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## Board of Trustees holds spring meeting

### Total student costs raised by 5.16 percent

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The Board of Trustees approved a \$49.9 million budget that includes the smallest tuition increase in 25 years and a total increase to residential students of \$811.

Tuition will rise by \$605 to \$11,927 for the year. The cost of room and board will rise to \$4,376, an increase of \$206. Student fees will remain at \$220.

The total cost for an on-campus student next year will be \$16,523 — a 5.16 percent increase over 1997-98.

Vice President of Business and Finance Gerald Whittington said, "Given the constraints of any budget, I think the budget passed by the Board is a good one."

Whittington did not know if financial aid would be increased

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### Sophomore housing requirement passed

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The Board of Trustees passed a policy that would require all sophomores to live on campus.

The requirement, which was passed at the spring meeting held March 10 and 11, will take affect with the incoming freshman class.

"The main purpose of adding sophomores to the residency requirement is to increase student

success at Elon," said John Barnhill, assistant to the dean of students.

Assistant Director of Housing Operations Mark Harris said that studies have shown that students who live on campus have a higher graduation rate than those who don't.

Harris also said if students live on campus for two years they are more likely to stay on campus.

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## SGA approves 1998-99 budgets

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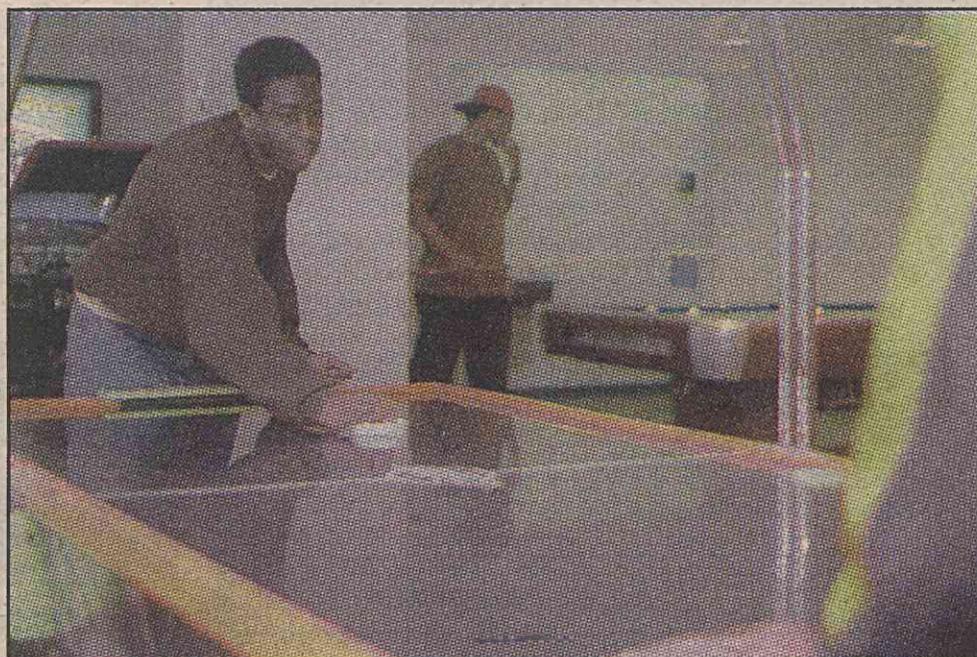
The Student Government Association (SGA) met last week to vote on the organizational budgets for 1998-99.

The committee, which is comprised of the current executive treasurer, the treasurer-elect, the SGA president and president-elect, the four class treasurers and SGA adviser Barb Carlton provided the SGA with a proposed budget for Elon's recognized organizations.

The SGA is not responsible for finances dealing with Greek organizations.

Many changes were made from last year's budget. For example, the Liberal Arts Forum received an

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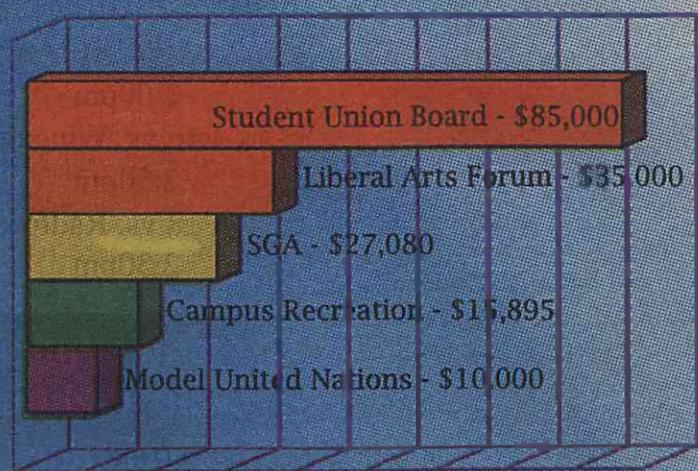
### Friendly Fire

Freshmen Todd Ebba, left, and DeWayne Banks go head-to-head at the air hockey table in the game room Tuesday afternoon.

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## Pendulum F.Y.I.

Organizations Receiving the Most SGA Funding



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## Construction causes parking problems

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Construction workers closed off the south end of Moseley Center parking lot on March 16 to make way for the building of the new library.

Moseley Center will temporarily lose about 240 spaces as workers begin construction. The north end of the Moseley parking lot, near the Loy Center, is still available to students and staff, but a barrier blocks parking in the south end.

Students concerned about lack of available parking spaces needn't worry. The parking lot

behind the new science building should be paved by Tuesday, said Chuck Gantos, director of campus safety and police.

The new parking lot will provide about 200 new spaces, almost compensating for the loss in Moseley Center. Students with "C" registration permits can park in the new lot. Problems finding parking spaces should be minor.

"We have ample parking spaces," said Gantos. "People would just like them to be more convenient."

Gantos said students and staff should use the new parking lot and warns that security will be ticketing

those who use the construction as an excuse to snag more desirable spaces they're not registered for.

Some students find the construction an inconvenience.

"It's nearly impossible to find a spot in Moseley," Elizabeth Henderson said.

Ryan Riggleman, who recently got a ticket for parking in the library lot, said the overall parking situation has improved since they opened up the science building lot.

"It's just far from everything," he said.

Students can hope to see parking improve once the science building lot is paved and lined.