Rain Plan

In the event of rain, Elon's undergraduate Commencement will be divided into two ceremonies to allow all students to receive their degrees in Alumni Gym on Saturday, May 23.

A ceremony for students receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees will begin in Alumni Gym at 9:15 a.m. and a second ceremony will begin at 1:15 p.m. for students receiving Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degrees.

While anyone may attend the Commencement ceremony Under the Oaks, graduates are allotted two rain location tickets, which they need to pick up in advance at Alamance 109 (Office of Student Life) in early May. It is the responsibility of each graduate to give the tickets to those who will use them if the rain plan is necessary.

Guests who do not have tickets for Alumni Gym will be asked to view the ceremony at the building assigned to their graduate’s major. That information will be included in the 2015 Commencement Pocket Guide and on the Commencement website. http://www.elon.edu/e-web/news/commencement/ In addition, the ceremony will be streamed online.

The decision to implement the rain plan will be made at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and will be announced shortly thereafter. If the forecast changes overnight the decision to implement the rain plan will be made at 6:00 a.m. and will be announced immediately. Information will be available via the E-Net website http://www.elon.edu/e-net/ or on a prerecorded telephone message at (336) 278-RAIN.

Emergency Rain Plan

If the ceremony has begun Under the Oaks and it begins to rain, the ceremony will move to Alumni Gym and will continue where it left off. Graduates will return to Jordan Gym and will march from there to Alumni Gym to receive their diplomas.

Due to limited space in Alumni Gym, family members with tickets will be seated on a first-come first-seated basis as space allows. Family members with tickets who are not able to be seated in Alumni Gym will be sent to McCrary Theatre in the Center for the Arts. Families of graduates who have already received their diplomas are encouraged to not come to Alumni Gym to allow more space for those who have not yet received their diplomas.

If it begins to rain and there are fewer than 150 graduates who have not yet received their diplomas the remaining graduates will be led to the parlor of West Dormitory where they will receive their diplomas. There is no seating for family members in West Dormitory.

All graduates will be photographed and videotaped regardless of where they receive their diploma.

Checklist

__Friday, 8:15 p.m. – check the following website to determine if the rain plan is in effect http://www.elon.edu/e-net/  
__Saturday, 6:15 a.m. – check the following website AGAIN to determine if the rain plan is in effect http://www.elon.edu/e-net/  

If the rain plan is in effect, note the following:

__Check that you have your 2 rain plan tickets  
__Recheck which ceremony you will attend by the degree of your graduate  
__Plan your departure time- doors will open one hour before the start of each ceremony  
__Plan with the rest of your party where you will meet following the ceremony