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## Bats carry team during streak

### Top Five Active "Auteur" Coaches

During the fall semester, I wrote about my top five "Auteur" football coaches. This time thought it fitting to do a list of my top five basketball coaches.

Auteur is a French word usually associated with film directors. The word "Auteur" means or implies that directors are the reason for a film's success and not the actors.

This is the same idea with some coaches, they are the reason for their teams' success.

5. **Denny Crum**- Crum is a John Wooden disciple that has shown he can win the big game. Crum has won two National Titles. He is going through rough times now, but look for him to be back in the winner's circle soon.

4. **John Thompson**- "Big John" has proven that he knows how to recruit and coach. Thompson single handily put Georgetown basketball on the map with a young Patrick Ewing back in 1982. Thompson continues to win and see that his players graduate.

3. **Bobby Knight**- A controversial and even hated person by some, but the man wins. His iron fist style has caused many talented players not to play at Indiana, and caused many to leave college early (i.e. Isiah Thomas). However, he has managed to win 3 National Titles and keep good players coming to Indiana.

2. **Mike Krzyzewski**- Coach K came to the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1980. After a rocky start, his teams have been in five of the last six Final Fours and just won back to back titles. Need I say more? He does an excellent job recruiting and dealing with his players to get the best out of them.

1. **Dean Smith**- This may not be a popular decision, however the proof is in the pudding. Smith has been at UNC for 31 years and consistently has 20-win-seasons, makes the sweet 16 in the tournament and finish either one or two in the conference. He has broken almost every win record you can think of. Dean Smith a true *Auteur* coach.

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The Pendulum

The Elon College baseball team improved their record to 22 and 13 on Wednesday by beating Limestone College 6 to 4. The win caps a streak during which the team won six out of their last seven games.

This past weekend, the Christians improved their conference record to 10 and 8 when they won two out of three from the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs.

In game one of Saturday's doubleheader, Elon won 5 to 4 with great pitching. Chris Murphy started the game, pitching 4.1 innings and giving up three runs. He struck out six batters. Rob Hahne the came in for 2.1 innings and gave up three hits and up one run. Closer Todd Bechtold then came in to preserve the win for the Fightin' Christians.

"It was a close game," Bechtold said. "I'm just glad I was able to come in and get the job done. If I couldn't get them out, I knew there were eight guys behind me who could."

In Game two, Elon lost 4 to 2. The pitching was there, but Elon's bats just went cold. The team only had four hits. Randy Chase pitched the entire game for Elon and gave up four runs.

On Sunday, Elon's bats came alive again as they defeated

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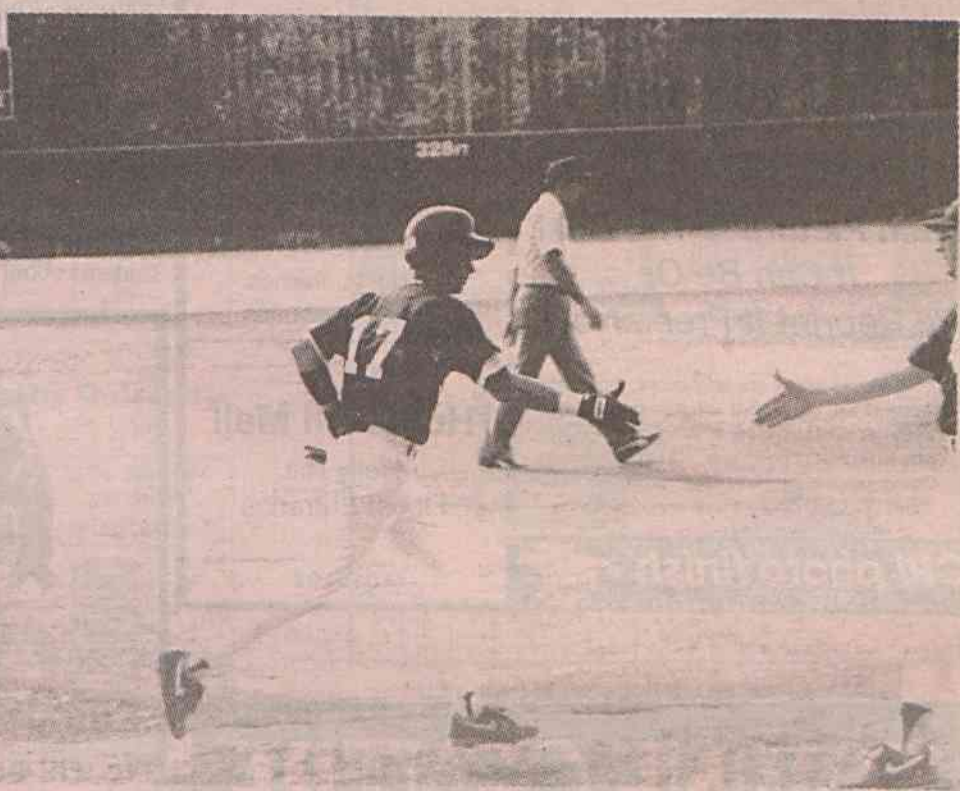
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Third baseman Josh Alrich is congratulated after hitting the homerun that pulled Elon to within one run.

