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SAT's rank second in new admissions

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Grades, rather than SAT scores, were the primary basis for admitting freshman this year at Elon College, according to Joanne Soliday, Dean of Admissions and Financial Planning.

"We just decided that one or two Saturdays out of the history of a student is not nearly as indicative of their capabilities as their high school experience," said Soliday.

Approximately 550 out of 850 freshman at Elon had a 2.5 or above grade-point average. According to Soliday, SAT's are of little use when admitting international students. "A lot of people feel that the SAT's are not fair across all cultures. We are now admitting more international students who haven't had the SAT test."

The admissions staff at Guilford College has placed more emphasis

on grades when admitting freshman for at least 25 years, according to John Bell, the Associate Director of Admissions for the college. "Grades have always been more important to us," he said.

Bell added that "in a lot of cases, we will reject people with very high SAT scores if their grades are lower."

Soliday believes that a student's high school academic record is a good indicator of their future in college. She says the Elon College Admissions Department hopes to build a more motivated student body by admitting students with a good academic record in high school. "We're trying to get students who have worked hard in high school so that they will come to Elon wanting to work hard," Soliday said.

New television studio to replace black box

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Last year when students went into what was called "the black box" in the Fine Arts Center, what they found was just that - a completely black room. But this year, a brand new television studio will take its place.

A new tile floor has been added as well as a lighting grid system in which 36 new lights will be hanging.

The control room is above the studio, and a separate audio room will also be added. "People are going to walk in here and really be impressed," said JMC professor Johnson.

Johnson said four curtains will be added as backdrops. One will be red, one blue, one black, one green, and a cyclorama which is a neutral color.

Much of the equipment, such as the cameras, will be basically the same, although some new things have been ordered.

Johnson said the project should be complete in about one month. "We'll be able to tape groups in here that we couldn't in the other (studio)," he added.



Breaking in the courts: Tim Pacitto, Kelly Spillane, John McNielty, Aaron Hook, and Louis Wharton (l-r) gather outside Hook, Brannock, and Barney dorms for a game of volleyball on the new facilities.

Photo by Nicol Husemeier

Former Yale chaplain to speak

William Sloane Coffin, Jr., former chaplain at Yale University will be the keynote speaker at the Centennial Convocation next Thursday morning at 11:30 am.

Heralding brass will call the community to gather under the oaks in front of West Residence Hall. Dr. J. Fred Young, president of the college, will preside over the morning events, which will include highlights of Elon's history as well as a preview of special events scheduled for the Centennial year.

Student Government Association President Rob Borgstrom will introduce William Sloane Coffin, Jr., whose remarks will center around the issue of global responsibility as an essential mission of higher education. After the Convocation there will be a picnic on Hagard side of West dormitory

Class times will be changed because of the Centennial Convocation, Thursday, September 15, the 8:00 - 9:20 classes will be 8:00 - 9:00, the 10:10 - 11:30 will be 9:10 - 10:10, the 11:40 - 1:00 will be 10:20 - 11:20. The afternoon classes will be as scheduled except for the 12:30 labs will be at 1:30 and the 2:30 labs will be at 3:30.

"William Sloane Coffin's passion for a human existence that is both safe and of real quality is boundless," noted Elon Vice President Warren Board. "His message - consistently thoughtful and articulate, often troubling, ever provocative - demands that we view our role in the world community through new spectacles."

The Elon College Gospel Choir will conclude the convocation with a choral benediction. Following the morning events will be a picnic on the college grounds.

Coffin - a musician, educator, minister, and activist - was born in 1924 to a wealthy New York City family. According to author John Leggett, Coffin always traveled in "chic circles." Piano lessons with none other than Nadia Boulanger, marriage to the daughter of Arthur Rubinstein, Peace Corps work in Puerto Rico, supported by Buckminster Fuller - his life is a biography of the best.

Coffin attended Phillips Academy and Yale. His undergraduate degree was to be in music until WWII sent him as a liaison officer to the French and Russian armies.

After that experience, he changed his major to government and received a B.A. degree.

From 1950-53, Coffin worked abroad for the CIA training anti-Soviet Russians to be dropped in the Soviet Union to see if "they could make any difference."

When he returned to the States in '53, he changed careers and entered Yale Divinity School, earning a bachelor of divinity degree in 1956. After a stint as chaplain at Phillips Academy and Williams College, he was named chaplain of Yale in 1957.

During that 18-year chaplaincy, Coffin served as an advisor to the Peace Corps and as co-founder of Clergy and Laity Concerned for Vietnam.

In the 60's, he solidly grounded himself among this country's most articulate and bold activists. Always a spokesman for the oppressed and downtrodden, he joined civil rights marches in the south, college protests of Vietnam, and hostage vigils for those in Iran.

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