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THIS WEEK

■ Work begins this weekend on the Habitat for Humanity home on the college campus. The groundbreaking ceremony will be on Sunday at 2 p.m.

■ Beginning Sunday is the Week of Wellness. A three-hour aerobic-athon is scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m. in Alumni Gym.

■ It's only about an hour's drive to Catawba College (Interstate 85 toward Charlotte until the Catawba exit) for the South Atlantic Conference men's basketball tournament.

Action continues through Saturday.

THE PAST

A year ago: Two hundred Elon students tested for tuberculosis learned that all of the tests were negative. The 200 students were thought to have been exposed to a student having the disease in Fall 1989.

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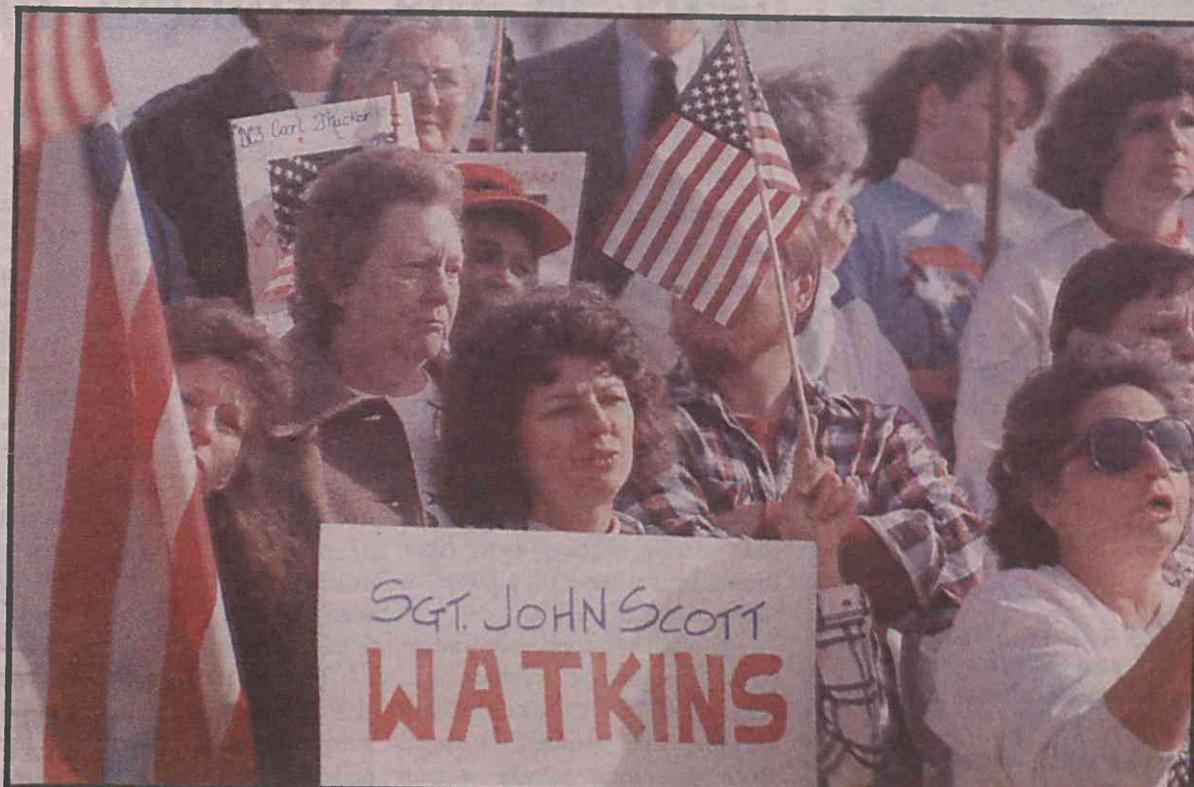
■ Dr. Isabella Cannon was a freshman at Elon College in 1921. She recently was awarded the Elon College Medallion for longstanding and generous support of the college. See story, Page 5.

■ "The lovejoys" will play at the Lighthouse on March 15. The band is made up of three Elon graduates and one Elon student. See story, Page 7.

■ The baseball and softball teams are opening their seasons. The softball preview story is on Page 10. The baseball preview is on Page 11.

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Gibsonville rally generated support for troops in the Persian Gulf.

Town shows support

Ground War brings crisis close to home

Kelly Potter
The Pendulum

Red, white and blue decorated the sky on Sunday as members of the Gibsonville community gathered to show their support for the troops in the Gulf, one day after the Ground War had begun.

Flags, old and new swayed in the breeze, some were even made out of sticks and curtain rods.

People weren't the only ones supporting the troops. Dogs wearing American t-shirts and sweaters stood by their owners.

The support rally began at Ken's Quickie Mart on Burlington Avenue and resumed at the Gibsonville Minneloa Ballpark. Poems, prayers and speeches filled the air. Sadness showed on many faces.

Children marched along side of their parents carrying flags and home made signs. Whether or not they fully understood the importance or sentiment, they



A young supporter

participated.

Jackie White, chief organizer of the parade, was emotionally motivated to put it together.

"My husband was in Vietnam," she said. "I know what it's like. I wish this had happened then, that they had showed me they cared."

White is also president of the business and professional women's organization. The support parade was also a club project for her organization. "I didn't expect this many people to show up. I hoped so though," she said.

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Gibsonville Town Manager Chris Rath said approximately 400 to 500 people attended the rally.

Rep. Bertha "B" Holt, D-Alamance, said she was delighted to take part in something patriotic.

"The Ground War means lives. It has made us think twice about our men and women in the Gulf," Holt said.

"We have to remember there are many differences of opinion and that's why we're fighting for our democracy," she said.

Despite war protests, Holt believes even the protestors support our troops.

Dwight Epperson sang, "Proud to be an American" toward the end of the rally. Flags swayed back and forth, heads bowed, tears streamed down many faces.

Participants marched back the way they came carrying signs that read: Saddam Hussein is insane.

Fire guts students' housing

Murray Glenn
The Pendulum

Kym Stearns and her roommate Bonnie Richard had a bad day on Tuesday. Their apartment at #7 Sheridan Place was destroyed by a fire that broke out late Tuesday morning.

Early reports from the Elon College Fire Department indicate that the fire started in a closet off of one of the two bedrooms. The fire quickly engulfed the whole apartment. Elon College Fire Chief Eddie King said that the cause of the fire is being listed as accidental. Mr. King went on to say that the apartment was completely destroyed by the blaze.

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Bombs explode; students safe

Kelly Potter
The Pendulum

A bomb exploded in Victoria station in London, Monday, Feb. 18. It left 40 wounded and one person dead. Another bomb went off around 4:30 a.m. in Paddington station, just one stop from the Warwick Avenue stop, where 30 Elon College students are staying for the semester.

All students were in their flats when the bomb exploded. Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of International Affairs Bill Rich said everyone was calm about the situation. He said some students called home to reassure their parents, but he received no phone calls from parents.

In a telephone interview with
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