

# Features

## Jesse defies 'dumb jock' image



Chris Jesse

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"All brawn and no brains" is one cliché that has often been associated with athletes. Chris Jesse proves that stereotype wrong.

"So often we read about athletes who don't do well academically, or who have to have special help to get into school, but here's an example of someone (Jesse) who excels at both academics and athletics," says Dr. Barry Beedle, assistant professor of physical education, health and recreation.

Jesse transferred to Elon from Lees-McRae after receiving both an academic and athletic scholarship here. He was an offensive

lineman for the football team last year, and participated in the honors program as well. He had a 3.75 cumulative grade point average when he graduated in December.

Currently student teaching and coaching at Western Alamance High School, in January Jesse will be attending graduate school at Auburn University, having received yet another academic scholarship there.

"The graduate school at Auburn thought highly enough of Chris to reserve an assistantship for him until second semester," Dr. Janie Brown, chairperson of Elon's physical education department, pointed out. "That's quite an honor for him."

Jesse says that the stereotype

about athletes probably exists because athletes are often in the spotlight. Just as entertainers or famous people are criticized, often so are athletes. If you compared a group of athletes with a group of regular students, "There's going to be just as many regular students who don't do well," says Jesse, "It depends on the individual" as to how he or she does academically.

At Auburn, Jesse plans to get a master of science degree in health and physical fitness with an emphasis in exercise physiology, and especially strength training. "Auburn has one of the best, if not the best, program in strength training," says Beedle.

"I'd like to go into strength and conditioning coaching," says

Jesse, "at a college or University." Some other options he's considered are to run a corporate fitness program, whereby employees at a corporation are provided with an opportunity to get in shape, or to coach at the high school level.

Along with his studies, Jesse will be involved in an assistantship at Auburn where he'll be teaching some physical education classes and doing research on exercise physiology. Jesse says that attending college is harder on athletes because they're doing more than the average student. "The majority of college student athletes can do the academic work," says Beedle, "and some of them do excel." Certainly, Jesse has done just that.

### He'll attend Auburn grad school

## ROTC conducts blood drive

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Detachment at Elon College, with the support of campus fraternities, sororities, residence assistants and the remaining student body of Elon College, will conduct the Annual Blood Drive on Oct. 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Jordan Gym.

Capt. Charlie Jackson of the ROTC said, "Recently there has been a tremendous reduction in blood donors appearing at blood drives across the county. This has resulted in a shortage of available blood for needy patients in nearby hospitals. We believe that this

reluctance to give blood is caused by false perceptions relating to AIDS. Based on current operating procedures, there is absolutely no way possible that a blood donor can contract AIDS or any other disease by giving blood."

The Elon College Student Government Association (SGA) will sponsor awards to the three organizations who provide the highest percentage of blood donors based on their organizations membership.

In addition, there will be a pizza party sponsored by the Pizza Hut to the dormitory floor which

has the largest percentage of blood donors. Again, this prize will be awarded based upon the total assigned floor strength regardless of any other organizational members on that floor.

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