On Wednesday, Limestone College came to town to challenge Elon's team. Limestone scored two runs in the first inning off starter Derek Leviner. Elon, however, answered with one of their own. Limestone managed to scrape some runs together and Elon also responded to the visitor's pitchers and when the dust cleared it was tied at four after six. In the seventh inning, Elon scored two runs to seal the

victory. Third baseman Josh Alridge hit his fifth homerun to be one of the leaders on Elon's homerun total for the season.

"Pitching is not where we want it", said head coach Mike Harden. "These guys believe in themselves and that's why we won."

With that game complete, Bechtold started looking ahead to next weekend to the Mars Hill College Lions.

"We're gonna destroy Mars Hill" said Bechtold. "We're gonna win the whole thing (conference title). (top-ranked) Catawba is a good team, but we have the ability to beat them."

Friday's game against Mars Hill begins at 3p.m. and Saturday's doubleheader begins at 1p.m. At the start of the week, the team travels to play games at Ferrum College and North Carolina Wesleyan.

## Hughes keeps awards in perspective

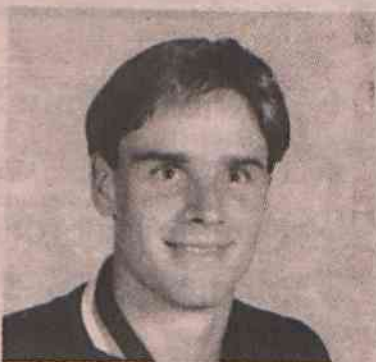
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Rob Hughes, a member of the Fightin' Christians basketball team is a prime example of the newly coined phrase "student athlete". This six-foot-four inch basketball player out of Oviedo, Fla. has been the recipient of more awards and honors than most students who don't participate in a college sports.

Hughes tried to explained why he felt he achieved academically in college.

"In high school you're a All-Star, but in college you're just one of many All-Stars," Hughes said. "I wasn't achieving athletically so I was motivated to achieve academically. I also liked the classes I took," Hughes said.

Since the start of his



freshman year, Hughes has been inducted into Alpha Chi (Elon's highest academic honor society), Kappa Mu Epsilon (math honor society), Sigma Tau Delta (English honor society), Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership honor society), and this spring he will be inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa (religious honor society). Hughes was also the recipient of the English scholar award, the

Haywood- Simpson Award, given to the player for his/her hard work and improvements, and the A.L. Hook Award, given to the athlete with the highest grade point average. Hughes' cumulative GPA is 3.88.

Even though Hughes is happy about his awards, he put them into perspective.

"I feel I was lucky to win. I'm happy I have them but they are just awards," Hughes said. "They don't stand out to me as of any importance."

In 1989, Hughes was selected to join U.S.-U.S.S.R. Bridges for Peace, a group who attended a three-week long program in the Soviet Union. While there, he traveled to Moscow, Georgia and St. Petersburg. In addition, he got to meet with the Soviet Peace Committee.

"My trips abroad were like a totally separate education in itself. I've learned there are a lot of things you can learn on your own. I've found that I've learned a lot more outside of school than in," Hughes explained.

They (the Russians) wanted us to live with the families and to experience exactly how they lived," Hughes said. "The people over there are just incredible."

After Hughes graduates this May, he hopes to get accepted into The Peace Corps and be stationed in Eastern Europe.

"I'd like to teach in the Peace Corps. And if I am not accepted as a teacher I'd like to do some other kind of work," Hughes said.

After the Peace Corps, he plans on coming back to the United States to teach English.