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THIS WEEK

■ SGA elections will be held today in Long Student Center.

■ One-in-Three and Rape Crisis Alliance of Alamance County will conduct a training session on Saturday. Anyone interested in working with the rape awareness group may attend in Large Lounge of Long Student Center from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

■ An Earth Day "March for Parks" will be held rain or shine on Saturday to raise money to improve Cederock Park. Sponsored by Elon's EnAct along with the National Parks and Conservation Association, the walk through the park's trails begins at 11 a.m. from the park's gazebo.

■ NCSU biology professor JoAnn Burkholder will present her research on the mysterious cause of many North Carolina fish kills on Thursday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Yeager Recital Hall.

■ The March of Dimes TeamWalk Piedmont/Walk America will take place on Saturday, beginning at Williams High School at 9 a.m. For more information, call 723-4386 or 1-800-443-4093.

THE PAST

Three Years Ago: Tennis coach Tom Parham was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in May after five seasons as head coach at Elon.

Thirteen Years Ago: An obscene caller who had terrorized residents of Staley dorm was captured by Elon security in April 1980.

Twelve Years Ago: The first space shuttle mission, Columbia, launched from Kennedy Space Center on April 13, 1981.

Eighteen Years Ago: The first woman SGA president in the history of the college, Laurie Hafner, was elected in March 1975.

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■ Fraternity sleeps outside of Alamance to raise campus consciousness. See page 7.



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WGHP's Roy Ackland served as Master of Ceremonies for the town's Centennial on Wednesday, April 7.

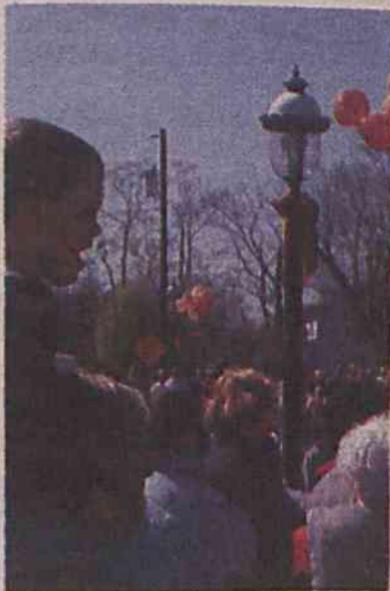
Elon College centennial

Town of Elon celebrates 100th birthday

The Town of Elon College pulled out all the stops last Wednesday for its 100th birthday bash.

The Centennial was celebrated with media celebrities, politicians, long-time residents, local school bands and balloons.

Roy Ackland, of WGHP-8's "Roy's Folks" fame, was master of ceremonies for the day's events. Mayor Jerry Tolley offered a brief history of the town, once known as Mill's Point.



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Onlookers enjoy the Centennial

"The origin of the town is virtually inseparable from two

things: the railroad and Elon College," Tolley said.

U.S. Congressman Howard Coble was also on hand to give birthday wishes to the town of 4,600 residents.

Long-time residents of the town shared their stories from lifetimes spent within its tree-lined neighborhoods.

Elementary school students raised their voices in song dedicated to the futures they may spend within those same neighborhoods.

The town's commemorative centennial flag was raised amid cheers and hundreds of maroon and gold balloons were released in honor of Elon's special day in history.

May Elon see hundreds more to come.

4.0 hour classes approved

Jon Kimball
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Beginning in Fall 1994, incoming Elon students will be required to take only four classes a semester in order to graduate.

The catch is every class will meet four hours a week, instead of the previous three.

On Friday, the Elon faculty voted 58 percent to 42 percent in favor of adopting a four-credit hour policy.

Dr. Gerry Francis, Dean of Academic Affairs, believes the new system will strengthen Elon's academic reputation.

"The true measure of any institution is the quality of its graduates. This move will enhance the students' education," Francis said.

Those in favor of the new system argue that students and professors will benefit from the change because more emphasis will be placed on fewer classes.

"Students will be more active in education by allowing more depth into their individual studies," Francis said.

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New media leaders chosen for '93-'94

Courtenay Houston
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For only the second time in Elon's history, an all female panel of media editors and managers were chosen Tuesday afternoon.

The Media Board, consisting of three faculty advisors, three student members and existing media leaders, reviewed credentials and conducted interviews with the applicants.

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