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## SGA elections begin Tuesday

**Stacey Ward**  
*Editor in Chief*

Student Government Association elections get underway Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.

Candidates for SGA executive offices spoke on ECTV last Thursday night. They discussed their backgrounds, qualifications and goals for the position they are seeking.

Current SGA Pres. Michael Rodgers asked each candidate questions to enable voters to get to know them. Running for SGA executive president are Ward Culver, Jeffrey Keim and Brandon Scruggs.

Running for SGA executive vice president are Matthew Belardi, David Murray, Matthew Plaster and Jennifer Pippin. Stacey Draper is running for SGA executive treasurer. Kelli Palmer is running for SGA executive secretary.

The At Large Council has 12 people running for office. Iris Boutros and Kelley Parker are running for senior class president. Robert Barry is running for senior class senator.

C. Ashton Newhall is running for junior class president. Chad Bebout is running for junior class senator.

Running for sophomore class president is Mark Richter. Running for sophomore class vice president are Riza Aquino and Ashley Hayes.

Sherry Thornton is running for sophomore class secretary/treasurer. Running for sophomore class senators are Jennifer Wright, Andrea Henry and Kimberly Henry.

Running for the Academic Council are Jennifer Neblett, communications, and Jeffrey Swain, science/math.

There are 15 positions which will be open after elections. They are as follows:

- senior class vice president
- senior class secretary/treasurer
- 2 senior class senators
- junior class vice president
- junior class secretary/treasurer
- 2 junior class senators
- 1 communications senator
- 1 fine arts/humanities
- 2 education/HPEL
- 1 business
- 2 social science

Once elected, SGA senators and executive staff meet every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. (location to be announced). They must attend all SGA sponsored activities.

## SGA starts new budgeting plan

**Stacey Ward**  
*Editor in Chief*

Student Government Association budget hearings are scheduled to begin March 4 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Budget hearings are scheduled to take place March 4, 5, 8 and 11. They will be held in the Stovall Conference Room on second floor Moseley Center.

Budget proposals are due March 1 by 5 p.m., said Dan Thomson, SGA executive treasurer. Each organization should have 10 copies of their proposal, Thomson said.

The March 5 hearings are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. On March 8, the hearings are scheduled

from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

And on March 11, hearings are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There is a new budgeting system. Under this new system, new organizations (those in service for one year) will get more consideration for allocation of money, Thomson said.

Consideration is based on the number of students that the organization reaches through its activities, Thomson said.

Thomson urges new organizations to sign up on Monday because they will be looked at separately.

He wants to make sure all organizations plan their budget for next year. He encourages them to use this year's budget for reference.

"Honesty is the best way to go," Thomson said.



Angie Siecker, sophomore, gives Carol Passaro, sophomore, a hug Sunday at Bid Circle. Passaro accepted a bid from Alpha Xi Delta.

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## Media wants to 'focus on the issues' in N.C. political race

**Jeff Wirick**  
*Asst. Managing Editor*

Elon College will host interview sessions for North Carolina political candidates, attempting to focus on the issues leading up to the May 7 primary election, said Chuck Clark, the *Charlotte Observer's* government editor.

Representatives from more than a dozen news organizations will interview the nine candidates for governor and the U.S. Senate in Moseley 215 at Elon on Feb. 26-29.

"It's something that we're happy to assist with," said Pat Kinney, director of public relations.

Kinney said that Elon was chosen for the event because of its central location.

According to Clark, 1,000 people in the state were interviewed for their opinions of the most important issues concerning them and the state. Every candidate will discuss the top six issues of high interest during a three-hour session at Elon.

Two candidates a day will meet at Elon for the week-long event.

"They (the media) will then

take the material from the interviews and write issue pieces about the candidate during the election," Kinney said.

"Our goal is to make sure the people's voices are heard," Clark said.

For six weeks, starting March 10, the participating newspapers will write stories covering the candidate's opinions about each issue. The purpose of these stories is to inform the voters about the candidates for the May 7 primary election, Clark said.

The six issues will be announced Sunday. A similar process will occur for the fall election, Clark said.

Students will not be allowed to watch the interview sessions in Mosley 215, Kinney said, because of the lack of room.

Candidates running against Democratic Gov. Jim Hunt are Republicans Richard Vinroot, Art Manning, Robin Hayes and Ken Rogers.

The people who have filed to run against Sen. Jesse Helms are Democrats Charlie Sanders, Ralph McKinney Jr. and Harvey Gantt.

Clark said all nine of the candidates should agree to the interview (See **Media**, page 4.)