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The academic freedom statement at Elon College is far more important than many realize. It deals with the right of every person on campus to speak without fear of repression or punishment, said Stephen Braye, associate professor of English and chairman of the Academic Council. This is a very important right that we all use, and many of us have never questioned

that right. However, at one time, students did not have this right, and so the academic freedom statement was added to the student handbook. This right also applies to faculty.

The statement that refers to the faculty is currently being rewritten. It has not been revised in 40 years. One of the main reasons it is being rewritten is that there are currently two different statements in the handbook. One concerns itself with the legal side and the other with the church side of this

freedom. They are hoping to merge the two statements into one with some slight other changes. Elon is currently less tied with the United Church of Christ than previously. One of the statements was based on the relationship with the UCC church, so some revisions will be made concerning that area. However, Elon has roots within the church, and their beliefs of respect of other's opinions and tolerance of other's views will remain.

Trying to define the academic

freedom statement is very difficult. The statement allows everyone the right to voice an opinion, but it doesn't mean that one can say whatever he or she wants in a classroom. It is hard to draw a line between what is right and what is wrong to talk about in a classroom. The mission of the college is to pursue the free expression of ideas.

"As faculty we have the right to pursue all kinds of knowledge,

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## Faculty examine freedom statement

Michelle Cater

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Plans for the transitioning of Elon's new president, Dr. Leo Lambert, are already getting underway.

Lambert and current president Fred Young met last week after the Board of Trustees announced that Lambert would be the college's eighth president.

Sara Peterson, who has moved from the position of the assistant to the presidential search committee to the position of transition facilitator, said that while no definite transition plans had been made yet, Lambert was already planning three to four visits to Elon yet this fall.

Peterson said that while on campus, Lambert hoped to meet with members of the senior staff and others on campus. The purpose of these visits will be for Lambert to learn more about Elon and its cul-

ture. Lambert will also be meeting with Young several times.

"The transition is really the movement of information from Dr. Young to Dr. Lambert," Peterson said.

Lambert will not be on campus for events like Elon's Homecoming.

Peterson said that Lambert does not want to take away from the specialness of these events for Young. She said he also planned to keep a low profile while on campus so he could be an observer more easily.

While in Burlington Lambert will also be looking into more practical and personal matters such as schools for his daughters, Callie, 13, and Mollie, 10.

Peterson said this time will also allow him to get to know the area better before moving to Burlington in mid to late December.



Jenny Jarnecke/The Pendulum

Elizabeth Miller grabs a handful of pumpkin guts in the pumpkin gutting relay at Saturday's second annual Lambda Chi Alpha Pumpkin Fest.

## Parking: What Elon students really pay each year

Heather Kleim  
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How much money do Elon students spend on parking violations and registering their cars?

Last academic year they spent more than \$126,000. This is more than \$34,000 than the year before.

Where does this money come from?

Each parking ticket costs \$25. Ticketed offenses include parking

in a lot that your sticker does not permit you to, parking on-campus without a parking permit and parking in reserved spaces, handicap spaces and fire lanes.

If the fine is paid within 48 hours, the fine is decreased to \$12.50 unless the violation was parking in a handicap space or fire lane.

The 1997-1998 academic year had twice the amount collected for parking violations than the 1996-1997 year with more than \$22,400

collected.

A car with two or more unpaid tickets is subject to towing. The cost of retrieving a towed car is \$45 before 5 p.m., plus paying all unpaid tickets.

In the 1997-1998 year more than \$6,500 was paid in towing fees. This breaks down to approximately 145 towed vehicles in the 1997-1998 year.

"Probably 80 to 90 percent of towed cars are towed during the

day, from the two staff lots by the library and Mooney," Traffic Officer Nelson Gunn said.

Any unpaid tickets will be transferred to the bursar's office once a semester for collection. The bursar's office collected more than \$19,000 from parking fines last academic year.

Most of the money collected from parking comes from parking permits. Commuter students pay \$40 and students living on campus

pay \$50 for parking permits.

This year there have been 1,890 permits issued, costing students anywhere from \$75,600 to \$94,500. In the 1997-1998 year, students spent more than \$78,000 for parking permits.

The money collected from parking gets added to Elon's general fund, which is designated for any number of items, including the day-to-day running of the college.

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