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THIS WEEK

■ The Financial Aid Office is providing loan counseling Oct. 7 and 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Powell 101.

■ The Burlington Area Crop Walk is Sunday Oct. 10. The Crop Walk is a ten mile walk to raise money and awareness for world-wide hunger. Contact Elon Volunteers! at 584-2102 for more information.

THE PAST

Three Years Ago: Hurricane Hugo spared Elon College but changed the face of South Carolina, Florida, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Winds reached 135 miles per hour in Myrtle Beach during the late September storm in 1989.

Four Years Ago: The Maynard House was donated to Elon to be the new president's home by Mr. and Mrs. Reid A. Maynard in October 1988.

Thirteen Years Ago: Kenny Loggins appeared in Elon's Alumni Gym with British rocker, Dave Mason, on October 20, 1977.

Thirteen Years Ago: Three fires were set in Elon dorms within a week of each other in late October, early November of 1977. One was set in Virginia dorm during the Kenny Loggins concert. The other two were set a week later, one in Virginia, two doors down from the first fire, the other in Carolina dorm. Threats followed the third fire that the whole campus would be ablaze before the next day. However, the threat was not followed through.

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USAir machinists picket at Piedmont Triad International Airport on Tuesday.

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USAir workers strike

Union clips airline wings and business

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GREENSBORO—Local members of the International Association of Machinists continued picketing at the Piedmont Triad International Airport yesterday as a part of a nationwide strike against USAir.

The strike, which started Monday, is the culmination of a rift between management and the machinists over union concessions.

"The major changes they're imposing are huge concessions in our health plan (and) 1600 to 1800 jobs cuts," local Union Chairman Mike Gardner said.

USAir management has blamed the machinists for the strike, pointing out the union's unwillingness to agree to wage concessions that pilots have already accepted.

Gardner disagrees with the management's claims.



Jack Duval/The Pendulum
Mike Gardner, local union chairman

"Wages are not an issue. They insist on an eight percent pay cut, which we could accept if they'd protect our members (from lay-offs)."

Gardner also discounts the management's citing of other employee group sacrifices.

"The pilots were given a pay raise and then (later) made wage concessions. We've had no pay increases since 1989."

USAir flight attendants, who have also not reached a contract agreement with the management,

initially supported the striking machinists by refusing to cross picket lines. The effort would have further hampered the airlines ability to operate but was stopped by an injunction from a Pittsburgh court.

The union, which showed solidarity by voting 89 percent against the proposed contract and 88.6 percent in favor of the strike, took to picket lines for the first time in the airline's 53-year history, but has failed to ground the airline.

USAir management has stated that 60 to 70 percent of its flights are operational.

Locally, the airline's traffic out of Piedmont Triad International Airport has been reduced to 16 out of 29 flights per day, USAir Regional Corporate Communications Director Larry Pickett said in a phone interview.

Even if USAir continues to operate at its limited capacity, the strike comes at an inopportune time. The once powerful airline has lost \$970 million in the past three years, and has cut 7,000 jobs since 1990.

USAir is hoping for a deal with British Airways who is attempting to buy 44 percent of
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68 pledges colonize new sorority

Lori Haley
The Pendulum

Alpha Xi Delta sorority members and national officers came to Elon last weekend to complete their rush for new women.

They gave out bids to 68 women after a preference party on Friday night. Melanie Smith, extension coordinator for Alpha Xi Delta, was here for the week to assist new pledges with their upcoming events.

The pledges held their first meeting on Monday and set further meeting dates. They will also be electing officers soon.

"It is a tremendous opportunity for leadership as well as an opportunity to meet a wide variety of people," said junior Shannon Moody, an Alpha Xi Delta pledge.

According to Smith, the pledge class shows striking diversity which will help balance

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Cable rates reduced to all-time low

Rick Grimes
The Pendulum

This semester, on-campus Elon students can tune in to cable television for less.

Some students felt that it was not fair that Colclough, Maynard and Chandler dormitories paid suite rates, whereas other dorms such as Smith and Carolina had to pay for the single room price.

Teresa Saul from the Tel-Com office said that Tel-Com raised this issue several years ago, but felt Bob Poindexter, former vice-president of administrative services did not act on their suggestions.

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