

Viewpoint

Welcome to the first issue of *The Pendulum* for 1999! This year brings a number of changes to *The Pendulum*, including some new faces on staff and the return of a few old friends to our pages.

A quick browse of the staff list below this box will reveal a number of new additions to the editorial staff. Alan Medeiros will be keeping up with the latest around campus as the News Editor. Columnist Chris Rash has taken over as the new Opinions Editor. Sports Editor Troy Adams and Assistant Sports Editor Chrissie Taylor will be bringing you updates on how our Fightin' Christians are faring in Division I. Emily MacDonnell will let her pictures tell the story as the new Photo Editor. The office will be under the watchful eye of new Office Manager Carolyn Lampila. The tag team of Business Manager Courtney Henson and Advertising Manager Katie Sullivan will be supervising our advertising this year. Jeff Sanders and Bill Monken have returned to usher in a new era for *The Pendulum Online* as the Online Editor and Assistant Online Editor, respectively. Managing Editor Carrie Lancos has been hard at work on a number of the design and content changes you will be seeing throughout the paper. Keeping the staff in line is new Editor in Chief Sarah Voss.

Crime Watch returns this year, although whether or not that return will be a triumphant one will depend on what you the readers think... and just how much trouble you get into around campus!

A second content change is that the Features section has been completely revamped. The new Focus section will feature an in-depth look at a particular topic of interest to Elon students. This week's topic is Focus on Clinton. We welcome back *Pendulum* legend Chuck Buckley, who will head the Focus section this year. We hope this section will be an informative and entertaining addition to our pages. Check out pages 10 and 11 for your first look!

We will also be bringing you the weekend weather forecasts in addition to Horoscopes every week.

Rest assured that despite all these changes, we remain committed to providing the Elon College community with the best coverage possible of the news and issues that are important to you. We are always open to letters to the editor, suggestions, ideas or criticism—whatever it takes to make *The Pendulum* better for you. Enjoy!

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Lambert soaks in the Elon life

The *Pendulum* recently sat down with Elon College President, Dr. Leo M. Lambert to discuss the first few weeks of his tenure, which began Jan. 1. The following is an excerpt from that interview.

Pendulum: What have the first few weeks at work been like?

Lambert: My first few weeks have been, as you would expect, [about] getting to know people on campus, attending campus events, getting to know faculty and students and trustees and major donors to the campus. I've been trying to be seen and be visible. [My family and I] are just trying to soak in as much of the Elon life as we can.

And then I've been trying to acquaint myself with some of the major issues that I'll need to be knowledgeable about very quickly. There's the college budget for next year, many issues regarding the budget need to be decided upon and we have several construction projects that are in the works. And then, of course we've been thinking about the stadium campaign... how are we going to bring the Elon Vision campaign to a close successfully, including building the football stadium. These are all things that are taking a lot of time and energy.

Pendulum: What's the biggest difference you've seen so far

between Elon and Wisconsin?

Lambert: Well, I continue to be extremely impressed with the very strong sense of community here at Elon College and the very strong commitment to be a student-centered community. It exists at a level unlike anywhere I've ever worked before. I continue to be very impressed by that and I feel like it is my obliga-

Dr. Leo M. Lambert
Elon College President

tion as president to maintain that very strong focus.

Pendulum: What are you hoping to get accomplished this semester and into the next year?

Lambert: This semester I really want to take the pulse of the campus, just to be visible, to get to know people, to try to understand what the issues are that face Elon College. It is extremely time-consuming just becoming acquainted with people; the college has so many friends and people who are very generous to the college and those are people who are also important for me to know, in addition to the students and faculty. So part of my agenda is to become familiar with all the important people in the Elon College community.

And then we're going to be

hiring a new Vice-president of Institutional Advancement, and it's very important that we fill that position quickly and well.

Pendulum: What are you looking forward to most in your tenure as president?



Lambert: It's hard to pick just one thing. I'm just looking forward to seeing Elon College continue on this very significant up-

ward path that it's on right now. So many good things are happening here, the quality of the student body is improving, we're hiring more faculty, the Physical Plant is growing, and I just want to see the future direction of Elon being one of a forward-moving, forward-thinking campus. I see it as my job to make that happen.

Pendulum: Is there anything you'd like to say to welcome students back to the Spring semester?

Lambert: I'm really anxious to get to know students and I hope students are anxious to get to know me!

Speaking of ...

Civil Rights

Do you think the Civil Rights Movement was a success?



William Burr, junior: I think it was a major step, but I think the minorities of our country have a long way to go. Especially in business careers where they are not getting the same pay and are still getting cheated out of jobs.

Panchita Paulete, freshman: It was a great start but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.



Michele Macon, junior: I think remarkable things were done in the sixties but there is still a long way to go.

Allyson Brunetti, freshman: The Civil Rights movement was successful for its time but times have changed and it hasn't kept up. Things could be a little different now.



Winston Ford, freshman: I believe that the civil rights movement was successful, to a point, because now people of different races can work together, interact together, and basically learn together.

Steve Carkhuff, freshman: Minorities have gained a lot of ground as a result of the civil rights struggle.

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