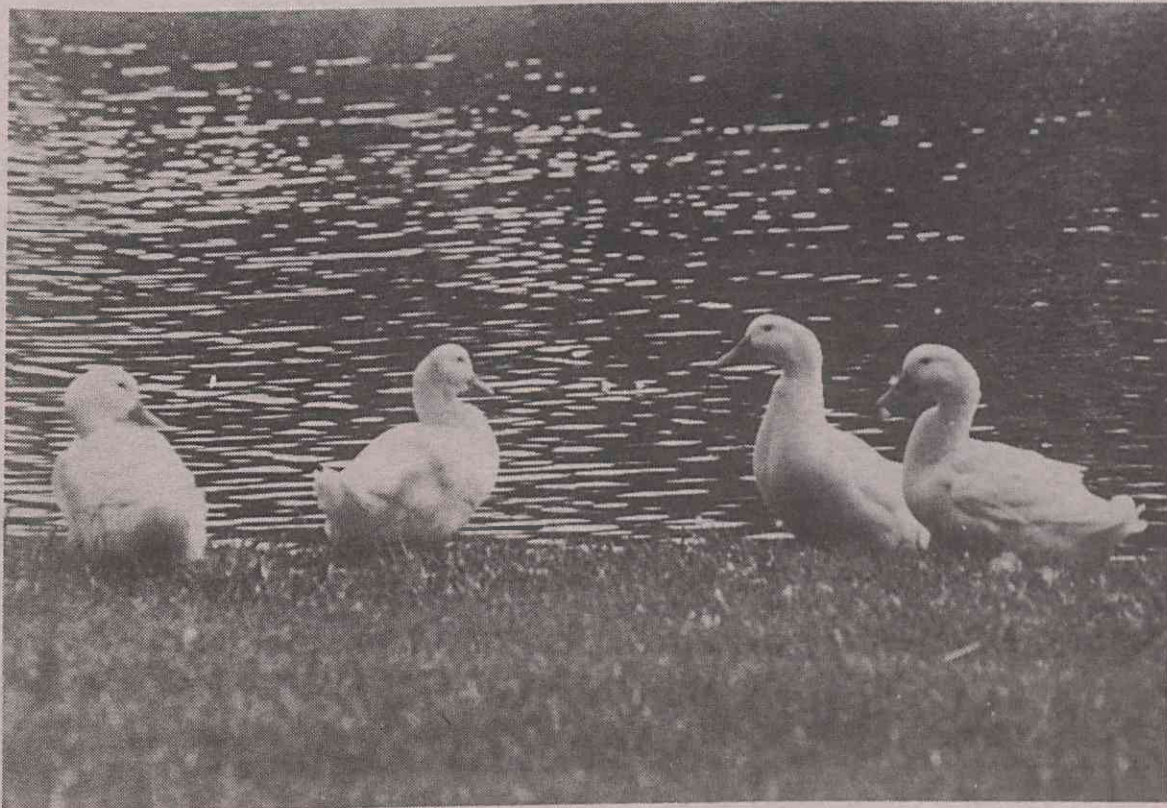


# The Pendulum

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## Scenes of serenity

Pendulum staff photographer Scott Lansing took advantage of the final days of summer. He captured the newest members to Elon's duck family lounging around lake Mary Nell. Not many of us have the time to relax by the water as they do. Life should be so easy.

Scott also took an artistic approach to illustrate the delicate aspects of nature.

He shows us how simple things can be quite interesting.



## Poindexter takes leave of absence

Kelly Potter  
The Pendulum

Robert "Bob" Poindexter, Vice President for Administrative Services, has taken an indefinite leave of absence.

Poindexter's absence is for personal and professional rest, said Pat Kinney, director of public information.

Poindexter's leave of absence began on Wednesday.

No one in particular will be taking Poindexter's place during his absence. His staff will assume his responsibilities for the time being, said Kinney.

Poindexter is a native of Franklin, N.C. He came to Elon in 1986. Prior to joining the Elon staff, Poindexter was an administrator for the Burlington



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City Schools. He received his B.A. and M.S. degrees from Western Carolina University.

Poindexter is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington. He is also a Councilman on the Burlington City Council.

## Book Gallery responds to student complaints

Heather Whitehouse  
The Pendulum

The Book Gallery encountered angry and impatient students last week after they waited in line for hours to buy their books for classes.

"The lines and the fact that they ran out of books was absolutely ridiculous," said Alison Hoefler, a junior at Elon. "It was a lot faster when the books were in the campus shop. It was more convenient."

Willie Williams, manager of the Book Gallery, said he anticipated long lines, but not the hours of waiting.

The long lines were due to register problems, according to Williams, who said they had been expecting new registers that had not arrived.

"We had problems with the old ones all along. So instead of using four registers we only had

two operating," Williams said. "At one point we only had one running."

Mike Townsend, a senior at Elon, said even before when you had to wait for help you could try and find your own books. "It took only a quarter of the time then," Townsend said. "They need to hire more people too."

Williams feels the problem was not centered around a lack of people working. "Space is limited and the more people in there the more running into each other they do," Williams said. "We tried to use a number of people for the amount of space available."

Another student, Lara Lee Marshall, a senior, said she did not believe the new location was efficient. "I don't like the fact that someone else picks out my used books. Some used books are worth having and others aren't," Marshall said. "As far as

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