

Bell discusses media and the military in his final public lecture tonight in Whitley

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"It's a good thing we can bring leaders like him to campus. It brings a different perspective, especially when you can tie leadership into it," Hanson said. "I hope students will take the opportunity to see him; he'll have interesting things to talk about."

Since joining ABC News in 1967, Bell has covered numerous events that have changed the nation, including the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Bell was also a war correspondent during the Vietnam War, during which the Viet Cong captured him and his camera crew at gunpoint. Bell currently serves as a professor of telecommunications at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

Last night Bell gave the first of his two public lectures, "The Media and Politics." His second lecture, titled "The Media and the Military: From Vietnam to Iraq," will be presented at 7:30 tonight in Whitley Auditorium.

In an interview with the Pendulum late last week, Bell said he was looking forward to his first visit to Elon.

Bell said he hoped to address how the media has affected various

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political campaigns. A veteran to the White House press core, Bell covered Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan.

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Bell also offered advice for those interested in covering politics. "If you're covering a political campaign, try to maintain your distance and objectivity," he said.

Bell's lecture tonight will reflect what he said he considers one of his most life-changing events, the Vietnam War. "It is very hard to pick one (most memorable) moment. There are so many different ones. Vietnam had the most profound effect on me," Bell said. While Bell will cover the media's impact from Vietnam through Iraq, he said "It (Vietnam) was by far the least restrictive war. There was no censorship."

In Vietnam, there was a policy known as "space available," Bell said. If there was space available on a plane, helicopter, or other transportation device, a journalist could take it and go cover the news.

Bell will be using video during his lecture depicting different ways the media has portrayed war reporting. In terms of Iraq, Bell said he thought the media acted responsibly. "I think (the media coverage) was remarkably positive, although embedded journalists only get a small piece of a big picture."

Bell continues to work on radio and television projects. He also directs seminars on the politics and the media for Washington Center. Bell has spoken at many universities around the nation, including his alma mater, Northwestern, the University of Pennsylvania, The George Washington University, Princeton and Duke, among others.

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Undercover ring busts students at six high schools



Kristen Sween / Photographer

Cummings High School was the site of several arrests in Alamance County earlier this month.

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Alamance High School basketball star and UNC-Chapel Hill recruit James On Curry. Curry, the state's all-time leading scorer, was arrested on two counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and two counts of possession, sale and delivery of a controlled substance on school property.

Each charge carries a maximum sentence of eight to 10 months in the Department of Corrections.

Indicted Feb. 16, Curry has already been kicked off Eastern's basketball team and jeopardized his future at Carolina.

"We are not at a point yet where

we can make a decision," said Steve Kirchner, director of communications for UNC athletics. "We got to let it go through the legal process first."

Kirchner said the school has no timeline for when a decision regarding Curry's future might be made.

Eastern athletic director and men's basketball coach John Moon, who had two players in addition to Curry kicked off his team because of drug arrests, said he was prohibited from commenting on the matter.

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University to decide new entrance to campus once construction is finished

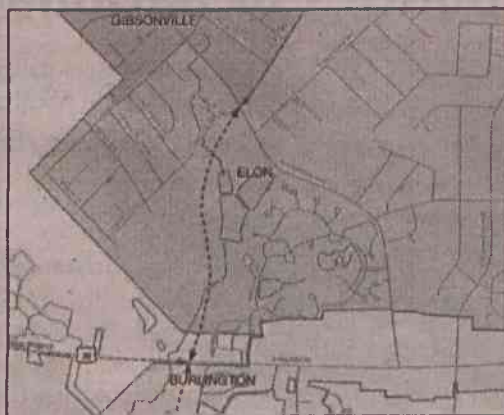
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"It is especially critical to the university that this second section stays on track," said Nunn. "The four-lane parkway from the interstate will be excellent for Elon."

Three locations have been designated as village centers, areas that will generate economic activity through residential or commercial property. Two village centers will be located along University Drive at the intersections of Shallowbrook and Manning. The third location is located at the nearby intersection of NC 87 and Haggard Avenue.

Mike Dula, town manager of Elon, said once the roads and developments are finished, it will just be a matter of what the university wants to promote as an entrance.

"Elon is actively working to find the best possible way for a person to come to Elon, particularly for the first time," said Whittington who indicated that new construc-



City of Burlington

Construction on new routes in Burlington and Elon will eventually introduce Elon students to a new entrance to campus.

tion will create three new possible routes.

Administrators are considering two of the routes possibilities for a new official path from the interstate to campus, Whittington said.

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One possibility will be arriving from the north on Williamson Avenue, where people would see Rhodes Stadium.

The second possibility will be entering on Powerline Road/O'Kelly Avenue, passing by the new Koury Business Center, the back of Belk Library and the McMichael science building.

Whittington said that coming from the west on Haggard Avenue by way of the future intersection would not be as attractive as the other two options.

Traffic circulation around campus and in the surrounding areas should improve as a result of the new roads, according to

Whittington. He said that students will not have to sue shortcuts through neighborhoods as often as they do now.

"Looking at how these developments will help the traffic flow and allow easier access to the interstate, it has caused us to look at the development more intensely around the campus," said Whittington. "We are looking into the future of our transportation and asking question about what needs to be improved."

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