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The Elon Vision states that the college's primary goal is to guarantee that Elon "is and is recognized as one of the premier private

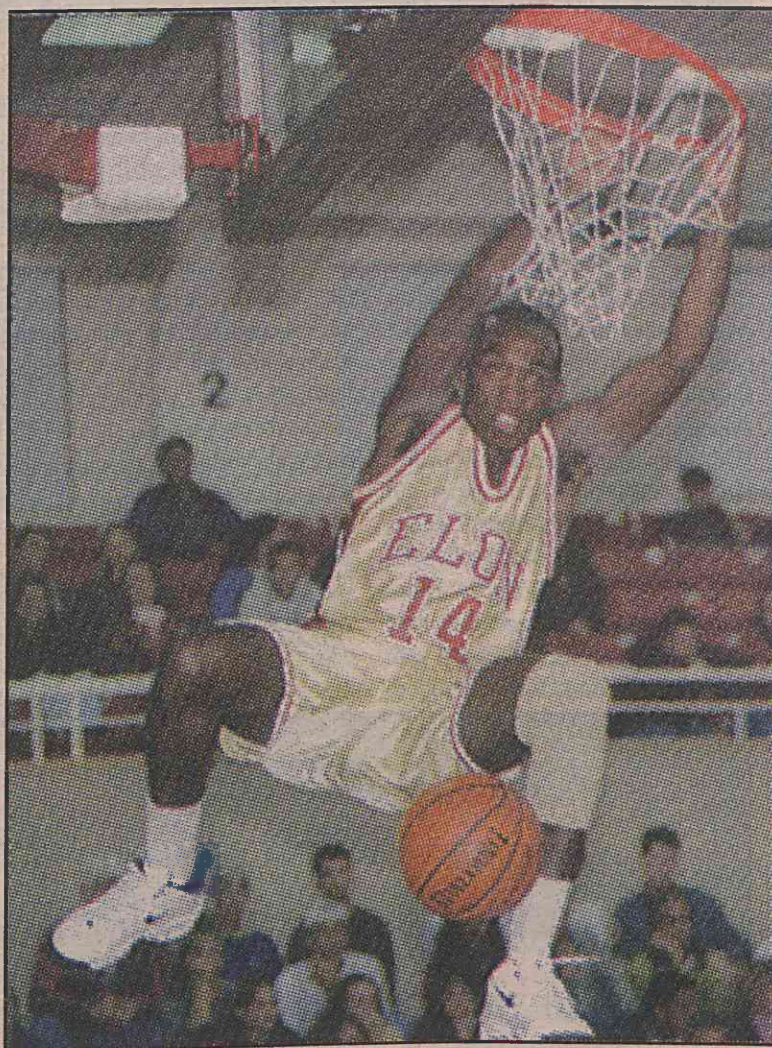
undergraduate institutions on the Eastern Seaboard." Steps taken towards achieving that goal include the building of the new science building, library and football stadium. Another step is to equip Elon with the technology needed to pre-

pare its faculty, staff and students for the 21 century.

The Office of the Provost recently released a technology report listing Elon's equipment and technology goals and the steps needed to reach those goals.

"(The report's purpose) is to take a reading of where we currently are in technology and where we need to be in a few years," said

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Bringing down the house: Elon guard Dennis Gaskins makes a two-handed dunk during "Friday Night Madness," the first practice for the men's and women's basketball team. A record crowd of 1,450 saw scrimmages, dunk contests and prize giveaways. See related story, page 24.

## Senior class to help fund football stadium

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Build it and they will come.

The Senior Society hopes "they" will come in the form of \$65,000.

A month after the senior meeting, the Senior Society announced last week that the Class of 1998 hopes to help fund a section of the new on-campus football stadium as part of the senior gift.

"It's a really exciting project because this is the first class that has a chance to leave their mark on the stadium," said Stephanie Schaefer, assistant director of annual support.

What the gift will be is still a mystery, but Chad Bebout, president of the senior class, said one idea would be to fund a tailgating area.

"When we come back to Elon (as alumni), most of the activities will usually be centered around the football game," he said. "And we think that the schools with tailgating areas are ones that are really

remembered."

The senior class voted to fund a section of the new football stadium during the senior meeting on Sept. 4. During the meeting, participants chose from a list of six possible gifts.

Schaefer said that nearly 80 percent of the students chose the stadium gift.

Schaefer and Bebout sat in with leaders from 22 organizations last Wednesday to plan fund-raising activities.

The group hopes to top the Class of 1996, which had the highest class participation with their senior gift. That class had nearly 37 percent of its members raise more than \$13,300 toward the underwriting of the renovated Iris Holt McEwen Library.

Last year, 27 percent of the graduating class helped raise nearly \$7,500 to renovate the Alamance rotunda (the main lobby on the first floor).

This year's goal is \$65,000

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### INTERNSHIPS

Last year, 66% of Elon graduates participated in an internship or co-op while at Elon. The national average in 1996 was 33%.



## Volunteerism stressed on Saturday

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Make A Difference Day is coming to Elon.

The national event, which is sponsored by *USA Weekend* and the Points of Light Foundation, is on Saturday, Oct. 25.

"The purpose (of Make a Difference Day) is to get people who don't volunteer out there volunteering and to get the people who do volunteer to volunteer more," said sophomore Cam Tims, one of the co-directors of the Elon Volunteers! service events team, which is organizing Elon's participation in

the event.

While this is the seventh annual Make A Difference Day, this is the first year that Elon College or Burlington have participated. The reason Burlington is participating this year is because the *Times-News* now carries the *USA Weekend* magazine, said Kevin Hancock, the advertising director for the *Times-News*, who is coordinating the Burlington events for the *Times-News*.

EV! sent out letters to campus organizations informing them of the day and asking them to participate. The groups were given a list of possible projects they could participate in, or asked to think of their

own.

Some of the groups participating are Sigma Sigma Sigma, which is collecting children's books on Saturday, and Alpha Kappa Psi which is doing a road clean up and sending cards to a child dying of cancer.

The MBA program in the Love School of Business has also coordinated some projects. Students in the program, along with local businesses affiliated with the program, have adopted two houses belonging to elderly. They will be painting one of the houses and planting

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