

Viewpoint

Early yesterday afternoon the Elon College Board of Trustees announced that Leo Lambert would become Elon's eighth president.

While following in the footsteps of President Young will certainly be a big task for anyone, we feel that Lambert is very able for the task that lies ahead and would like to welcome him to the college.

When Elon began its search for a new leader, *The Pendulum* wrote a Viewpoint describing the characteristics that were necessary for our next president. We feel that Lambert has many of these qualities and many more that will help him lead Elon College into the national spotlight and will help other people see Elon College for the institution that we already know it is.

We feel that Dr. Lambert will be both open-minded and patient enough to see Elon, both the people and the school, for what they really are and will not try to force us into becoming the Elon College that he feels we need to be.

Having been a college newspaper man himself, we are confident that Dr. Lambert will continue the Elon tradition of a free student press and will give his support to the work of not just *The Pendulum*, but WSOE, ESTV, *Colonnades* and *Phi Psi Cli*.

With his dedication to and background in faculty development, we trust Dr. Lambert will continue to improve the quality of the already outstanding Elon faculty and will strengthen the overall academic climate of the college.

Based on all we know of the presidential search and the presidential candidates, *The Pendulum* firmly believes that the search committee and the Board of Trustees made the right decision for the college's future in selecting Dr. Leo Lambert as Elon's eighth president.

The Pendulum staff would like to take this chance to welcome Dr. Lambert to the Elon College family. We hope you and your family enjoy your time at Elon and we look forward to working with you. You have giant shoes to fill, but we have every confidence in you and your abilities.

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What advice would you give Elon's next president?

Eric Hurwitt, senior: "Keep an open mind... until you get to know the whole community."

Arrian Binnings, sophomore: "I hope he maintains a superior level of quality when hiring new professors."

John Erving, senior: "Don't let anyone make dirty movies in your house."

Carla Phillips, junior: "I hope he's a well-respected authority figure who is supportive of student organizations."

Joy Goad, sophomore: "Help to get some of the physical problems around campus fixed."

Dr. Julianne Maher, Vice President of Academic Affairs: "Get to know the faculty at Elon. They are extraordinarily talented. They care about the students and they are the heart of the institution."

Meredith Stewart, junior: "Please get to know the students more — maybe sit in on some classes or walk around campus."

Tiffany Stephens, senior: "I would like to see him more supportive of athletic games other than football."

Richard McBride, Elon College Chaplain: "The kind of quality improvements we need are those that strengthen us as we already are. The next move for Elon is not a move up, but a move deeper."

Melanie Schniepp, junior: "Continue to strive to fulfill the Elon Vision in ways that benefit the students."

Leah Billera, junior: Be open to change and have an optimistic attitude about expanding the campus."

Diane Curtis, Admissions Records Manager: "Listen."

Alison Sanborn, junior: "Keep an open mind and take it one day at a time."

Christie Graham, senior: "Despite the current growth, retain Elon's small private school charm."

Becky Lake, junior: "Be aware of how the student body feels about issues on campus."

Corbie Meadows, Vice President, Student Government Association: "Enjoy the new people you meet."

Matt Bacewicz, freshman: "Try to keep up with the same standards of excellence we've come to expect at Elon College."

Jeff Angel, Treasurer, Student Government Association: "Listen to the guidance of the senior staff. They are more than qualified to help your transition."

Dr. Danieley, Elon College President, 1957-73: "Be yourself. Plan to be with us for a lengthy tenure and we are all committed to work

together under your leadership."

Jessica Spaulding, sophomore: "I would tell him to not let Elon get too big and keep things mostly the way they are. Elon has the greatest teachers and good students. There are tons of ways to get involved."

Burton Kesler, sophomore: "Support and improve the campus media."

Kevin Busfield, junior: "Continue to care about the students. They are what makes the school what it is, so as long as their best interests are being placed first, everything should go well."

Roberta Forbes, junior: "I would tell the new president that above all Elon is a community where communication is a priority and that the students and faculty need to know he is available to address any concerns. I'd also tell him to eat, drink and be merry, but he's gotta get some work done sometime."

Ed Barney, senior: "First I would strongly suggest that he get to know the students here before making any radical changes. Finish the vision and build new dorms."

George Troxler, Coordinator of Cultural Programs: "Discuss with students, faculty, staff and trustees new approaches to maintaining the forward momentum of the institution without throwing the successful programs off course."

A letter to the Elon College community from Dr. Leo Lambert

Dear Colleagues and Students,

What a thrill it is for our family to have the opportunity to join the Elon College family beginning Jan. 1, 1999.

Following our visit two weeks ago, Laurie and I boarded the plane back to Wisconsin with a sense of elation about our visit and the "fit" that seemed to exist between the College and us.

I also left campus with a feeling of humbleness, because the President is entrusted with a great treasure of an institution and a strong academic community dedicated to the development of

students.

Over the course of the next 10 weeks I plan to make several return visits to campus to work closely with President Young to ensure a smooth and orderly transition in the Office of the President.

Following Dr. Young's very successful 25-year career at Elon College will be a great challenge indeed, but with your patience and help, I know that we will continue to move Elon College forward by working together.

Laurie, Callie, Mollie, and I are anticipating our move to North Carolina with joy.

We are eager to establish ourselves as members of a very special community of students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni and friends.

We look forward to many opportunities to greet you in person in the coming months.

With warm wishes,
Leo M. Lambert
President-elect