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## Elon alumna awarded Pulitzer Prize

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Jo Craven, a 1985 Elon College graduate and former editor in chief of *The Pendulum*, was awarded the 1999 Pulitzer Prize Gold Award for public service April 12 for an investigative series that appeared in the *Washington Post*.

"It was surprising," Craven said about winning what is considered journalism's top honor. "People in the office started to talk

about [the series] as a possible contender, but when you're working on this kind of project it becomes all consuming."

"You don't go in and think about the Pulitzer, you think about what you have to do for the project that day."

Craven was part of a team that examined cases of justifiable homicide by police in the District of Columbia. She did preliminary work for a year before the eight-month investigation began.

Craven researched the D.C. police shootings by combing through FBI databases for records of justifiable homicides. The style of journalism she used, computer assisted reporting, revealed that the FBI collects records of justifiable homicides, but does not publish them.

The five-part series, which appeared in the *Post* in November, revealed a pattern of reckless shootings by D.C. police due to inadequate training and reported that

D.C. police killed more people per resident in the 1990s than any other big-city police force.

Since the series was published, D.C. Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey has doubled the number of hours officers must spend training to re-qualify for their handguns.

"The reaction [to the series] was largely very positive from the police, the FBI, the Justice Department and the community," Craven said.

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## SGA appoints nine senators to vacant seats

Carrie Lancos  
*The Pendulum*

The Student Government Association (SGA) appointed nine candidates to vacant positions in the Senate At-Large and Academic Councils at the April 22 meeting.

In the senior class, Corbie Meadows was appointed to vice-president, Nilija Koram was appointed to Secretary/Treasurer and Jude Dooley, Christy Waterman and Kim Wright were appointed as senators.

Two people ran for the vice-president seat, two people ran for the secretary/treasurer seat and four people ran for the senatorial positions.

Meadows said that some goals she wishes to accomplish in her new office are: "Selecting a good graduation speaker and raising money for our class so we can give a really good class gift."

Dooley's plan is to increase SGA's presence on campus.

"The big thing I want to accomplish is more communication amongst the senior class," he said.

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Kelly Wingate and Jay Bryan seek out a shady spot at Elon Fest, which was held Saturday, April 24. Headliners Vertical Horizon performed along with several other bands in the SUB sponsored event. The Sierra Club also hosted an Earth Day celebration.

Jen McCort/*The Pendulum*

## Bruno to head Institutional Advancement

Alan Medeiros  
*The Pendulum*

Dean Bruno was named vice-president for institutional advancement at Elon College.

Bruno was chosen by a committee that searched nationwide for candidates.

He will begin his duties, which also encompass the offices of alumni and parent relations on June 1.

"Elon College is fortunate to be able to attract such a dynamic and seasoned professional to lead the Institutional Advancement efforts. Dean Bruno's leadership will

be key to the successful completion of the Campaign for the Elon Vision and our future fund-raising efforts," said President Leo Lambert.

Currently the vice-president for university advancement at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, N.Y., Bruno has also had development experience at Cornell University and California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo.

"The search committee was looking for someone who will take Elon College to the next level in the long term. The committee was also looking for someone who could work closely with President Lambert," said John Burbridge, Dean of

the Business School.

Bruno received his MBA from Wake Forest University, and was already familiar with the area prior to the application process.

Bruno noted that Elon's mission was one of the main reasons that he chose to apply for the position.

"It is clear that the College has first rate facilities and continues to be a leader in service opportunities and leadership development," said Bruno.

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Sean Hurley (left) and Keith Kane of Vertical Horizon conduct a live interview in the WSOE studios before their performance at Elon Fest Saturday, April 24. Emily MacDonnell/*The Pendulum*