

# A Day With Elon President Fred Young

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He walked into his office a few minutes after 9 a.m. and greeted his office staff as one of his secretaries got him a cup of coffee. It's the start of another day for Elon College President Fred Young.

Friday, April 25, was in many ways a normal day for Young. After arriving at the office he and his secretary Sandra Fields went over his itinerary for the day, discussing whom he needed to meet with and whom he needed to call.

He spent the next 45 minutes dictating a memo to the Board of Trustees concerning the recent visit of F.W. de Klerk and deciding which news articles to send the members of the Board. Young and Fields also drafted an itinerary for the upcoming Board of Trustees executive committee meeting.

A little after 9:30 a.m., Nan Perkins, dean of admissions and financial planning, stopped into Young's office to give her weekly report of the incoming freshman class and how many acceptances had been given and how many deposits had been paid in the past week.

"She does this every week," Young said. "I really like to be kept up-to-date on admissions."

At 10 a.m. Young had his first appointment of the day. He met with Perkins and the two marketing consultants who visited Elon last week.

During the meeting Young shared what he considers to be Elon's "distinctive characteristics" with the consultants. He also shared some of his future dreams for Elon. Some of these dreams include re-

quiring all students to pass a writing and computer competency test and creating a Spanish immersion program to help all students become more fluent in the language.

"One of the things I've found is that when I propose something (like the Spanish program) people tend to consider it a done deal," Young told the consultants with a smile. "These are just ideas I have."

"I would say about 95 percent of my work is thinking, about 5 percent is coming to conclusions."

Young, Perkins and the consultants also briefly discussed the marketing advantages and disadvantages associated with Elon becoming a university.

Around 11:30 a.m. Provost Gerry Francis met with Young. Since personal reasons had called Young away from Elon for a while Francis took this time to update Young on some of the events that happened during his absence.

Francis started by discussing some final details of graduation and the arrival of the commencement speaker. Next, Francis informed Young of the upcoming Big South and South Atlantic Conference receptions and dinners, and the two men made plans to attend.

The final portion of this meeting was spent discussing the building projects on campus and the progress made. Francis informed Young that due to budget difficulties, some minor modifications may have to be made in the plans for the science building. Francis added that construction had begun and was progressing on schedule so far.

Francis also told Young that the construction of the new Greek houses was on schedule, and then they discussed the possibility of painting the old houses sometime

before next fall.

After his meeting with Francis, Young headed home to have lunch with his wife Phyllis.

Young returned to Elon around 1:30 p.m. After arriving back on campus he headed over to Alumni Gym to view the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

While at the exhibit Young spoke with Kathy Lyday-Lee and Michael Ulrich, as well as a member of Alamance Cares, and thanked them for their hard work in bringing the Quilt to Elon.

"It was a very powerful experience," Young said about the Quilt.

After visiting the Quilt, Young returned to the office. He and Fields spent the next few hours going over his notes and expense report from Young's recent visit to China and Japan.

Young also dictated letters to officials at the schools he visited.

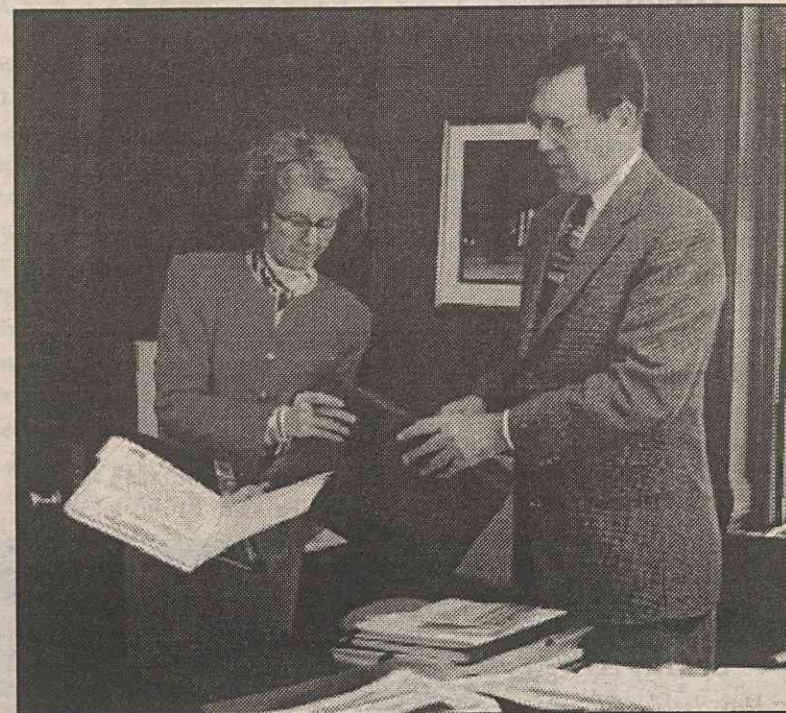
Young had to leave the office shortly after 3 p.m. because of an off-campus appointment.

On most days, Young ends his time at the office learning Spanish.

Young, along with four other students including his wife and secretary, are taking Spanish from a private tutor.

"I'm still a student," Young said.

Young said that most days he also spends the evening on campus attending an event like a choir concert or lecture.



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Fred Young goes over the day's itinerary with his secretary Sandra Fields.

## Citizen Kane

Presented by The Society  
of Professional Journalists

Thursday, May 1 in Carlton 206  
8:30 p.m.



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Elon College President Fred Young looks at a portion of the AIDS Quilt on display in Alumni Gymnasium.

## Inter-Fraternity Council News

### Greek Week

- Over 400 canned goods were collected at the dance competition and were donated to the Salvation Army.
- Over \$5000 was raised with the Penny Drive and dance competition. The money will be distributed to various philanthropies.

IFC would like to extend its congratulations to all of the new members this spring.

Kappa Alpha Order - Along with Sigma Sigma Sigma, volunteered their time to the Alamance County Service League at their annual "Casino Night" fund raising event on April 18. KA also had a highway cleanup and volunteered their help at the AIDS Quilt in Alumni Gym on April 25.

Sigma Phi Epsilon - They had their "Tollbooth" fundraiser on April 23. ΣΦΕ had their Spring Banquet on April 25-27.

Sigma Pi - Helped in setting up the "Relay for Life" for the American Cancer Society on April 25 and participated in taking it down on April 27. ΣΠ volunteered their help at the AIDS Quilt on April 25. ΣΠ initiated six new brothers on April 20.

Sigma Chi - Volunteered their time at the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic Golf Tournament on April 23-27. ΣΧ had a highway cleanup on April 30.

Lambda Chi Alpha - Had a brother relations social with Kappa Alpha Order on April 26. ΛΧΑ also had their annual "Shake Your Booty Ball" 70s crush party on April 26.