

# sports

## White: Strong sports program helps all of Elon

by Bonnie Barnes

The present and future success of Elon's athletic program rests in its commitment to excellence, Dr. Alan White told Elon journalism students at a press conference Oct. 27.

"I am committed to this, our coaches are and the players are," he said.

White, director of athletics at Elon since 1979, told the students that the strong athletic program here has many positive aspects which not only help athletics but the school in general:

-- It builds pride, esprit de corps, and positive morale.

-- It enhances recruiting, not just of athletes but other students, too.

-- It promotes increased giving.

-- It gives national exposure to the college.

-- It benefits the athletes twofold:



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athletically and academically -- during their sport's season, their gpa's are higher.

### Athletics vs. Academics?

However, when an institution has a strong athletic program, there are the inevitable "cries of exploitation

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and overemphasis" on athletics over scholastics, White said.

He argued that the only real threat is to the athletes themselves and the coaches.

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everyone's expectations, particularly if a team has experienced a winning season, he explained. The coaches and players try to operate under this kind of strain.

White added that Fightin' Christian athletes have a tougher road to follow than most people suspect.

"We tend to give our athletes a rough image," he said. "They must deal with this image off of the field or court as well as on, he continued, and this adds one more kind of adjustment to the college scene which other students do not have to contend with."

### Few Free Rides

At Elon, athletes do not get the fringe benefits everyone hears so much about in large universities, White continued. Although nearly \$200,000 a year is spent on athletic financial grants and aid at Elon, most of that

money is in the form of partial grants. That means that most students contribute some monetary balance.

"Grants include tuition, meals and housing," White said, and students must pay for their books and any other fees assessed by the college.

Each one of Elon's 12 intercollegiate sports receives some aid, depending on their needs and, in most cases, specific regulations set by the Conference for each sport.

### Elon's Football Program

In light of Elon's 5-3 football record this season, several students asked specific questions about the sport:

Q: How much of the total athletic department's budget is allocated to football?

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## Christians upset G-W, 19-17

by David Temple  
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BOILING SPRINGS - Quarterback John Bangley completed 14 of 23 passes for 221 yards and a touchdown as the Elon College Fightin' Christians upset NAIA 13th-ranked Gardner-Webb 19-17 Saturday in action at Spangler Field.

The Fightin' Christians quieted the capacity homecoming crowd early in the first quarter with a 89-yard scoring drive that was capped by Bangley's four-yard scoring run.

However, the Bulldog contingent came back to life in the opening moments of the second quarter when Jamie Pope raced 76 yards for a touchdown to knot the score at 7-7.

Just two minutes later kicker Phil Renn salvaged three points out of a stalled Elon drive with a 46-yard field goal that put Elon back on top 10-7. But Gardner-Webb went ahead on its next possession as freshman quarterback Brian Boyd, who was filling in for the injured Bulldog star Chip Stuart, engineered a 89-yard drive which he completed with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Wayne Roberts.

The Fightin' Christians managed to pull to within one point of Gardner-Webb in the

closing moments of the first half on Renn's 24-yard field goal which left the score at 14-13.

Elon regained the advantage midway through the third period on Bangley's 22-yard touchdown strike to Jesse Jones. Renn added the extra point to put the Fightin' Christians on top 19-14.

Strangled by an Elon defense which seemed to tighten in the second half, the Gardner-Webb offense could only pull to within two points of Elon in the fourth quarter. With 11:06 left in the game, Bulldog kicker Carlisle Koonts booted a 31-yard field goal to make the score 19-17. But Gardner-Webb could get no closer as the Fightin' Christians went on to record their second straight victory after three losses in a row.

Gardner-Webb, operating without Stuart, was visibly hampered but still was able to roll up 345 yards of total offense. Boyd completed eight of 19 passes for 137 yards and one touchdown while Pope finished the contest with 191 yards rushing on 21 carries.

The Elon passing game was paced by receivers Steve Vargas and Jones, who combined for 201 yards on 11 catches. Bangley was also the Christian's leading rusher with 64 yards on 14 attempts.



Quarterback John Bangley gets ready to hand off the football. Staff photo.

## Bangley gets SAC honor

Elon's quarterback John Bangley has been named the Player of the Week in the South Atlantic Conference for last week.

Bangley, a 6-foot, 189-pound senior from Suffolk, Va., is ranked second in the SAC-8 statistical report in individual passing. He has completed 97 of 178 with nine interceptions and 1376 yards gained. His individual total offense is 185 yards in rushing and 1561 yards gained in rushing for an average of 195.1 per game.

Catawba linebacker Rick Royal was also named as a South Atlantic Defensive Player of the Week.

## Carden says tennis team will be young but strong

The Golden Girls tennis team, under the direction of coach Karen Carden, finished the 1982 tennis season with a 9-4 record along with a 5-2 conference record.

Losing only two seniors to graduation, four sophomores and one senior will compete for the team this year, along with some new recruits. Missy Mann finished the year with an im-

pressive 10-4 record. Also returning are Beth Cogan 6-9, Michelle Palumbo 6-9, Missy Jones 8-7, and Rhonda Penson who paired up with Mary Beth Hughes for the number two doubles position.

Coach Carden is relying on the incoming freshmen to fill in for the graduated seniors. Among the freshmen are Beth Greco of Colts Neck, N.J., Susan Nardi of Charl-

ottesville, Va., Laura Simerman of Pitman, N.J., and Wendy Ross of Royal Palm, Fla.

There will be changes in all three of the doubles positions. With the returning sophomores and the excellent group of incoming freshmen according to Carden, the team will be young but very strong.

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