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THIS WEEK

■ Today, film director Spike Lee will be at the Carmichael Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at 10 a.m. to rally support for a new black student union building on campus.

■ Wednesday, Health Services will give flu vaccines from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Long Student Center. Vaccines are free to students, \$7.00 for employees.

■ This weekend, head for food, folks and fun at the Carousel Festival at the Burlington City Park.

■ Commuter students can pick up the new student handbook in 202 Long Student Center 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday -Friday.

■ Students can still pick up the 1991-92 yearbook in 202 Long Student Center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

THE PAST

Twelve years ago: The English Department formed a local chapter of the national honor society for English majors, Sigma Tau Delta in September 1980.

Fifteen years ago: In September 1977, Elon received \$633,000 for major renovations to Smith and Carolina dorms.

Seventeen years ago: Radio broadcasting became an available course at Elon for the first time in September 1975.

INSIDE

■ The new director of Greek affairs, Amanda Harless, speaks out about her goals for the Greek system. Read the interview on page 5.

■ *Dracula*, the first full-length ballet ever to be presented at Elon, will take place Wed., September 23. Turn to page 7 for more information.

■ World-class cyclists, as well as two Elon students, competed in the Burlington Downtown Critterium on Saturday. See the back cover for the story.



Native American Doris Leader Charge spoke about two different worlds at fall convocation last week.

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Fall Convocation 1992

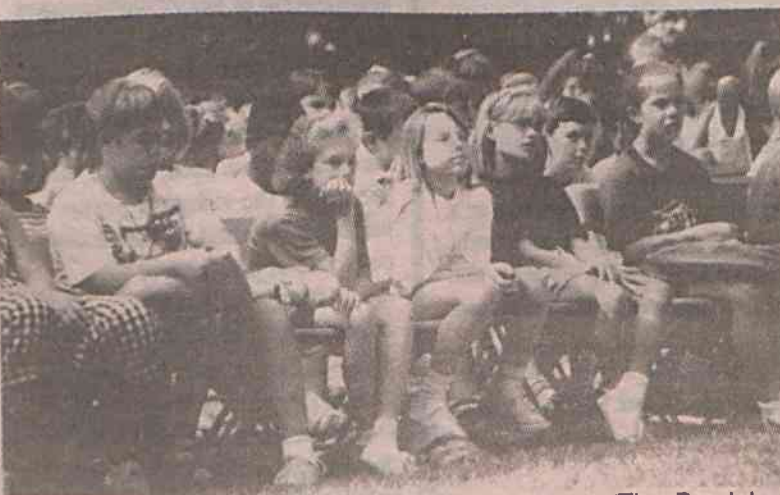
Leader Charge spoke on lost culture

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Native American life is the fall theme this year at Elon. Fall Convocation was held Under the Oaks on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. This year, the keynote speaker was Doris Leader Charge who played Pretty Shield in *Dances With Wolves*.

Leader Charge spoke of her life beyond *Dances With Wolves*. She discussed the variations between life on the reservation and life on the road. She said that her people are very different from white Americans even though we all live in the same country. One difference is that her people would help each other no matter what they needed, she said.

"You people (non-Native Americans) would not help each other out," Leader Charge said.



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Young listeners learn about a forgotten culture.

When Leader Charge was growing up, Native Americans were forced to speak English. She said that they could not talk to each other in their own language. However, they decided to fight back at the Americans with the most powerful force, education.

Leader Charge is helping people get their education by teaching the Lakota language and culture at Sinte Gleska University on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.

Charge said that she knew the audience wanted to hear a little about *Dances With Wolves* and

what it was like to work with Kevin Costner. She explained that while they were filming, Costner ate meals with her people, asked if he could help with anything and really cared about helping them.

She ended by saying, "Girls, I know you all want to know how cute he is. He is as cute in person as he is in the movie."

Other guest speakers included Native American flute player, Derek Lowry, and an Elon student who spent a year in Japan, Sallie Wolfe.

Lowry spoke of the Native
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Beck pool shut down until 1994

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Elon College has dried up.

Beck Pool, located in the remains of Jordan Gym, will be closed for the next 17 months, according to Elon administration.

Undergoing renovation are the locker rooms and one of the brick walls surrounding the pool. A glass wall will take its place.

If students want to dive off the deep end, they'll have to go elsewhere.

"I understand it's a dilemma," said Rex Waters, assistant dean of student affairs. "We've been negotiating with the YMCA to work around it."

The YMCA has agreed to grant memberships to Elon students at a discounted rate.

"We'll let students buy a temporary membership for three months," said YMCA program director Jerald Turney.

There are no exceptions to skipping around months like December or January, when most students are gone.

"That would be too difficult," Turney said.

Twenty percent will be deducted from every membership purchased. For \$20, students can drive downtown and swim neck to neck with every other Burlington resident.

"Quite frankly, it's the only other pool in town," said Gerald Whittington, vice-president of Business and Finance.

"Half the students now won't be able to use the pool and gym when it's finished. I wouldn't characterize it as fair or unfair. If we can make accommodations now, we'll have succeeded."

The YMCA has no objections. "We don't have a problem with students coming here at all," Turney said.

Special events and intramurals like water polo will be organized through the YMCA.

Beck Pool and Jordan Gym are tentatively scheduled to open in January of 1994.