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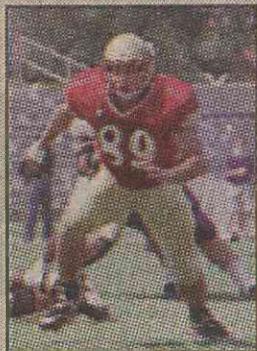
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Expansion fraternity to join Elon Greeks

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Elon College's Greek community will gain another set of letters when a new fraternity is welcomed on campus in March.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC), the governing body for Elon's male social Greek organizations, called for the addition of a new fraternity in September.

The request was response to the loss of one fraternity in March 1998 and the subsequent strain put on the remaining six fraternities in terms of the amount of new members they could accept.

In October, the Office of Greek Life notified the 60 national fraternities not already represented on campus of the college's interest in adding another fraternity.

18 nationally recognized fraternities responded and are vying for the spot as Elon's newest Greek organization. Among them are Alpha Phi Delta, Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, Delta Chi, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Nu and Theta Chi.

Three fraternities that were previously on campus, Pi Kappa

Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Tau Kappa Epsilon also expressed interest in expansion. Alpha Chi Rho, a fraternity that is active at Elon but not recognized by the college, also applied.

"I am extremely pleased with the 18 applications we received," Director of Greek Life Grahaeme Hesp said. "The fact that we've generated interest from large national groups shows the strength and positive feeling that exists towards the Greek system at Elon."

The evaluation and selection process, overseen by a 14-member expansion committee, began Oct. 26.

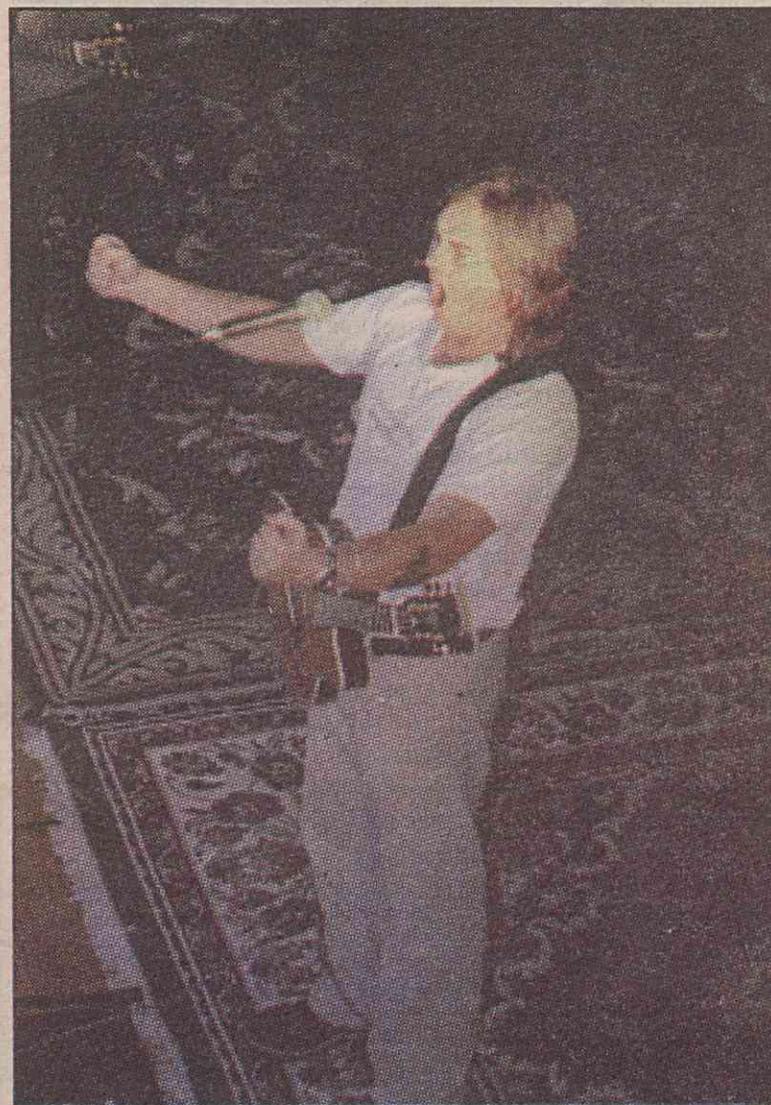
The committee includes Greek and non-affiliated students, faculty and staff.

They are currently reviewing the information supplied by the interested organizations and will narrow the selection down to three candidates by Nov. 30.

The three organizations selected will be invited to send national representatives to Elon in January.

They will give presentations to the expansion committee and to the Greek organizations and governing bodies.

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Singer-songwriter Edwin McCain performs an acoustic set in Whitley Auditorium to a packed house Thursday, Nov. 4. Montgomery Burns Band and Cast Iron Filter opened for McCain, who performed music from his latest album as well as his hit song 'Solitude.' For an exclusive interview with Edwin McCain, see page 13.

Elon tops in USA Today college report College cited as small school with 'special magic'

Alan Medeiros

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Elon College was listed in a USA Today article Nov. 8 as being one of the lesser-known colleges that stand out as an excellent school, even though it does not have admission standards as high as some of the traditional brand name schools.

Loren Pope, an author and college placement expert, was quoted in the article as saying that many lesser-known schools are "non-traditional places" that offer cutting edge education and teach

students to think and cope in a new kind of world. Learning is cooperative, not competitive, as it tends to be in the Ivy League schools.

Also, students are engaged in their own learning, as opposed to lecture halls and taking notes from a professor or graduate assistant.

Sophomore Caroline Lalla came to Elon mainly because of the small size.

"I liked the attention to students that is offered in the small classes and the new facilities and the beauty of the campus helped me to reach my decision," she said.

Freshman Sean Branson came to Elon after reading about it during his senior year of high school.

"Elon sent me mail and flyers recruiting me. I came here to visit the campus and meet with the admissions staff.

"I wasn't sure about Elon before I came, but the visit sold me. The campus itself, and the fact that the people here were very nice and went out of their way to make me feel at home sold it for me."

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Senior Jami White (#23) hustles the ball down the court during the Women's Basketball exhibition game Monday night.