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Moving In



Students prepare for the year ahead by first unloading their belongings. A whole day is devoted to moving into dorm rooms and apartments. The summers get shorter and shorter every year!

Earth Watch '89

People to talk about making Elon a model community

By Chip Lupo

Susan Meeker-Lowry, author of *Economics as if the Earth Really Mattered*, kicks off "Earth Watch '89," a five-day symposium at Elon College to run from September 17-21. Meeker-Lowry's 7:30 p.m. starting time on Sunday the 17th will be the first of a number of presentations, all with proposals geared toward making Elon College "a model community in its own environmental practices and affording its faculty and students ways of contributing to a healthy environment."

Meeker-Lowry will open the event by challenging "the notion that the earth is an inert collection of resources we may manipulate indiscriminately." Meeker-Lowry also will appear on Monday the 18th at 4 p.m., with a presentation from her current book-in-progress *Bringing the Rain Forests Home*, in which she will discuss the connections "between ourselves and the cutting of tropical rain forests."

Sponsored by the Elon College Chaplain's Office as well as the Cultural Affairs Office and the Student Union Board, Earth Watch '89 also will offer a "Concert for the Earth" by folk musician John McCutcheon at 8 p.m. on Monday, September 18th. The concert and both Meeker-Lowry presentations will be held in the Fine Arts Center.

"The Paul Winter Consort will present "Missa Gaia" at College Chapel in Whitley Auditorium at 9:30 a.m., kicking off Tuesday's events. At 4:30 p.m. in Whitley, Cousteau Society representative David Brown will discuss Marine environmental issues. At 7:30 in the Fine Arts Center, Brown will give a slide presentation on "our oceans as dumping grounds". On Wednesday, September 20th, in

the Duke Science Building, from 3 to 5 p.m., faculty members will give minilectures and demonstrations of environmental phenomena, including the "greenhouse effect" and "acid rain".

Earth Watch '89 concludes on Thursday the 21st with assorted presentations at Scott Plaza. Scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m., representatives from the state Conservation Council, Land Stewardship and Clean Water Fund and the Alamance Soil and Water Conservation Staff will be among the groups present. Immediately thereafter, a roundtable discussion will begin in Whitley Auditorium. Campus and environmental leaders will meet to discuss the creation of Elon College as a "Model community" for environmental concerns.

Elon College's chaplain, the Rev. Richard McBride, is primarily responsible for the coordination of Earth Watch '89. He feels that a symposium devoted primarily to environmental issues is long overdue. McBride says it is "timely for us as a whole college community to discover ways in which we can be environmentally responsible."

Having been involved in college life for more than 20 years, McBride is quick to note that "ecology", once a mainstay on college campuses in the early 1970s, is regaining popularity as a major issue among today's college students.

Last year, as an environmental precaution, the Elon College SGA made stick a resolution that would eventually ban styrofoam products from the campus. The resolution, according to McBride, was a major step in bringing Earth Watch '89 to the Elon campus. McBride adds that he is pleased to see the SGA involved with environmental concerns and says the styrofoam issue "fed my energies" for the planning of Earth Watch '89.

Andrew Young To Speak

by Murray Glenn

Mayor Andrew Young of Atlanta, Ga., highlights Elon College's 101st academic year. On Tuesday, the college community will gather to hear Young discuss education for public service.

Young first rose to national prominence in 1961 when he joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the largest and most effective civil rights group at the time.

He eventually became executive director and chief strategist for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Young contributed heavily to the Civil Rights movement throughout the 1960s. Young was most effective as a behind-the-scenes negotiator,

persuading the white power structure to implement desegregation program...

Along with other civil rights leaders, Young helped write the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

After King's assassination in 1968, Young worked with the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy to organize the massive Poor People's March on Washington. This action resulted in the passage of federal anti-poverty legislation. Young helped initiate social change in the late 1960s by organizing community action groups and voter registration drives.

Young was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1972, becoming the first black to represent Georgia in 101 years.

He served in the House until he was appointed as American Ambassador to the United Nations in 1977 by Pres. Jimmy Carter.

Young was elected mayor of Atlanta in 1982. During his two terms as mayor, the city has experienced unparalleled periods of growth.

In the past seven years, more than 357,000 new jobs have been created in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Private investors insured the city's future stability by investing more than \$67.7 billion during the Young administration.

Kay Jackson, a member of Young's administrative staff in Atlanta, commented, "Since Mr. Young is not allowed to serve a third term as mayor, he has decided to enter the 1990 race for governor of Georgia."