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## Governor Hunt comes to Elon

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Victory Celebration, the conclusion of the Investing in Excellence program will take place Tuesday. This celebration is an appreciation for those who donated money toward the program. They will be given a tour of the Moseley Center and Koury Center. A dinner in Alumni Gym will follow with North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt as the special guest and key speaker, said Amy Flur, director of campus center operations. Aside from the governor, the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees will also be there. Although the dinner is for donors

who have donated \$500 or more, student representatives will also be present, Susan Klopman, assistant to the president said. Larry Williams, president of SGA, will make appreciatory remarks on behalf of the students. Flur said, "I think it's a wonderful opportunity for students to interact and show what they do." Aside from the governor, Furman Moseley will give a toast by satellite from Seattle. The Moseley Center is named after Moseley and his wife, Susan R. Moseley, for their \$1 million gift to the college. Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees L.M. Baker will introduce a special seven minute Elon video to the donors. The video is being put

together by Lothner Communications. Even though the student center is not finished, the donors are being given a tour so they will see how things work when it is finished. "It's going to be really exciting to show off the campus and what this campaign is allowing us to do," Flur said. The official opening of the Moseley Center still does not have an official date, but Flur estimates it will probably be a few weeks after fall break. "We've waited this long for it and I think it's a beautiful facility. I think the students will really be excited about it. Once they go in, they'll probably forget they had to wait for it," Flur said.



**I dare you!**  
Tonya Hubart/The Pendulum  
Marc Plum gets creamed by Jason Dennis while Ashley Allen (right) and Leslie White look on during Elon Olympics' "double dare."

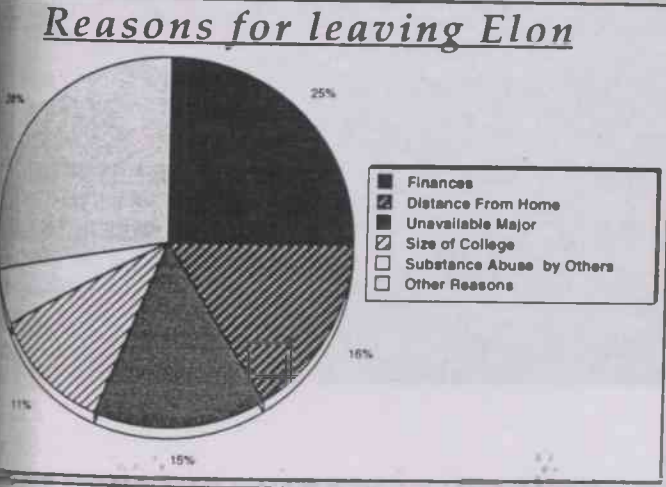
## College tries to improve its transfer rate

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Students drop out of Elon College because of financial problems, homesickness, dissatisfaction with the available majors, or a desire to attend a larger school, according to 1992 surveys of freshmen dropouts. A committee of Elon College officials has developed strategies aimed at keeping freshmen from leaving the school before graduating, said Provost Gerald

Some of the committee plans include: 10 additional sections of Elon 101, an Elon 101 softball tournament, the Leaders Program, and a new pre-registration guide. "We are trying to provide the most opportunity for new students to bond and get involved. That seems to be the key: involvement. We rarely lose students who are involved on campus," said Dean of Admissions Nan Perkins. Former student Joy Ijams said she left because of uncertainty of a major and her lack of involvement. "I was never really involved. If I had been involved, I may have

stayed," Ijams said. Ijams is now a part-time student in her hometown in Florida. By getting students to stay at Elon, the school spends less on recruiting. "If there were more upperclassmen, we wouldn't have to recruit as many freshmen. Therefore, less money would be spent on recruiting," Perkins said. Francis said, "It is much easier and cheaper for us to recruit a student and keep a student, than to recruit a student, lose a student, and then have to replace that student." Elon College's five-year graduation rate already compares favorably to other private colleges, according to the National Center for Advancement of Educational Practice.



In 1992, more than half of the graduates had entered Elon as freshmen and were graduating in five years with a bachelor's degree. Nationwide, the graduation rate of students earning a bachelors in five years is 53.5 percent, according to the National Center for Advancement of Educational Practice. See Retention, page 4.

## SGA holds new election

**Mary Kelli Bridges**  
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Second SGA elections for freshman class president and vice president are being held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Long Student Center today. The first elections, on Sept. 26, did not determine a winner for either position, because no candidate won a majority (more the half) of the votes cast, the Student Government Association president said. During the first elections, Jason Dennis garnered the most votes for class president and Stacey Draper received the most for class vice president. Dennis, Jason Nolan, Jason Peel and Michael A. Stamps are running for president. Draper, Stephen Cabral,

Charlie Clohan and Jeff Logandro are running for vice president. Though eight people ran for class president and six for class vice president in the first election, some candidates chose to withdrawal their names from today's election ballot. SGA President Larry Williams and executive officers of the SGA met with the candidates last Wednesday. During the meeting, Williams told the candidates that SGA's mistake was "damaging to the freshman class." All of the candidates had the option to remain on the ballot until one of the candidates received a majority of the votes, said J. Earl Danieley, former Elon College president. However, to prevent more than three elections or run-offs, the candidates will be re-elected. See SGA, page 4.