

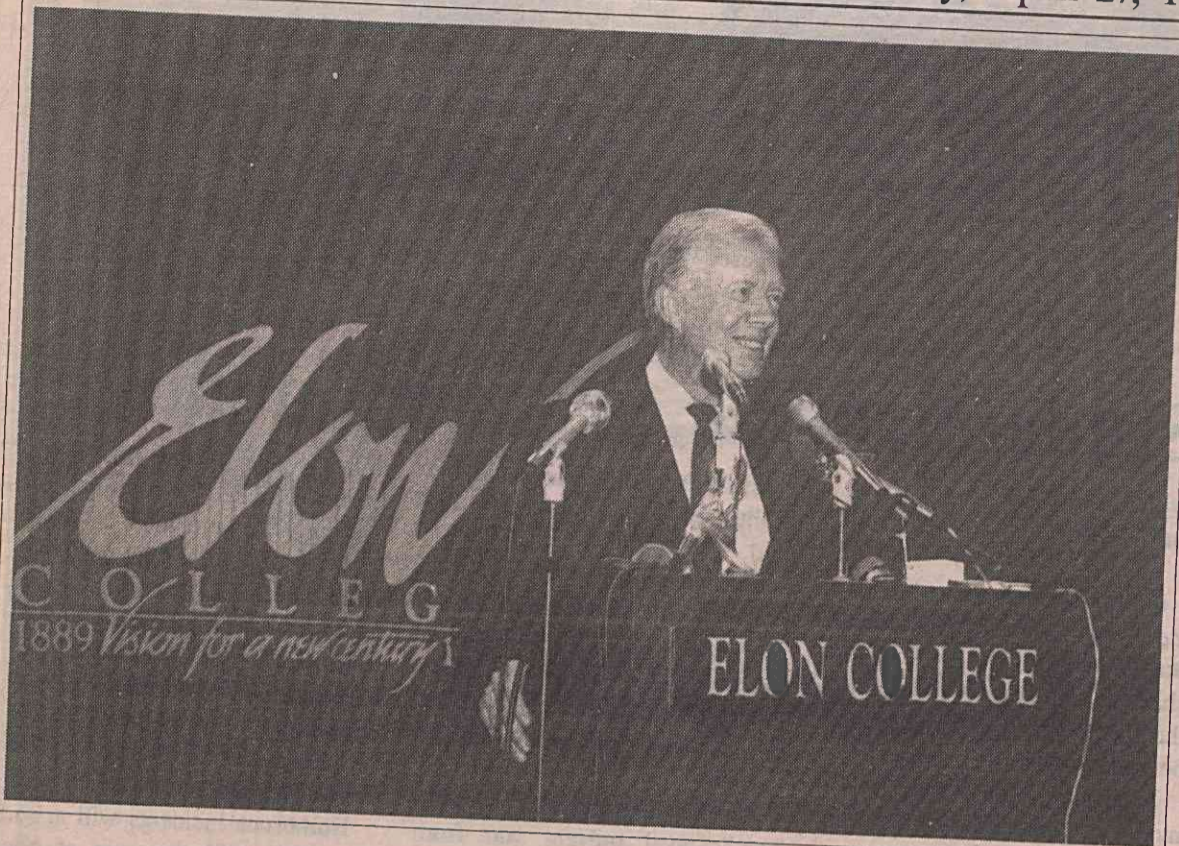
# The Pendulum

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Responding to questions. Former president Jimmy Carter answers questions posed by members of the media. Photo by Pat Hobin

## Carter talks service

by Murray Glenn  
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"The educational system has suffered tremendously through the previous administration," said former Pres. Jimmy Carter here Tuesday. "When I left office there was not a single American child who was deprived of a quality education because of a lack of financial support."

The former president was speaking at a press conference in the

of society. We have expanded operations to where we are now working with twenty-eight foreign counties."

Carter continued, "This project is unique because the beneficiaries work for everything they are given. They must pay for their house after it is completed and they have moved in."

While visiting Elon, Carter dropped by the local Habitat for Humanity chapter and lent his support to the staff.

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-Jimmy Carter

Fine Arts Center prior to his centennial keynote speech.

Responding to questions on a variety of topics, Carter said he feels the United States and Soviet Union have an unusually good opportunity to improve their relationship.

"Our relationship with Russia can be very strong because Mr. (Mikhail) Gorbachev is such a popular leader with the American people.

"He has shown an ability to catch the public's imagination with his statements and his imagination. His actions have made him a person that the general masses cannot help but like.

"Mr. Gorbachev has a public approval rate of 75 percent in the United States while Mr. Reagan had a approval rate of 54 percent when he left office."

On another subject, the 39th president was asked why he got involved in the Habitat for Humanity housing project. He responded, "It is the perfect opportunity for people to put their Christian faith into a practical application."

He added, "Habitat for Humanity gives people the opportunity to work with people from all aspects

Supporters call Carter one of the most mis-perceived presidents, whose desire to do good Americans failed to recognize.

Carter was unable to accomplish his goals. An unstable economy, the Iranian hostage crisis, and a faulty public image prohibited the president from taking advantage of his humane qualities.

In his centennial convocation address, Carter told the student body how important it was for them to give something back to the community that has given so much to them. He stressed how important it is for students to set their goals high and not let anything deter them.

Carter's speech included several references toward people in his life who he felt exemplified "service." Billy Carter, the president's late brother and a man portrayed as a buffoon in the press, was one of the people the former president talked about.

He told his audience how Billy finally conquered alcoholism and became a model of service before cancer killed him. This reference to his late brother demonstrated Carter's stated belief that there is the capacity for service in us all.

## More Centennial celebration

by Lyn Linke  
Staff Writer

This Saturday, says the college administration, there will be something for everyone at the Elon College Open House.

The open house is being billed as a "thank you" to the community for supporting Elon for 100 years, with activities for all ages.

According to Lela Faye Rich, coordinator for activities, the day will have something for each member of the family, ranging from classes to outside fun.

Sixty professors and 150 students will take part. The professors will be teaching classes on topics ranging from a course on suicide to one on writing your memoirs.

Some of the classes will focus primarily on children, such as "Beginning Piano" and "Mathematical Fun."

The classes will require no homework, so even college students might want to attend.

There will be pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, computer games, jugglers, and an obstacle course for all ages. Also there will be a place to tie-dye T-shirts and even a class on how to make paper airplanes. If you get tired of being outside you can always go into Long Student Center and watch classic cartoons.

If you would like a photo to remember your day there will be an old-time photographer or you can get your picture made with the Fightin' Christian and Elon cheerleaders.

Each Alumni is asked to participate in an oral history project. Just stop by the tent and record your favorite memory of Elon.

At 12:45 Elon will celebrate its birthday with a four-by-eight birthday cake the shape of Alamance

building. Along with this birthday cake there will be plenty of food and drinks for everybody at low prices (25-cent drinks).

The food will include foot-long hot dogs, cotton candy, pies, and lemon shake-ups.

To top off all this fun at 8 p.m. Saturday night there will be a variety show. This show will include skits performed by the Elon College faculty. One example would be Dr. Fred Young's own edition of "Who's the Boss?"

For each class that you take and game that you participate in, you will receive a credit slip. At the end of the day the person with the most slips will win a Apple IIc Plus color system computer and printer. The more activities you attend the more chances you have for the drawing at 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited to watch the Greek Week events and listen to the bands that will be playing in Thompson Court. At 4 p.m. at Rudd field you can float in a hot air balloon and view Elon from the sky.

In case of rain the outdoor activities will resume when the rain has stopped. It will be a great day to show Elon is still strong after 100 years.

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