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Elon's draw unaffected by steady increases in tuition

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Elon College's tuition increased 22 percent during the past four years. That compares to rates of 14.6 percent and 15.3 percent at comparable North Carolina private colleges such as Lenoir-Rhyne College and Campbell University.

Even with this increase only nine students cited financial reasons for withdrawing from Elon in the spring, according to dean's withdraw reports.

As of Nov. 3, two students mentioned Elon's tuition cost as a factor for their fall withdrawal.

Associate Dean of Students Jana Lynn Patterson said many students transfer to cheaper in-state schools.

"It's sad, but for many in this state, the cost of college is higher than a lot of them even make."

She said she thought some students came to Elon with the philosophy that they would only be able to attend for two years and then transfer to a cheaper school.

However, she said the dilemma of qual-

ity education and tuition cost is a double-edged sword.

"In order to continue what people like about Elon, the cost tends to be higher," Patterson said.

Nan Perkins, dean of admissions and financial planning, said education is an investment.

"For prospective students, college is an investment, not an expense," Perkins said. "An education appreciates in value. We think nothing of borrowing for a car or a home. Education is an investment in the future of a student and their earning potential."

Tim McDonough, vice president for public affairs with the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, agreed.

"Students want the private school look with the nice campus and personal interaction, but they also want the better technology and programs, and it costs money and is much more expensive," McDonough said.

"It's the kind of decision each institution has to make for themselves, but it is difficult to strategically plan what the fixed costs will be along with remaining and retaining the

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PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TUITION AT COMPARABLE PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS

Institution	93 - 93	93 - 94	94 - 95	95 - 96
Elon College	8,110	8,630	9,250	9,910
(% change)	22%			
Lenoir-Rhyne College	9,500	10,220	10,610	10,886
(% change)	14.6%			
Campbell Univ.	7,672	8,146	8,559	8,850
(% change)	15.3%			

Financial burden overwhelms students

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Kathy Jones doesn't want to leave Elon College.

She wants to finish where she started and continue the private education she has enjoyed.

"I really love it here, but I just can't afford it anymore," Jones said. "I have been so stressed out working just to make my bills and the rent...I just can't do it anymore."

Jones said she started to think during the summer that she wasn't going to be able to attend Elon anymore. She made attempts at getting financial aid, but the deadlines had

already passed.

So the junior broadcast communication major worked during the summer to save for college. However, she had to borrow \$896 from her brother, Bill, to take one four-hour class at Elon.

Jones had a trust fund, worth about \$40,000, which was supposed to pay for her college. She said she budgeted the money, but after two years it ran out.

"I am really flabbergasted at how expensive it is to go to college," Jones said.

She said her only option is to go home and attend a Florida state school. "I don't like the Florida school systems and want my degree from Elon; that's why I came here in

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Former ambassador shares his overseas experiences

Michelle Cater
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Traveling around the world and serving as the U. S. ambassador to several countries, William Harrop gained a unique insight into the world and the United States' role in world affairs.

He will be bringing these insights to Elon when he visits the college Nov. 12 to 17 as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow.

Harrop, 66, is a former member of the U. S. State Department who has served as the U.S. ambassador to Guinea, Kenya, Seychelles, Zaire, and most recently Israel.

He was serving in Israel when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin came to power and the two were close friends. Harrop described Rabin's Nov. 4 assassination as a tragedy and said that it was a very upsetting event.

Elon College is the first college Harrop has visited as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow.

"I'm interested in seeing your school. I don't know Elon yet. I want to get a feeling for it. I want to meet the students and the faculty and get to know them," Harrop said.

The Harvard University graduate earned his bachelor's degree in English literature in 1950. He then served two years in the U.S. Ma-



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William Harrop

rine Corps.

After his time in the service, Harrop attended the University of Missouri School of Journalism from 1953-54.

Unable to land a job in the editorial area of journalism, Harrop decided to take the Foreign Service Office Examinations.

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Abundance of activities planned for homecoming

Stacey Ward
Staff Reporter

Homecoming cartoon-mania kicked off Wednesday with the penny drive and voting for king and queen.

Students will have three days to cast their vote, Homecoming Committee Chair Laura Lyerly said.

The penny drive will not be worth points. It will be a fundraiser for each of the 20 organizations participating.

Today, each of the organizations will perform for "Theme Night" in the Alumni Gym at 7 p.m.

Theme night replaced last

year's skit night. It gives organizations the opportunity to do a skit, dance, song, etc., Lyerly said.

Tomorrow, fireworks, followed by a student pep rally, are scheduled for 7 p.m. at Fonville Fountain.

The homecoming parade is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. in front of Elon Elementary School.

Immediately after the parade, tailgating will begin in the Walter Williams High School parking lot. Cars will be towed before 11:30 a.m. if parked in spots, said Sophomore Class President Matt Belardi said.

Organizations must have a representative claim the designated

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