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THIS WEEK

■ Break out the swimsuits and suntan oil: Spring Break starts tomorrow! Dorms close at 4 p.m.

■ A faculty and staff forum with Dr. Fred Young will be held this afternoon in Whitley from 3:30-5 p.m.

■ "Survival Skills for the Sandwich Generation," part of the Alamance Health Services Lecture Series, will be presented tonight in Yeager Recital Hall from 7-8 p.m.

■ Elon Volunteers! needs 400 volunteers for Special Olympics on Friday, April 2. Pick up registration forms at the EV office.

■ Suffolk Christian Church is offering three scholarships to Elon students. Preference will be given to SCC members or members of nearby churches in their conference, but others will be considered. Contact the office of Financial Planning at x2478.

■ For religion majors or those planning careers in Christian service, 1993-94 scholarship funds are also available through the Religion Department. Application forms can be obtained through members of the department or Linda Martindale in 217 Carlton and are due Thursday, April 15.

THE PAST

Four Years Ago: Nationally renowned author Madeline L'Engle presented a three-day lecture series on the art of storytelling at Elon in April 1989. L'Engle is best known for her Newbery Award-winning children's book *A Wrinkle in Time*.

Twelve Years Ago: An Elon College point guard was named to the NAIA Academic All-American basketball first team. The student, Drew Vanhorn, is now Director of Alumni Affairs for the college.

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Alamance Building is shrouded in snow following the east coast's "Storm of the Century."
Bill Harvey/The Pendulum

"Storm of the Century"

Snow distracts Elon students, surprises visitors

Jon Kimball
The Pendulum

Exactly one week from the first day of spring, Elon College felt the effects of one of the worst winter storms in history.

For many Elon students, last Saturday was a day reserved solely for watching basketball. But as the snow began falling, television sets were soon abandoned, giving way to the novelty of campus snowball fights.

The winter storm, dubbed by many as the "Storm of the Century," created blizzard-like conditions for much of the Eastern Seaboard leaving over three million people without power at the height of the storm.

Although Elon received only two inches, the combination of 40 mph winds mixed with

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freezing temperatures, made conditions treacherous for anyone outside.

“It's definitely cold out here,” senior Bill Smith exclaimed as he packed another snowball. “But we've got to enjoy it while we can. This is North Carolina. It never snows here!”

Nathan Hill, a senior from Suffolk, Va., was home for the weekend and missed seeing the snow at Elon.

“The last time I saw snow at Elon I was a freshman. I hate that I missed it this time,” Hill said.

But while most students welcomed the winter weather, Elon administrators were not pleased with the conditions.

This weekend was an orientation weekend at Elon. More than 300 high school students and their families were visiting the campus when the storm hit.

Trey Stewart, an admissions counselor, said the snow surprised the visitors, but didn't discourage them long.

“Many of the parents were tense and stressed once the snow started, but overall it didn't play a part,” Stewart said.

About 60 percent of the visiting families were from out of state. Many chose to spend an extra night in the area to avoid worsening road conditions.

The storm reinforced many students' beliefs that North Carolina is simply inconsistent in its weather patterns.

“It was 80 degrees just three days before this, and then we have a blizzard. It just doesn't make sense,” said sophomore Mark Benarcik.

But perhaps Jen Williams, a senior from Elizabeth City, N.C., said it best.

“If you don't like the weather in North Carolina, just wait a minute.”

Student fees up 6 percent

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The Pendulum

Following a 6 percent tuition increase last year, students will see another similar hike in student fees in the 1993-94 budget.

The Board of Trustees approved the new budget on Wednesday, March 10, which called for a 5.9 percent total cost increase to students, equaling \$695 for the year. Total cost for incoming Elon students will ring in at \$12,290 per year.

“Most of the increases have to do with improving quality,” said Director of Public Information Pat Kinney.

The major target areas for budget increases were faculty and staff salaries, financial aid, debt service, health insurance and Elon's new Plan for the 1990s. The budget included no sweeping

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SGA seeks student position on town council

Courtenay Houston
The Pendulum

The Student Government Association might have an additional office to fill in elections to come.

The SGA is pushing to have a student representative on the town council of Elon College.

“The student would be a non-voting member of the town council but would serve as a voice and a liaison between the college and the town,” said SGA President Mike Mooney.

Mooney also added that the formation of the position is in the ground stages and legalities with the town council are still to be resolved.

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