

# The Pendulum

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## Ward beats Coker for SGA presidency

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Scott Ward, a junior who is currently the vice president of the Student Union Board, defeated Shawn Coker, a senior and co-chair of the Liberal Arts Forum, in a runoff election to become the 1986-87 SGA president.

Out of the 780 votes cast in the runoff election, Ward received 408 and Coker received 372.

According to David Atkins, director of student activities, the runoff election was held because the constitution calls for a primary followed by a runoff election to narrow the choice of candidates down to two if more than two candidates are seeking the office.

Tom Mayes, a sophomore who was the third candidate, was knocked out of the campaign in last week's primary.

Atkins, who said he was pleased with the turnout, said morning voters had to cast their votes on paper ballots because the programmer who sat up the voting machines was busy with state elections and was not able to set up the machines until the afternoon.

Ward won on a platform which proposed such goals as a new visitation policy, starting an Emergency Student Loan Program, creating an Organization Council, increasing campus activities and proposing a new activities center.

Coker's platform included such proposals as improved parking, extending visitation hours and encouraging more student participation in the SGA.

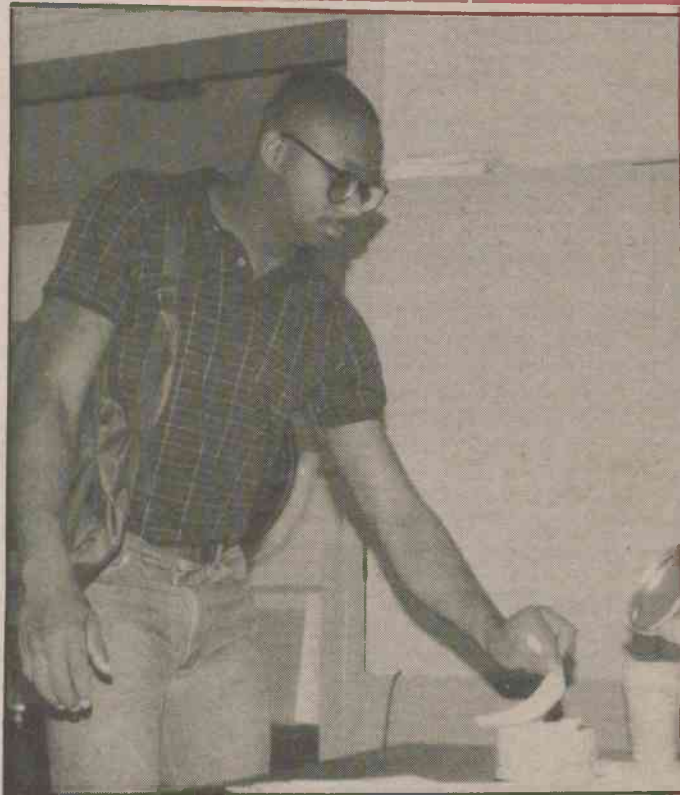


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**CASTING HIS VOTE:** Frank White, a freshman from Washington, N.C., turns in his ballot during the runoff election for SGA president between Shawn Coker and Scott Ward.

## Gill is top professor

Dr. Russell Gill, professor of English, was named Wednesday as the 1986 recipient of the Daniels-Danieley Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The award, the highest honor given by the college for teaching, was presented at the annual Faculty-Staff Awards Luncheon in McEwen Dining Hall.

Gill, 43, joined the Elon faculty in 1976 after having taught for seven years at Virginia Tech. He has served as chairman of the department of literature, languages and communication since 1983.

An authority on English literature of the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries, Gill earned his bachelor's degree at the College of William and Mary in 1964 and his master's and doctorate from Harvard University.

Gill is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Tau Delta, the English honorary society. He has published regularly in scholarly journals and won the 1983 award for best essay on an eighteenth-century subject given by the Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies.

He and his wife Diane, who is a part-time English instructor and library assistant, have four children.

The Daniels-Danieley award was established in memory of the parents of Dr. J. Earl Daniely, sixth president of the college, and his wife, Verona Daniels Daniely.

## Yoder to speak at commencement

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and North Carolina native Edwin M. Yoder Jr. will address the graduates of Elon College at the 96th annual commencement exercises to be held at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on May 18. Approximately 400 graduates will receive degrees in the ceremony which begins at 10:30 a.m. The Class of 1986 is the third largest in the college's history.

Yoder, a Greensboro native who grew up in Mebane, is a syndicated columnist with The Washington Post Writers Group and a biweekly columnist for U.S. News and World Report. In 1979 he received a Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing.

Yoder is a former editor and writer for the *Greensboro Daily News*. He has also contributed to various national journals and magazines and is the author of the book *The Night of the Old South Ball*.

Yoder received the bachelor of arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. In 1983 he was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters from Grinnell College.

Elon will award Yoder an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at the commencement ceremony.

Also receiving honorary degrees will be Kyong Soon Han,

professor of music at Sangmyong Women's University in Seoul, South Korea; Lawrence W. I'Anson, retired chief justice of the Virginia Supreme Court and president of the Beazley Foundation; and Edward R. Zane, a Greensboro attorney and certified public accountant who serves as the executive director for the Martha and Spencer Love Foundation.

Commencement weekend activities will begin on Saturday afternoon with the college worship service at 4 p.m. in the Elon College Community Church. The Rev. Reuben A. Sheares II, executive director of the Office for Church Life and Leadership for

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Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

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