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The News In Brief

Committee to select common reading

A committee to select next year's fall convocation and common reading theme will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. today in the Special Collections Room of Iris Holt McEwen Library.

The meeting is open to all students, faculty and staff.

The committee organizer, Pete Peterson, a business professor, said the meeting is to discuss themes already suggested and any new ideas.

He hopes to have the theme chosen by the end of the meeting or have the committee working towards a choice.

Once the committee decides on a theme, it will take suggestions from the public on which book to choose as the common reading.

Peterson's goal is to have the committee select a book by late January or early February.

M.B.A. program goes international

Five foreign students will join Elon's M.B.A. program in the fall of 1995 as part of a cultural enhancement exchange with Nagasaki Wesleyan College in Japan.

The exchange program will provide students from the Pacific Rim an opportunity to earn a master's degree in business administration, a program not available in their countries.

Dr. Robert Guffey, dean of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business said, having these students in Elon classrooms will culturally enhance the educational experiences of all students.

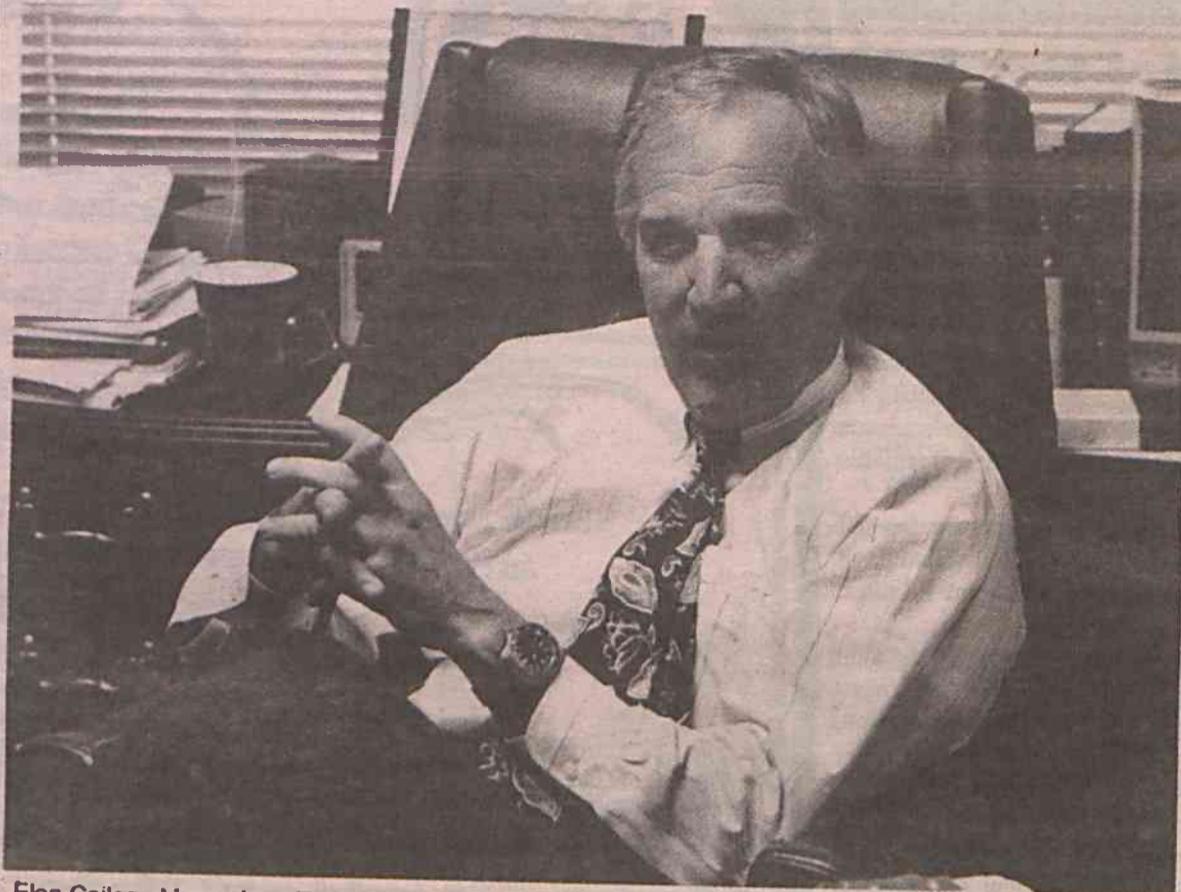
In the summer of 1994, an Elon professor will teach at least two classes at Nagasaki Wesleyan College to five students selected by Nagasaki officials. Those students will then finish their master's degrees in Elon's business program.

