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# Elon basketball squad rolling along in Carolina's Conference 



Elon's fans experienced one of the biggest thrills of the afternoon at the ELON-UCA football game with only $1: 10$ remaining in the game when Elon quarterback Mike Currin connected to Keith Richardson on a 5 -yard pass play to set up Elon's Louchdown and tie the score at seven all. Those same fans only minutes later felt "the agony of defeat" when UCA's Odom booted a 39 -yard field goal

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## Gridders win SAC-8 crown and compile 11-1 record

## by Gary Spitler

Elon College's football team, after claiming the South Atlantic Conference Championship and a playoff berth in the 1976 NAIA Division I playoffs, and rated \#2 in the NAIA most of the season, fell to the Bears of the University of Central Arkansas by 10-7 after one overtime period. The teams battling hard before some 6,800 fans demonstrated their defensive power. The game ended in a deadlock after regulation play $7-7$ thus sending the game into overtime.
The teams battled and found neither team scoring in the first quarter. In the second period, Marvin Austin for the Bears
overtime period. So, accordin to NAIA rules the offensive team would get the ball first and ten on the 20 yard line Elon's Currin connected to Mike Hahn on an 11-yard pas to make it first and goal to go on the nine. Then tragedy struct the Fighting Christians. A Currin pass intended for Ferguson was intercepted, thus giving the ball to UCA on the 20. UCA player Marvin Austin gained four yards making i second and six on the 16. UCA' Danny Standfield then gained three yards to set up third and three on the 13. Elon's Wes McLaughlin dumped UCA's Austin for a loss of 10 yards. It was then fourth and 13 on the 23 yard line. Then UCA kicker Garry Odom entered the game

|  | UCA | Elon |
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| Points Scored | 10 | 7 |
| First Downs | 9 | 14 |
| Rushes-Net Yards | $58-208$ | $36-85$ |
| Passing Yardage | 16 | 187 |
| Passes Completed-Attempted-Intercepted | $2-4-0$ | $12-28$ |
| Total Yardage | 224 | 272 |
| Punts-Average | $9-34.1$ | $8-38.7$ |
| Penalties-Yards | $7-60$ | $5-45$ |
| SCORE BY QUARTERS |  |  |
| Univ of Arkansas $0-7-0-0-0-10$ |  |  |
| Elon College | $0-0-0-7-0-7$ |  |
| SCORING. |  |  |
| UCA-Austin, 6-yd run (Odom kick) |  |  |
| Elon-25-yd pass Currin to Richardson (Rippy kick) |  |  |
| UCA-39-yd field goal by Odom |  |  |

> ran six yards after an interception to set up the score. Garry Odom booted the PAT to send UCA out in front and 7-0 which was also the halftime score.
> Each team held off the other's attack in the third period, thus leaving the pressure on the Elon Fighting Christians in the fourth. With only one minute and ten seconds remaining, quarterback Mike Currin connected with Keith Richardson to set up a 25 -yard pass play. Thus after regulation play it was 7-7.
> Elon won the toss in the

## SGA

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ahead. An example: Really people, George the janitor is a human being. How would you ike to see your name on bathroom walls everyday? Give the guy a break. It's costing you money for him to have to clean the walls everyday. ECGS, buy canvas and paint a mural; West parlor could use a bright painting
I believe next semester is going to be one of much change, at least in the SGA. A restructuring of the government is underway, and plans are being worked out for spring weekend. Yes, there will be a concert. A play will be given in February with an all-Elon cast and director-producer. The rest of our programs both current, and forthcoming, I hope will benefit all who care to use them. As you're on your way home for Christmas, think about what you have done to help the conditions here at the college and plan to do more in the spring.
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Sam Moore
to try a 39 -yard field goal. The fans waited and it was.... Good thus giving UCA a $10-7$ win over Elon. Odom made only one of six field goals during the afternoon, that being the winning one.
So, it's on to Texas for the University of Central Arkansas to face Texas A\&I in a nationally televised game. Arkansas enters the game with a 9-2 record while Texas is 12-0. Elon finishes their season 11-1 with Elon finishing \#3 in the nation for 1976. What's so bad about finishing 11-1 and \#3 out of several hundred colleges?

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