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Elon Rallies From 19 Points Down to Claim Title



Andrew Brickey/The Pendulum

To the victors go the spoils.

Senior Will Waller gets his turn at "cutting down the nets" after the men's basketball team won its first South Atlantic Conference Tournament title. The win boosts the Fightin' Christians into the NCAA II Tournament for the first time in school history. For a tournament preview, see page 18.

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and Michelle Cater
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Saturday's Elon men's basketball game wasn't a movie. But for senior Seth Chambless, it had a storybook ending.

"I'm the happiest guy on Earth," he said after the Fightin' Christians pulled off one of the most amazing come-from-behind victories in recent memory with a 62-59 victory against Lenoir-Rhyne in the South Atlantic Conference Championship Game. "I couldn't have written a better script if I were writing a movie."

The win earned the Fightin' Christians (16-13) a berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament for the first time in school history.

Chambless, a senior who suffered through several lean years at Elon, was able to enjoy the championship a little more than most of his teammates. "I've been waiting four years for this one," he said.

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Senate Votes Not to Allow Write-in Winners in SGA

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Write-in winners in last week's Student Government Association elections were denied the chance to hold office next year. The senate voted last Thursday not to accept President Ward Culver's proposal to allow write-in winners who were interested in holding a position in the SGA senate.

Instead, the SGA's governing body voted to fill vacant positions the way it normally does—have the newly elected executive president appoint them. The senate will then vote whether or not to approve the appointed candidates.

Most of the arguments were that these write-in winners didn't fulfill the requirement of collecting 250 signatures to get on the ballot for the Feb. 24-25 election.

The write-in winners were a result of several positions that

didn't have a candidate running. According to a final vote count sheet supplied by SGA, there were 28 write-in candidates and five winners. The vacant positions include three senior class senator seats, the junior class secretary/treasurer and a junior class senator seat.

The situation became more complicated because the SGA Constitution doesn't say anything about what should happen to write-in candidates if they win an elected posi-

tion.

"It's just something we've never experienced before," said SGA Executive Treasurer Stacey Draper. "It was best that it was brought back to the senate for them to decide. In the future I think we should allow write-in votes, because it is an expression of the study-body opinion."

The debate, which lasted almost an hour last Thursday, had some of the members visibly upset

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The SGA Elections:
Voter turnout over the past four elections



Board of Trustees to Vote on 10 Percent Faculty Pay Increase

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A proposed 10 percent pay increase for all faculty and staff is a part of the budget that will be voted on by the Board of Trustees at the meeting this Wednesday.

The proposed salary increase would make Elon faculty and staff ranked third in the state among private schools in salary, behind

Wake Forest and Duke, said Gerald Whittington, vice president of business and finance.

While the pay increase is a large jump, it is not a sudden one.

Whittington said that for the last three years Elon has been escrowing, or reserving, two percent of the normal salary increase that faculty and staff receive annually. That accounted for six percent of the increase, the remaining four

percent is from a standard-of-living pay increase.

"It sounds like a good idea to me," said Frank Harris, a physics professor. "We've had a small salary increase for a number of years. This is moving us up to the (competitive) level where we want to be."

If the proposed salary increase is passed, faculty and staff salaries see SALARY, page 5