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THIS WEEK

■ Come see the battle of the bands on Friday. The action begins at 7 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

■ Elon's second football game of the season is Saturday night at North Carolina Central University. If you can't make it, listen to the game on the Elon Sports Network on WSOE - FM (89.3). Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

■ Mr. James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs will be on campus Wednesday to participate in the Fall Symposium. He will be speaking at 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

THE PAST

Five Years Ago: Former President Gerald Ford visited Elon. He spoke on the changes needed in the political campaign spending, and the arms race.

Fourteen years ago: WSOE went on the air for the first time on September 29, 1977. Regular broadcasting did not begin until the next week. In its early days, WSOE was on the air five hours a day, five days a week.

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Vandals damage sculpture

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On Saturday, vandals damaged one of the two freestanding sculptures that are located behind the Fine Arts Center.

Campus Security reports say that the incident happened at approximately 1:45 a.m. Sunday morning. Terry Creech, director of campus security, said his officers were drawn to the scene by the noise of the statue hitting the brick patio.

A witness to the act told the campus security staff that they saw three or four white males tip the statue over. The witness went on to say that they were not able to get close enough to get a description of the vandals.

The damaged piece is a stainless steel statue that is rectangular in shape and weighs between 1400-1600 pounds. The piece has an appraised value of

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Convocation speaker: Parker Palmer

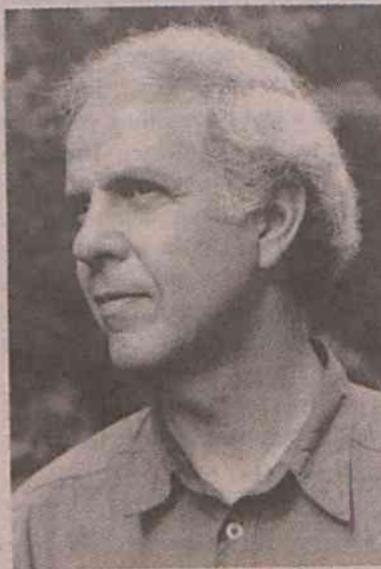
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Elon's fourth annual convocation, to be held September 17 Under The Oaks at 11 a.m., will feature one of the hottest speakers in the academic circuit today, writer Parker J. Palmer.

Palmer travels the country and abroad speaking and delivering workshops in areas of education, community, spirituality and social change. He emerged onto the higher education scene after a celebrated appearance at the 1987 annual meeting of the American Association for Higher Education. His speech received a standing ovation, making it one of the most talked about presentations in the history of the organization.

Today, Palmer is somewhat of a legend in higher education, and if you want to book him for a convention or campus visit, you'll have to wait until at least 1993.

Palmer's address at Elon is titled, "Living from the Inside Out: Education, Integrity and Social Change." His message is a simple but complex proposition for educators today. He claims



Parker Palmer

that something is seriously wrong with higher education. He says that today, academia values ways of knowing that are objective, analytic and experimental.

"Students are encouraged to amass facts, to make detached observations, and to exercise 'power over the world,'" Palmer said in an interview with The Chronicle of Higher Education. "I want to argue that this is a very backwards notion of how we ought to live and how we ought to

teach and learn."

Chaplain Richard McBride was responsible for coordinating the fall convocation and is excited about Palmer's appearance on campus. "I've been reading his stuff since the early 1980's...what he's working on is what the nature of education at the college level is - how can learning be exciting and wake us up to what's really there?"

According to McBride, last year's focus at convocation was on sensitivity to international issues - this year, it's "what's the heart of learning?"

Palmer challenges listeners to relate their own experiences to their learning. "The way we know has powerful implications for the way we live," he writes.

All of this may seem a bit complex, however, some of Palmer's suggestions are practical. He encourages professors not to grade on a curve, and suggests they encourage students to "reflect frequently and publicly on how the course is going."

Palmer was raised in Wilmette, Ill., attended Carleton College in Minnesota and majored in sociology and philosophy. He

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New majors allow variety

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Change is in the air at Elon. As Carlton is renovated and Powell Building gets an all new look, the academic program is also experiencing a face-lift.

Six new majors have been added to the academic catalog this year, allowing students a wider variety of courses and programs to choose from.

Spanish and French majors have been developed, eliminating the previous generalized major in Foreign Language.

"The majors in French and

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