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Elon College Mayor Jerry Tolley talks about town issues.

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Town elections next week

Candidates discuss campaign issues

Paul Kerr
Reporter

Voters in the town of Elon College will elect a mayor and two aldermen on Tuesday.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

As the election has drawn closer, the race has heated up between incumbent Mayor Jerry Tolley and challenger R.W. "Dick" Morrison.

Tolley has served as mayor for the last four years. He has served on town commissions since 1977.

"I had no intentions of ever getting into politics," Tolley said. Urged by other board members, however, he ran uncontested in 1989.

Tolley, 50, is no stranger to Elon College. He worked on campus in various roles, including head football coach, for 20 years. He has been married for almost 30 years and has two children, one in high school and one in the U.S. Naval Academy.

Morrison, 52, has been a resident of Elon College since 1975. He has worked 32 years for

AT&T, while maintaining a prominent role in local community services and activities. He has served as president of the Elon Elementary School PTO and the Western Middle School PTO. He and his wife have nine children, ranging in age from 2 to 30.

"I'll be the first one to say I am not a politician," said Morrison. "I think what people have to understand is it comes from your heart, when you want to do the right thing and give back to your community. If elected, I want to be considered a concerned citizen that ran for an office, that is willing to represent the residents."

A hot election issue is the dispute over the building of the Cook Road bypass. Cattle trucks and 18-wheelers are a common sight on Williamson Avenue. State transportation officials first told Elon College town officials in 1975 that a road connecting U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate 85 is needed to divert traffic away from downtown Elon College.

Three options were presented. City officials could widen Williamson Avenue to four lanes

and let trucks continue using it. A second option involved constructing the bypass around Gibsonville.

The Elon College Board of Aldermen in 1992 approved a third option: Build a four-lane road, with a median and bike trail, along Cook Road, which borders Elon College and Gibsonville. The planned bypass has angered many people, however, because it would run through a residential neighborhood.

Some homes would have to be torn down. The state has offered to buy all 13 houses on the Elon College side of Cook Road.

The town board studied the effect the bypass would have on residents of both Williamson Avenue and Cook Road.

"If you were to measure 200 feet from the center line," explained Tolley, "there would be 80 houses that would be impacted" along Williamson Avenue, "not including the downtown area, which would almost be devastated."

Morrison and others, however, criticize the option approved by the board.

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Student dies in plane crash

Tonya R. Taylor
Editor

Memorial services are scheduled for this morning at Elon Community Church for sophomore Jeremy Loher.

Loher died last Friday evening in a plane crash in Douglasville, Ga.

According to Chaplain Richard McBride, Loher, his parents, and younger brother were killed. They were enroute to a family function when the accident occurred.

Loher, of Malverne, Pa., was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity and an officer in Alpha Psi Omega theatre fraternity.

Professor of fine arts Fred Rubeck said that Loher was working on a theater arts minor and had performed in three theatre department productions.

Jonathan Buckner, Alpha Psi

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Tuition increase probable for '94

Ingrid Quinn
Reporter

Faculty likely will not get much of a pay raise next year, but students probably will pay higher tuition, Elon College officials said in a budget meeting last week.

While the budget committee did not set any numbers for the 1994-95 budget, its members painted a bleak financial picture for the school next year.

They blamed a poor economy, increasing medical costs for faculty and staff, and a shrinking pool of North Carolina high school seniors.

"Things are tough," said Gerald Whittington, vice president of Business and Finance.

Elon's 1992-93 budget was \$31.7 million. The school ended the fiscal year with a \$1.6 million

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