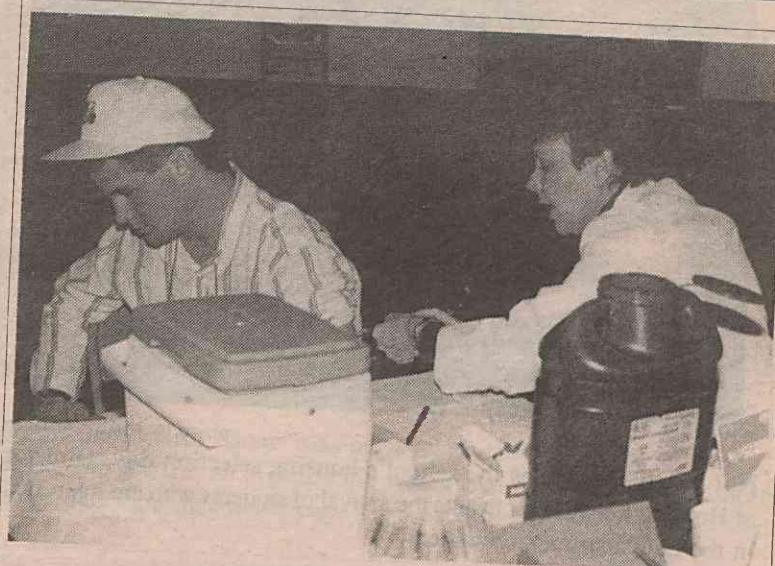


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Better safe than sorry. A nurse gives Kenyon Rump his dose of antitoxin during last week's inoculation process. Around 1000 students and faculty members were vaccinated in Jordan Gym.

Campus responds to measles alert

by Mindy Schneeberger
Editor

After the initial shock of last week's red measles case wore off, the inoculation process began to run smoothly. Notices were sent to everyone on campus under the age of 32 who had received his childhood measles shot before the age of 15 months; professors were asked to notify those students in their classes who were affected by the inoculation process.

The Alamance County Health Department assisted the school's Student Affairs Office in coordinating the three-day inoculation process. A makeshift "clinic" was established in Jordan Gym, and students and faculty were encouraged to get their antitoxin before Friday afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

According to College Nurse Janie Salter, close to 1000 people were inoculated within the three-day period. While most of the recipients of the warning notices reported to get their vaccine, others presented positive proof that their medical records had been updated.

Salter says that, as expected, Health Services received a number of phone calls from concerned individuals. She also says that she was quite pleased with student response to the problem and reports that the entire process went "as smoothly as it could have gone."

For 88 students, however, things became rather rough on Monday

morning. In following with a state directive, Health Services compiled a list of those individuals who had not received their vaccine or provided proof of inoculation. Those people were asked to leave campus until they could present a "clearance slip."

Salter sent many of these students to the county health department, but those who could not be vaccinated were not permitted to remain on campus Monday night.

The situation was especially difficult for those people who were sick and thus unable to take the antitoxin. For them, the entire incident was simply ironic: as if it were not bad enough that the student was ill, he or she was banned from classes because of an unfortunate twist of fate.

Salter says that as soon as these students are well enough to receive their dose and provide proof of vaccination, they will be allowed to return to their classes and on-campus housing.

According to the state directive, the school's "clearance date" is April 24, which will allow two weeks to pass between the report of the initial case and the time at which the campus is no longer considered threatened by the virus.

If another case should be confirmed, however, an additional two weeks must pass before the ban is lifted. Until then, the state says that it is "business as usual" for "off-campus" people coming to Elon for whatever reason.