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Elon ranks top in active learning

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A national survey found that Elon students are among the most engaged and active learners in American colleges and universities.

The 2000 National Survey of Student Engagement reported that nine out of ten Elon students said their education at the college is excellent or good.

According to the 180 freshmen and seniors, who responded by mail to the independent survey last year, the faculty at Elon is approachable, challenging and supportive.

NSSE provides colleges and universities with information about students views of higher education at their particular institution.

The survey is administered freshman and seniors last spring. Over 63,000 students at 276 four-year colleges responded. Forty-one percent of the students who received surveys responded.

The survey specifically looks at institutional actions and requirements; curricular and instructional expectations; the character of exams and assignments; curricular and institutional features; and faculty and staff behavior.

Students were asked to respond to questions regarding their behaviors both in and out of the classroom and their reactions to their college.

Elon students ranked high in most categories compared to the national average. In response to the question about internships, 91 percent of Elon students said they completed or plan to do an internship. The national average was 76 percent.

Twenty-eight percent of Elon students worked with faculty on activities other than coursework, while the average was 12 percent.

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Service Week Concert to be relocated

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Elon Service Week's concert celebration may have to relocate from last year's location, in front of Koury Center due to the library staff's concern of noise disruption.

The second annual Elon Service Week, sponsored by SGA and Elon Volunteers will come to an end Oct. 1, with a concert to celebrate the efforts of volunteerism and hard work throughout the week.

But the event may not be able to be held in front of Koury Center. The free concert will begin at 2 p.m. and food and a beverage garden will be available.

Pat McGee Band is headlining the show with opening acts Mindflow and Montgomery Burns Band. A DJ will be on hand to keep the celebration going after the concert.

"Sunday afternoon is a big time for students to study in the

library, especially graduate students," Kate Hickey, Library Director, said. "We just want to make sure the concert will not be a disruption to students studying in the library during that time."

An alternate location being considered for the concert is the

area behind Moseley Center facing the Loy Center. "We are trying to accommodate all students using the library during these hours," John Gardner, SGA president said.

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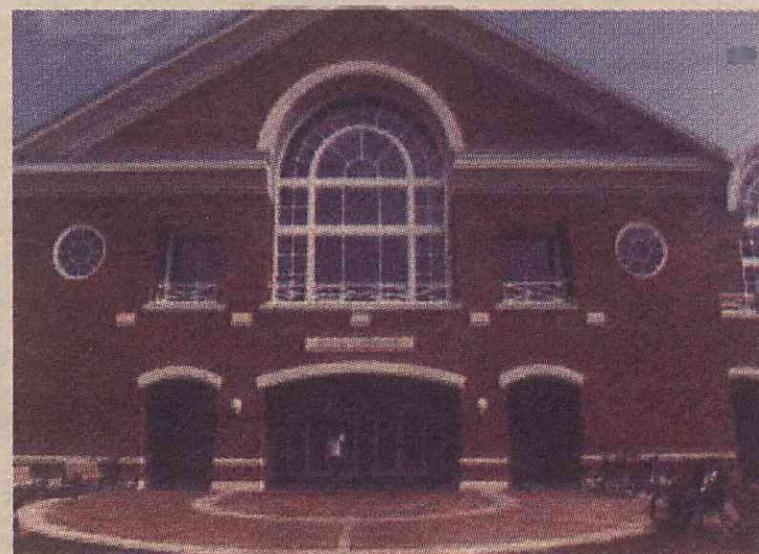


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Library acoustics cause problem with Service Day.

No more Elon College? Trustees to vote on possible University status

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President Lambert spoke to the executives and the senators of the Student Government Association at Thursday's meeting about changing the name of Elon College to Elon University. He gave a brief background, some reasons behind the name change and then yielded the floor for questions.

The President first described the task force, which was created in June by the Board of Trustees. The task force is comprised of 16 members, and includes trustees, alumni, administrators, faculty, staff and students. The task force will be using feedback given during forums

to report back to the Board of Trustees on the campus' reaction.

President Lambert highlighted that in 1992, during the formulation of the Elon Vision, the university question would be asked at the end of the plan. Rhodes Stadium is the conclusion of that plan and we are now moving into the NewCentury@Elon.

"There is no better time than now to pose this question," President Lambert said.

Elon has changed in such dramatic ways within the last eight or so years, that some would say that the Elon of today is not the Elon of yesterday. Hence, the name should change.

There are four key reasons behind the university title. Number

one, university more accurately describes the size and nature of Elon's academics programs. Elon hosts 45 majors and three schools.

Two, many of Elon's top admission competitors hold the title "university." They include Wake Forest University, Duke University, UNC-Chapel Hill, Clemson University and many more.

Third, most of Elon's peer institutions are universities. This takes into consideration Elon's Carnegie Master's one classification, association with New American Colleges and NCAA Division I schools.

Internationally, the term university is known for post-secondary education, whereas the term college is associated with high school

or boarding school in some countries or regions.

President Lambert feels that the key words in Elon's title should be "small, selective university." He mentioned slow-growth and preserving relationships all over the campus is in the best interest of the college. But, ultimately, President Lambert agrees that this would be a step towards a better future at Elon.

Another senator posed the question, "What will happen to the name of the town?" The President mentioned that he had met with the town council on Monday, and their decision will likely head in the direction of dropping "college" and remaining Elon.

Not all students are in favor of this change. "If it's not broke

don't fix it," said Alan Medeiros the SGA social science chair.

Medeiros went on to comment that many students see Elon as a small community. He pointed out that we don't have a Ph.D program, a large endowment or library volumes that compare with universities.

President Lambert responded that Elon is looking into a Ph.D. program in physical therapy. "Elon has evolved in an honest way with a rapid transformation, but we are looking to keep Elon College within the university."

A forum to discuss the University versus College proposal will be held today at 4 p.m. in Yeager Recital Hall, Model Fine Arts Building.