

# Elon Ready For AIDS Quilt

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With the arrival of a portion of the AIDS Quilt just a week away, preparation is in full swing. The AIDS Quilt, a national symbol of the fight against the AIDS virus, will be at Elon April 24-26.

Most of the money needed to bring a section of the Quilt to Elon has already been raised, but volunteers still need to be signed up, said the event's co-chair Michael Ulrich.

Ulrich said he hopes to have 300-400 volunteers, but only 50 have done the paper work. "There's a lot of people who I think want to volunteer, but just haven't gone through the proper procedure," Ulrich said.

People who want to volunteer need to fill out a form that says what they will do and when and where they will do it.

Students can volunteer for the following areas:

•**Set up:** Help unload the Quilt, display equipment, lay out the display and set up tables.

•**Quilt monitor:** Monitor an assigned area of the quilt, provide assistance to visitors.

•**Merchandise sales:** Assist with sales of NAMES Project merchandise.

•**Information:** Provide general information about the display and The NAMES Project.

•**Unfolding:** Help unfold Quilt for display, fill-in as quilt monitor.

•**Greeters:** Directing and counting visitors, collecting donations.

•**New panels:** Help panelmakers at check-in and help with readers.

•**Volunteer support:** Help check-in and

coordinate other volunteers.

•**Breakdown:** Take down display, take inventory, pack supplies.

•**Emotional support:** Professionally trained counselors to offer support.

Ulrich said various organizations have raised more than \$10,000 to bring the Quilt to Elon.

Among some of the larger contributors were the Student Union Board, which donated \$1,000, and the Student Government Association and Greek organizations, which donated \$3,000 each.

Smaller groups helped raise money as well. Last Thursday night a communications senior seminar class, taught by communications chair George Padgett raised more than \$750 for the cause.

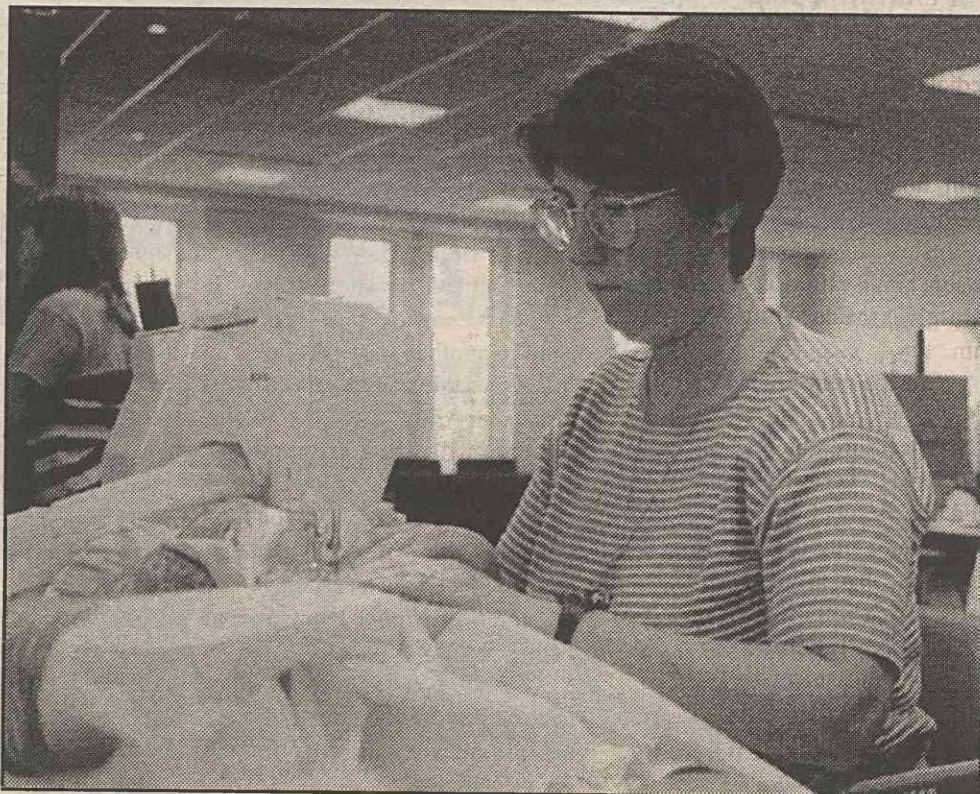
"We're right on target with the fundraising," Ulrich said. "But we could always use more."

