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# Phone Stalker Terrorizes Staley Hall

Jeff Wirick Asst. Managing Editor

A telephone stalker that terrorized more than 20 females last weekend with prank calls promised not to continue his activities. At least that's what he told Elon Chief of Security and Campus Police Joe Taylor.

A man from Southern Florida, who called himself Mark, harassed females from Staley dorm and East Campus Apartments from Thursday through Tuesday afternoon.

Taylor estimated that Mark made about 100 phone calls over those six days.

Campus Security and AT&T traced the call to a city in Southern Florida. Taylor wouldn't say what connection. city Mark called from.

"I have talked to him myself," he said. "The local police from his town have stopped by and talked with him and I believe the situation is now closed."

Taylor also ruled out the possibility of Mark calling from a cellular phone at Elon with a Florida

"The gentleman assured me that this will not occur again," Taylor said. "And I advised him to get

News of the caller had Staley residents "on edge."

"It was even scary for people that didn't get phone calls," said see STALKER, page 8

## Candidates Battle Over Funding For Education

#### **Betty Carroll**

People between the ages of 18 and 25 will be concentrating on the controversy surrounding financial aid and the many programs that could be changed, added or cut from the Federal Education Program when they vote in the 1996 Presidential Election.

Joel Speckard, director of financial planning at Elon, said the government is trying to reduce students' reliance on student loans in 1997, and put more into student grants like they did in the 1970s. The government feels that students are starting to borrow too much money in order to attend college,

"Sixty percent of Elon's students receive some form of financial aid," Speckard said.

Jana Lynn Patterson, associate dean of students, said, 13 of the 91 students that withdrew during spring semester were due to financial reasons.

President Clinton implemented a direct lending system, where the government pays out and collects loans, omitting banks completely. Presidential Candidate Bob Dole said he believes that the private banking system is better suited to dealing with student loans.

Dole, along with other Republicans, said he believes the federal government is ill-equipped to collect repayment of these loans. He said he wants to reduce the Direct Lending Program by 66 percent if

The government is maintaining both programs with identical interest rates right now. There

would be no cost for colleges to imple ment the Direct Lending Program. However, colleges would need more financial planning staff to deal with the resulting paperwork Speckard



**Doing the Macarena!** 

Andrew Brickey/The Pendulum

Al Seagraves wins his first game as Elon Head Football Coach last Saturday when his Fightin' Christians came from behind to nip Lenoir-Rhyne 35-24. See story, page 18.

Clinton supports a national service program called AmeriCorps. It gives students the opportunity to earn money for college by volunteering in their communities. AmeriCorps is a two-year-old program that is much like a Domestic Peace Corps, where students have the option to work before or after college for one or two years. About 20,000 students are currently participating.

Students in the AmeriCorps program can use the financial aid they receive at any college they want. However, there are no students at Elon that have been involved in the program, Speckard said. Dole and other Republicans said they want to completely eliminate the program due to the cost of running it for such a small group of

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## Nude Photos Vandalized, Removed from Fine Arts

**Stacey Ward** Editor in Chief

A photography exhibit was removed from the Fine Arts hallway Tuesday afternoon because of the controversy surrounding a set of nude photos, said Kenneth Hassell, adjunct professor of art.

Sources said Tuesday, two of the nude photographs, which were up for less than a week, were damaged by vandals.

The photographs disappeared sometime late Monday afternoon or early Monday evening. Hassell said a secretary noticed them missing when she left around 5 p.m.

Hassell said he took down the photographs because of the controversy surrounding them. He said he didn't know if they were stolen or just missing. He added he didn't want to make accusations.

Andy Gordon, the photographer had no comment about the situation.

This is not the first time art has been vandalized at Elon. In 1988, vandals caused about \$7,000 worth of damage to a modern art display. Then again in 1989, a bust of former Raleigh mayor Isabella Cannon was stolen from the Isabella Cannon Room in the Fine Arts building and found in a local rock quarry.