

# The Pendulum

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## Pig pickin'



photo by William Hassell

Despite the bad weather, parents and students gathered at the Lodge for a Parents' Weekend Pig Pickin'

## Beat the rush Apply now for graduation, registrar says

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Prospective graduates are advised to register for graduation now, before the rush. Mark Albertson, Elon's Registrar, has set an October 20 deadline for taking graduation applications for October 20. Seniors who are going to graduate in December 1989 or winter or spring of 1990 need to apply immediately.

Seniors should report to the Registrar's Office and pick up an application to fill out. They then need to take the completed form to the Cashier's Office, where they will pay \$33 for an undergraduate and \$35 for a Masters degree.

The application then needs to be taken back to the registrar's office, where the potential graduate can make an

appointment to see Albertson. When seniors meet with the registrar, they need to bring the application so they can go over their records.

"I expect there will be approximately 600 students applying for graduation this year," said Albertson. "At this point, I've met with about 250, so I have about 350 to go. I'm afraid everyone will wait until the deadline and I'll get backed up. Then they'll end up being pushed into pre-registration."

Albertson wants to stress the importance of meeting with him before pre-registration. He said that the registrar's office indicated 600 students will apply for graduation in the spring but only about 530 will graduate on time.

Approximately 70 students will have a postponed graduation in the summer. Reasons for this

delay vary from the student's failing to maintain a 2.0 grade point average either in the student's major or overall. Others fail a course during their senior year and therefore do not meet the requirements for their major or the 126 hours necessary for graduation.

Still other students become confused about the advanced study requirements, which dictate that everyone must complete 12 semester hours of junior-senior level courses in disciplines outside of the student's major. These courses must be chosen from at least three different areas of Liberal Studies.

"Last year we graduated 528 in May and 69 in August for summer graduation," said Albertson. "I think this year the numbers will be almost identical."

## Young responds to student concerns

by Rena Mauldin  
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The ability to enhance the awareness of campus concerns was the central aspiration SGA's president, Ed Boswell, had when bringing about an open forum.

The forum was composed of President Fred Young and students Bret Becker, George Covington, and Laurel Underwood.

It was held in the TV Studio of the Fine Arts Building September 27, Wednesday at 10 a.m.

"It was the first time I had ever set something like this up. I wanted to break ground and let students be aware of the things that exist on this campus," Boswell said.

Boswell said that he chose the people on the panel in order to know what type of questions would arise and to know what area of questions could be focused upon.

During the forum, President Young said that money that was being spent on a new pond for East Apartments would add to the beauty of the campus and enhance the attractiveness.

However, when student George Covington asked the president if money could be used to increase the salaries of paid tutors, Young said that a continual budget would be required if a tutor's salary was increased. He said that the funds for the pond would be spent once because it was going towards a specific project.

Young said that the market determines the salary pay and that Elon's pay for student workers is similar to other campuses.

Junior Laurel Underwood raised the issue of parking and possible expansion. Young said that there are 914 spaces that have been added in the last six years.

Young said that convenience and closeness is the problem with parking. He said that a task force is currently studying the

problem; however, there will probably be no significant increase.

Young said he wants to enhance the quality of the academic program and desires for every man and woman to leave Elon with a quality education.

Bret Becker brought up the discussion of building more Greek houses. Young said that there is a possibility to build more, but Greek organizations need a large membership in order to obtain houses.

Young said that balance is needed between the organizations and the houses. He said that he wants more organizations than houses.

When the issue of safe sex was raised, Young said that he is concerned about humanity. He said that education was the key to safe sex.

The president said that condoms present a lack of class. Condoms are private and personal. Young said that condom machines would not have a direct effect. Young said that if a person wished to buy a condom, that person could do so at a Pantry or nearby store.

The president said that within the next five years, he would like to see Elon be the most progressive of any private college.

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Boswell said that he intends to present another forum and would like to invite Police Chief Dan Ingle, Director of Safety and Security, Terry Creech or Director of Foods Services, Bill Butler.

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