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School Receives \$3Million Gift

Michelle Cater

Elon received the largest gift in its history when \$3 million was donated to the school, college officials announced Friday.

"I'm pleased to be able to do it," said Dalton McMichael, the donator of the gift. "I hope it will have an impact on Elon and the students' future."

McMichael's gift will be used to help finance the Elon Vision, a plan to make Elon one of the best colleges on the Eastern Seaboard.

"It's going to ensure that we have the financing for the new science building," said Elon College President Fred Young.

While McMichael never attended Elon, he has a strong bond with the school.

His daughter, Gail Drew, is a member of the Board of Trustees. One of his grandchildren is an Elon graduate and his step-grandson is currently enrolled.

McMichael said Drew and Young played very important roles

in his contribution.

Drew and Young have also challenged the Board of Trustees to match the gift by the end of September.

Drew said the Board had hoped to raise \$12 million by the end of September and they now had \$10 million.

She is optimistic this goal will be met.

College officials hope that this gift will encourage others to make similar gifts to the college.

"Generosity like this begets like generosity," Young said.

Jack Barner, vice president for institutional advancement, said "It is overwhelmingly important in that it sets an example (to others). It is actual concrete support to benefit students."

McMichael is the chairman of the board for Mayo Yarns Inc. and lives in Madison.

He has donated money to other institutions in North Carolina and Virginia.

Brady Encourages Action at Fall Convocation

Michelle Cater

Letters Editor

"You are going to face some adversity in your life. Everybody does...but throughout it all you'll get through if you look to others and realize that you are not alone."

Sarah Brady said about "Overcoming Adversity" at Elon College's fall convocation held Wednesday in Alumni Gymnasium. Hundreds of Elon students and faculty attended the annual event.

Sarah Brady is the wife of former President Ronald Reagan's press secretary, Jim Brady, who was shot during an assassination attempt on Reagan.

Since then Sarah Brady has lobbied for strong handbill laws, such as the Brady Bill. She is currently the national chairperson of Handgun Control, Inc.

"The way your life changes in a trauma like this is amazing," Brady said.

"You have to learn to mourn what happened and then get on with your life... You have to change your values.... Life becomes the most important thing.... The most important thing you can do is quit asking 'Why me?'"

Besides continuing their lobbying for stricter gun control laws, the Bradys are spending a lot of time campaigning for political candidates. While they spoke at the Democratic National Convention, Brady said that party politics are no longer important to her and her husband, but that specific causes and issues are.

While much of Brady's speech focused on how her



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SGA Freshmen Officers Elected

Elections were held Tues. and Wed., Sept. 10-11, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on first floor Moseley Center. Over 380 freshmen voted on their class representatives. Pictured in the top row from left to right: Carla Phillips, Laura Griffin, Jill Czarkowski, Corbie Meadows, Lisa St. Louis and Jennifer Geurin. Pictured in the bottom row from left to right are Matt Gile and Steven Harris.

she and her husband rebuilt their lives, she also talked about the importance of getting involved in a cause you believe in.

"Our life was fulfilling 15 years ago (when Jim Brady was shot)... but nothing is more fulfilling than to work for something we care deeply about and truly believe in.

"Yes, you can make a difference... You never believe that you can until you try it,

but yes you can," she said.

Brady, who has spoken at many colleges and universities across the nation, was very impressed by her visit to Elon, especially by the school's emphasis on community service.

"This college is well ahead of where I think a lot of colleges and students are," she

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Senators Prepare for Semester While on Retreat

Andrea Stoffer

SGA discussed the name of the new college coffee shop, Octagon Cafe's hours, communicating with the students and the student honor code on a retreat last weekend.

The coffee shop's sign is al-

ready hanging up on Williamson Avenue but the name is still an issue with students. The sign says "College Coffee." Students want the name changed to something else. "College Coffee as a name is too generic and boring," said freshman senator Stephen Harris.

SGA may speak to Gerald

Whittington, vice-president of business and finance and Jeff Gazda, director of dining services, about the name. Also, freshman vice-president Jill Czarowski suggests "having the entire school vote on the name."

Octagon Cafe's hours are shorter than last year. Last year,

the hours were: M-F 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. The current hours are: M-F 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sun. 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

When asked why hours were changed, one Octagon worker said,

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