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Seniors: Remember to schedule a meeting with the Registrar.



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## Habitat for Humanity founder speaks at convocation



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Millard Fuller speaks during a press conference in front of a Habitat House.

### Michelle Cater Staff Reporter

Standing proudly in front of the second house the Elon Chapter of Habitat for Humanity can call its own, several people witnessed an important event for Elon College and Habitat for Humanity.

Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity International, HFHI, and the Elon chapter held a joint press conference before Fuller delivered the fall convocation speech Wednesday.

At the press conference, a history-making event was announced when Tracey Herling, the president of Elon's chapter said, "We (the Elon chapter) have taken up the challenge...to build one house every year."

To help them in this project, Elon College will donate \$5,000 a year as well as help them obtain

land on which to build.

Dean of Students Smith Jackson said the land for the next house has been donated by Ernest Koury Jr. Fuller said this was the first time this commitment had been made by a college or university.

A crowd of about 2,000 faculty, staff and students attended the convocation.

"The difference between yes and no is only one letter....You here at Elon College have decided to say yes," Fuller said, referring to helping people around the world.

During convocation, Fuller was presented the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters by economics Professor Thomas Tiemann and President J. Fred Young.

Fuller graduated from Auburn University in Alabama and received his law degree from the University of Alabama Law School at Tuscaloosa.

While in college, Fuller and a friend began a marketing firm and

Fuller was a millionaire by the age of 29. He and his wife, Linda, were not happy with this life and searched for something else.

What they found was the Koinonia Farm, a Christian community in Georgia. At the farm, the Fullers started several programs, including a housing ministry for needy families.

In 1973, Fuller and his family moved to Africa to try the building program over there. Upon their return to the United States in 1976, Fuller decided to create Habitat for Humanity International.

The goal of HFHI is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness around the world. Members build and fix houses for needy families.

"This goal that we have is not a pipe dream. It is not impossible....I know that what we are proposing can be done," Fuller said.

All labor for HFHI is volunteer. See *Habitat*, Page 4.

## Freshman class officers elected by plurality vote

### Stacey Ward Staff Reporter

In the first election after the Student Government Association's new constitution, a plurality vote, the greatest number of votes, elected freshman class officers Sept. 14.

Giselle Pole was named freshman class president with 86 votes.

"I was very excited when I found out the results. I'm looking forward to working with the freshman class, and finding out their ideas and interests," Pole said. "I foresee a great year for the class of 1999."

Julie Bean was named freshman class vice president by a plurality of 90 votes.

Ashley Hayes, with 207 votes, was chosen freshman class secretary/treasurer.

There were six freshman senators elected. They are Andrea Cook, Kim Henry, Amy Misselwitz, Laura Rice, Mark Richter, and Jack Vaccarezza.

SGA freshman elections were held Sept. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the Moseley Center.

The results were announced Thursday night in the fire place lounge in the Moseley Center.

The first meeting of the entire SGA, including the new freshmen members, is scheduled to be held today at 5:15 p.m. in Carlton 106.

Candidates also received a telephone call from the committee, said SGA President Michael Rodgers.

Upperclassmen were scheduled to have elections to fill open positions. However, no one submitted petitions to the SGA office.

Interested upperclassmen will



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Freshman President Giselle Pole

have an opportunity to write a letter of application, Rodgers said.

Letters of application can be turned into the SGA office, and will be accepted until positions are filled.

From the letter, appointments will be made by the SGA senate, Rodgers said.

Running for freshman class president were Pole, Erica Babini, Keith Brewer, Brad Carpenter, See SGA, Page 4.

## Police have no suspects in last week's kidnapping

### Gillian Jablonski Staff Reporter

Greensboro, police said.

Police have no suspects in a kidnapping on Sept. 12 that started in Elon College and ended in Greensboro.

At about 1:50 p.m. a 27-year-old woman was leaving an Elon College day care center where she works when she went out to her Nissan Pathfinder to drive home.

According to the police report, the victim was traveling on Trollinger Avenue in the direction of the post office when she looked into her rearview mirror and saw a black male sliding from her car's storage compartment into the backseat.

The man placed a gun to her head and ordered her to drive to

During the excursion, the victim looked at her kidnapper and he struck her, either by fist or by gun, on the right side of her face, which caused bruising, police said.

The victim was treated for her bruises and released from Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

Elon College Police Sgt. Mike Stidham is investigating the case.

The subject is described as a black male in his late 20's to early 30's. He is tall with a slender build and a dark complexion. He was wearing dark clothing, a dark stocking mask and dark gloves, police said.

If anyone has information concerning the case call 584-1301.