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## Science building named in honor of donor

Michelle Cater  
*The Pendulum*

The Elon College Board of Trustees recently decided to name the new science building after textile manufacturer Dalton McMichael. McMichael's gift of \$3 million to the college in 1996 is the single largest contribution in school history.

"He's just been one of the grandest friends this institution has ever had and he wanted to make it possible for us to go ahead with the Elon Vision," said President J. Fred Young.

"He's a wonderful person for our students to emulate."

McMichael said that he did not make the donation in order to have the building named after him,

and actually hoped someone would make a larger donation for that reason.

"I'm very flattered," he said. "But I do not think that it was necessary."

McMichael has a long history with the college. He said he has been playing golf with Young for years. His daughter, Gail Drew, is a member of the Board of Trustees

and his grandson William graduated in May.

"I've been very pleased I made the contribution. I think it meant a lot more to Elon than it would have to other institutions," McMichael said.

McMichael recently visited the \$17.2 million science building  
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## Faculty and friends remember Al Carpenter

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When Elon College faculty and staff talk about math and computer science professor Al Carpenter the word devoted is often used.

"He was fully devoted to his students and the college," said Richard McBride, the college chaplain.

Carpenter, 45, passed away Saturday night after being hospitalized Thursday with a cerebral hemorrhage, or bleeding in the brain.

His co-workers say Carpenter was very dedicated to the college and to the students he worked with.

"Al was the most devoted faculty member I've ever know," said Rosalind Reichard, the dean of math and sciences.

"He lived and breathed Elon and teaching."

Richard Haworth, a professor of mathematics, describes Carpenter as "passionate and committed to what he thought was important in the lives of the students and the life of the college. He wanted to see students committed to themselves as learners and respectable human beings."

Carpenter, who has been at Elon since 1983, had a reputation for excellent teaching and for caring for his students. This reputation helped him to win the Daniels-Danieley award, Elon's highest honor for teaching, in 1989.

"This speaks very highly of his ability," said former Elon professor Joyce Speas, who knew Carpenter well.

"Both students and faculty thought highly of him."

Carpenter was also instrumental in the creation of April's Academic Summit and played a key role in the Summit's success.

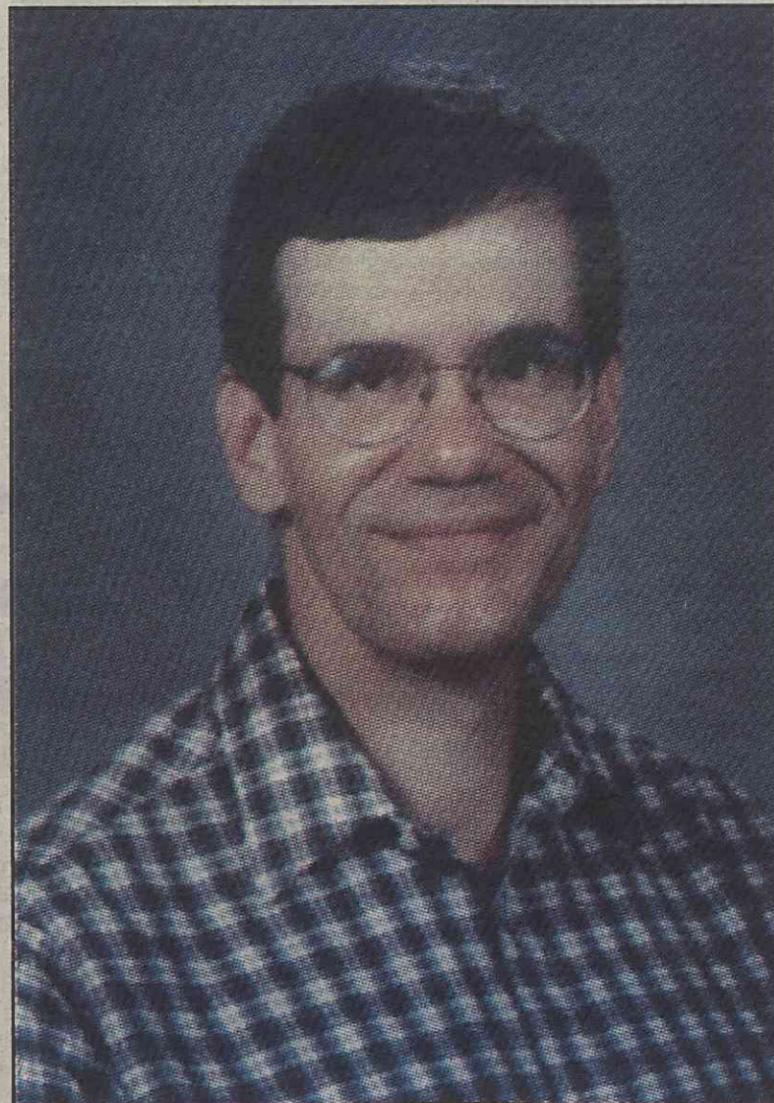
"He was one of the ones to raise the issue of academic standards and high expectations," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Julianne Maher.

"It was really his determination to keep asking the questions," that helped create the Summit, Maher added.

There was more to Carpenter than what was seen inside the classroom, though.

"I don't want to use the word 'workaholic' because that doesn't describe Al," said McBride.

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## Lecture series to entertain and educate college community

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The Academic Council and the Student Government Association recently announced that a lecture series highlighting faculty and staff will soon be returning to Elon.

The SGA and Academic Council have come together to attempt to fulfill one of the components discussed at the Academic

Summit last spring.

The lecture series will consist of two parts. The first part will focus on faculty.

A member of the faculty will be asked to give a lecture, based on the premise that it would be the last lecture they would ever give.

The idea is to allow students and faculty to learn from each other in a less formal environment than a classroom.

The second part of the series will focus on greater understanding of issues that affect our world today.

After each lecture, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers with the guest speaker.

The first lecturer scheduled is Paul Miller, of the Elon health, physical education and leisure department. Miller will be making a presentation on Creatine and other

performance enhancing substances.

Other professors scheduled include Joyce Davis and Kyle Torke.

Barb Carlton, student activities director and SGA adviser, feels that this series will create opportunities for faculty and student interaction outside of the classroom.

The Student Government Association is responsible for organizing the series. The lecture series

will be held once a month at College Coffee, where refreshments will be served.

Any ideas or suggestions for the series should be directed to SGA Academic Council chairman Matt Syno.

The lecture series is set to begin in the near future. Syno hopes that the series will continue for the remainder of the year, and possibly next year.