Several people who wished to add a section to the AIDS Quilt participated in a panel making session Saturday afternoon in the Moseley Center.

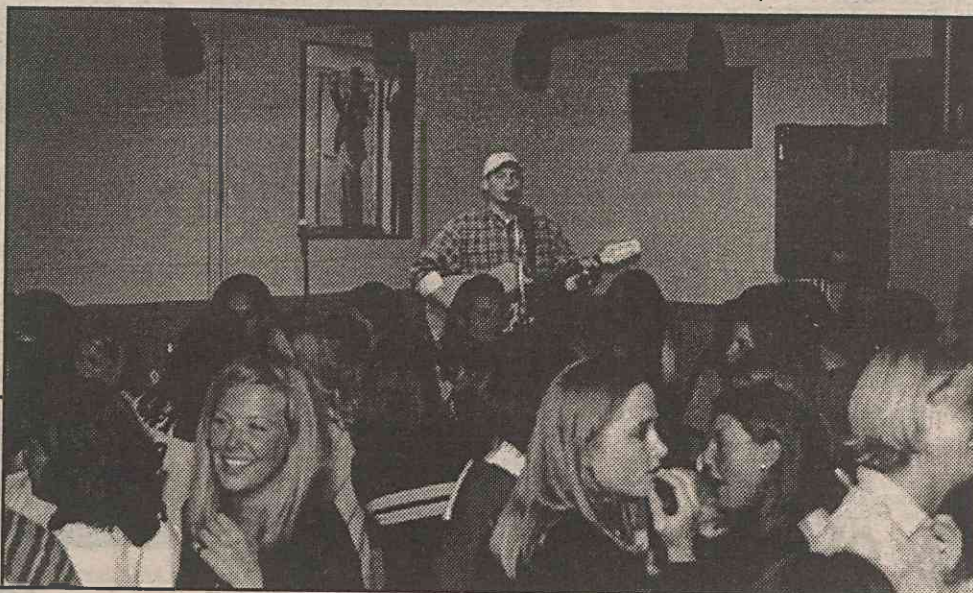
English professor Kathy Lyday-Lee and Elon senior Rafael Solanes assisted anyone who wished to make a panel.

Despite a small turnout, Lyday-Lee said there should be several additions to the Quilt next week.

"We have sent letters out to AIDS service organizations in the area," she said. "Some of them are having panel making session in their own areas. And we are encouraging them to bring the panels here when the Quilt gets here and have them dedicate it." Anyone who would like to volunteer for the Quilt ceremonies can call Ulrich at Ext. 2397.



Elon English professor Kathy Lyday-Lee prepares a quilt or panel in honor of a person who has died of the AIDS virus. Lyday-Lee and several others will add their creation to the AIDS Quilt, which will be at Elon April 24-26. **Andrew Brickey/The Pendulum**



A group of students party at West End Station for an AIDS Quilt fund-raiser. **Tracey Stark/The Pendulum**

## Maher Seeks Student Input

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Vice President of Academic Affairs Julianne Maher addressed the Student Government Association last Thursday to get student input on a five-year academic plan, a set of goals on how to improve the academic atmosphere of Elon.

"We don't want to wave a wand and make you nerds," Maher told the SGA. "But we do want to improve the educational atmosphere on campus."

Maher spoke to the group for about 40 minutes about the plan, which is in its first year of implementation. She emphasized the importance of getting student input for the plan and other activities the school plans.

"We need the partnership of the students to make this plan work," she said. "As students, you are very unaware of your power. You will be heard if you are part of an organized group and communicate with the faculty or administration." Maher also said a copy of the revised honor code system will be distributed to campus organizations for approval this week.

"We're hoping to resolve the situation so that students can get involved in the decision making process," she said.

### New Senators

SGA President Ashton Newhall appointed candidates for three seats to the senate during last Thursday's meeting. They were all voted in by the senate.

Junior Kristin Downes was

voted in for the arts and humanities seat on the Academic Council; junior Heather Coffee was voted in for a senior class senate seat; and junior Robin Brame was voted in for the math and science seat on the Academic Council.

All of the candidates expressed a desire to make an impact on campus during their speeches to the senate.

"I think a lot of students don't know where to voice their opinions," Downes said. "And I would like to be that voice."

### Homecoming Themes

The SGA will vote today on themes for next fall's homecoming today. Several of the candidates include Fame (the television show), the Star Wars, Gangster's Paradise, a futuristic theme and Mardi Gras.



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