

Senator accused of tampering with ballots

Julie Koch
Copy Editor

Two Student Government Association members will find out this week if they face further charges of abusing and neglecting senatorial duties.

Senators Ashley Hayes and Sarah Petelik sat through initial hearings Monday to determine if there should be a formal hearing.

Hayes has been charged with abusing her senatorial duties. Petelik is facing accusations of neglecting those same duties and responsibilities.

Meghan McGlenn, head of the

judicial board committee, said Thursday that information presented during SGA hearings or decisions made there are for the purposes of the SGA body only and has no effect on the student's standing in the college.

Both students were in charge of the Homecoming election booth as well as ballot slips and had been on duty on Nov. 4.

On that day, SGA Secretary Kelli Palmer claimed to have returned to the SGA office and said she thought there was something wrong with the ballot counts for the Homecoming King and Queen elections.

SGA Adviser Barbara Carlton later received a call from a student reporting some suspicions on Hayes's actions. The student, whose name was not released, stopped at the election table in order to talk with Petelik when she said she noticed that Hayes had a stack of blank ballots under her arms.

The student claimed that when Hayes became aware of her curiosity, she tried to hide the ballots from her view. With this information, Carlton contacted both Hayes and Petelik.

Carlton said suspicions continued to rise as there were differences in Petelik and Hayes's sto-

ries. Carlton, however, said she couldn't reveal the details of these conversations until the decision for a formal hearing is settled upon.

On Nov. 13 actions were immediately taken following the Homecoming festivities as McGlenn informed the SGA of the charges being brought up against Hayes and Petelik. Separate initial hearings then followed as Charging Advocate Akilah Weaver presented the charges against them.

Senators were given a chance to present their side of the stories.

see **HEARING**, page 5

SGA votes to fill three vacant positions today

Jeff Wirick
Editor in Chief

The Vice President of the Student Government Association said the group hopes to fill three of the five spots today that were left vacant by recent resignations.

In a surprise announcement, Lisa St. Louis, liaison to the Academic Council, read her resignation to the SGA last Thursday. The sophomore, who had participated in the SGA for a year and a half, said she didn't have the time to fulfill her duties as a senator.

see **SGA**, page 5



Bethany Beaman/The Pendulum

All in a day's work: Maintenance worker Kevin Mansfield fills a hole in the ground near Haggard Avenue while his three-legged dog, Chase, looks for trouble.

INSIDE EDITORIALS

2-3
COMICS

11

NEWS

Orientation is looking to change its image from a group that is involved with students for only a short period of time

5

Two Elon students and a faculty member participate in "The Picnic," a play that opens this weekend in Burlington

6

Winter term, an Elon tradition since 1970, climbed to its highest rate ever this year with an enrollment increase of 285 students.

6

A&E

The faculty members of the art department will showcase their talents from 7-9 p.m. Monday in the Isabella Cannon Room

8

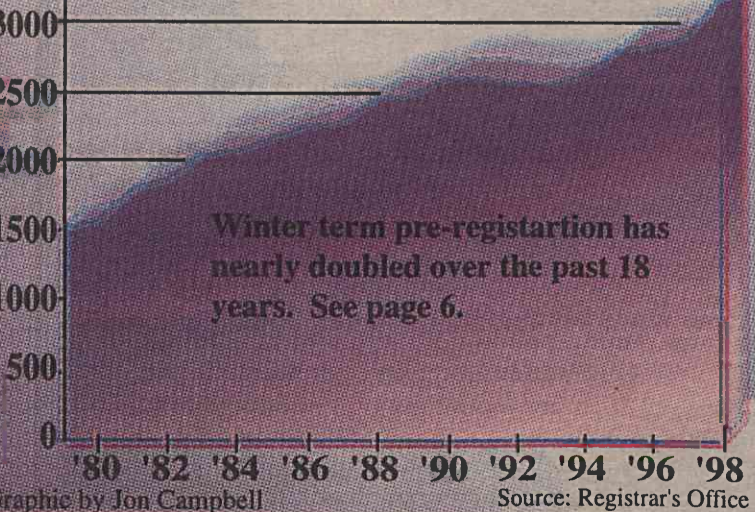
SPORTS

Football ends an otherwise successful season with a 46-32 loss to Samford. It finished 7-4, its first winning record since 1993

19

Pendulum F.Y.I.

Winter Term



The money that built Elon

Michelle Cater
Managing Editor

A few weeks ago the Elon College Board of Trustees announced a \$40 million fund-raising campaign. While this is not Elon's first financing campaign, it is the largest in the college's history.

Elon was founded in 1889 by "people without money," said former Elon president Earl Danieley. The school was founded in order to train teachers and ministers for the United Church of Christ.

"They were convinced that if there were going to be teachers and

preachers...they were going to need a college," Danieley said.

The money needed to build the school came from donations and loans from members of the church.

In 1911 William A. Harper became the President of Elon. Danieley said that Harper was a dreamer and had big plans for Elon's future.

In 1923 the main building on campus burned. The school had no money to cover the expensive damages.

Harper decided to rebuild the campus and five academic buildings were built: Alamance, Carlton,

Duke, Mooney and Whitley.

Alamance Building was named in honor of the citizens of Alamance county who donated their time and money to the rebuilding of the campus.

The Carlton Building was named after a family in Virginia who donated \$50,000 towards the construction. The Carlton Building originally served as the school's library. The Duke Building was named in honor of Artelia Roney Duke after \$50,000 was donated by the Duke brothers.

see **HISTORY**, page 5