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## Former U.S. Surgeon General to Speak

**Michelle Cater**  
*Asst. Managing Editor*

Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders will be speaking Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

Elders, who was appointed surgeon general by President Bill Clinton in 1994, was asked to resign after encouraging the teaching

of masturbation as a part of human sexuality.

Elders was born Minnie Lee Jones in Schaal, Ark., in 1933. She was raised in a three-room cabin with seven brothers and sisters.

Elders graduated from high school at the age of 15 and won a scholarship to Philander Smith College. She served as a lieutenant in see **ELDERS**, page 5

## Campus Organizations Honored at OAIC

**Donough Forde**  
*Pendulum Reporter*

The second annual Student Government Association sponsored Organizational Awards and Inaugural Ceremony was held on Tuesday evening in McKinnon Hall.

The event tied together the inauguration of new SGA Presi-

dent Ashton Newhall with the recognition of campus organizations and programs.

Newhall was sworn in by outgoing president Ward Culver at the mid-point of the presentations.

In his inaugural speech, Newhall urged SGA members to take the opportunity to change see **AWARD**, page 5



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### Big Eats!

Shawn Morrison (front), Jason Gross (back left) and Michael Bruzois participate in Sandy's Subs and Sigma Chi's sub eating contest on March 19. Gross won the contest.

## Two Students Arrested On Rape Charges

**Jeff Wirick**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

The day after most people had left campus for spring break, two Elon students were arrested and charged with sexually assaulting another student.

Andre Campbell, 21, of East Campus Apartment E 104-A, was arrested by Elon College Campus Police on March 22 and charged with second-degree rape.

Walter Sellers, 18, of 301-C Barney Hall, was charged with a second-degree sexual assault of fense.

Elon's Safety and Security see **RAPE**, page 5

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## Elon's SATs on the Rise

### NCAA Finals

Only one other time in NCAA Finals history have two teams with the same mascot played each other before this year. Monday night, Arizona defeated Kentucky 84-79 for the title. The other time was in 1951 when the Kansas State Wildcats played Kentucky.



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The academic requirements for admittance to Elon College are inexorably rising. As each new freshman class enters, it carries with it a higher average Scholastic Aptitude Test score and a higher average high school grade point average than previous freshman classes.

The steady increase in the entry requirements has been mirrored by a similar increase in the average GPA of Elon students.

The reason for the increase in academic requirements is increased

demand.

By March 1996 there were 4,594 applications for admittance to a freshman class of 944.

As of March 28, 1997, the admissions office has received 5,171 total applications for a projected freshman class of between 925-950 students.

"This year the applications have been greater than ever before. The freshman class is filling very rapidly," said Assistant Dean of Admissions Susan Klopman.

The average SAT score for freshman admitted in the fall of 1996 was 1059 with a GPA of 3.2. Klopman expects the scores to con-

tinue to rise this year.

"The bottom line is more people. We choose the high GPA/SAT within our range. We expect the GPA/SAT for fall '97 to be higher," she said.

It is the policy of Elon admissions to place more weight on an applicant's GPA than his or her SAT or ACT scores.

Standardized tests are sometimes criticized for rewarding good test-taking skills rather than talent.

Kathy Lyday-Lee, director of the honors program, said, "I hate standardized tests. A student's GPA is a better method of evaluation. To see **SCORES**, page 5