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Queen Noor speaks at Fall Convocation for Honors

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Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan highlighted Elon's Fall Convocation of Honors Oct. 12. Her address in Alumni Gym reached out to Elon students and faculty to place education as the highest priority. To approximately 2,800 listeners, she stressed the importance of intercultural education and cross-cultural interaction.

"The exchange of information between various countries, cultures, races and peoples is necessary to promote cross-cultural interaction and understanding and promote tolerance and solidarity among our multi-faceted global community," Queen Noor said.

Queen Noor was born Lisa Najeeb Halaby in 1951 to a distinguished Arab-American family. Her emphasis on multi-cultural learning stems from both her family background and her marriage to King Hussein. "My own multi-cultural background and life-journey have strengthen my belief in the importance of international exchange and multi-cultural perspectives in the building of equitable, productive and peaceful relations among individuals and communities," Queen Noor said.

Queen Noor graduated from Princeton in 1974. During the address, she spoke of her college years, a time when she was actively concerned with issues such as social injustice, poverty and the environment. She placed a heavy emphasis on a college education, stating that her college education acted as a catalyst, which caused her to act on what she had learned.

"Colleges can foster an understanding of international issues, such as the environment, human rights and global populations, while teaching students to resolve conflict without violence," Queen Noor said.

Students who attended the speech had a positive reaction to Queen Noor. At a campus-wide picnic following the celebration, praise of the Queen and her speech circulated fast.

"I thought she was breathtaking," sophomore Lisa Purtz said. "Her words touched on what I feel Elon stands for -- a quality education."

During the convocation, President Lambert announced the establishment of the King Hussein of Jordan endowed scholarship.

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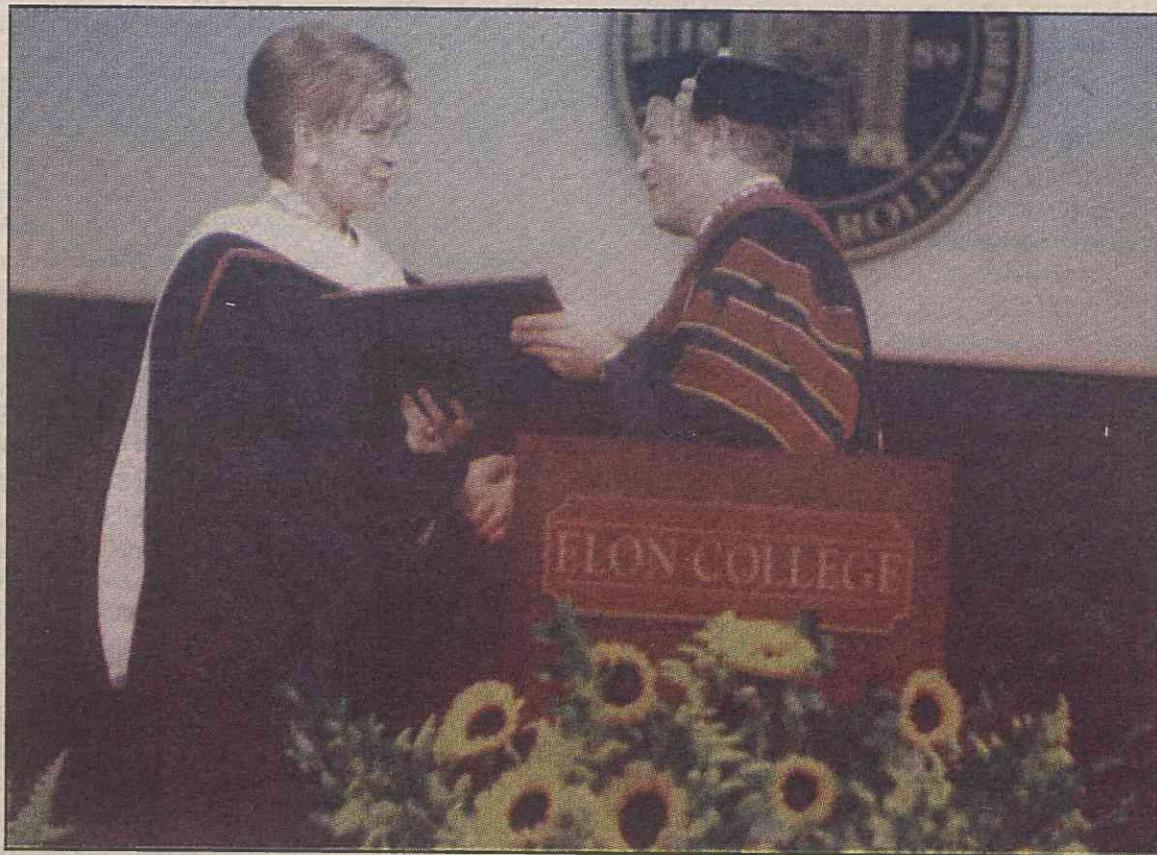


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President Lambert presents an honorary degree to Her Majesty, Queen Noor of Jordan last Thursday at the Convocation for Honors.

Residence halls compete in Rectober Sportsfest

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Campus Recreation's second annual Rectober Sportsfest hosted 300 residents on 12 teams. The three-day event had teams square off in mystery events in Beck Pool, three-on-three basket-

ball and a sling shot contest among others. The competition, open only to on-campus residents, culminated with the tug of war championship on Sunday.

When all was said and done J Crew of Danieley Center were the big winners, edging the Aquaholics of North Area by a mere 25 points.

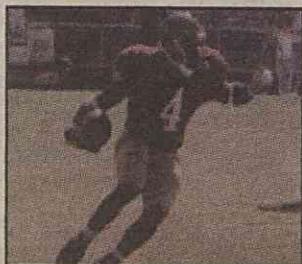
The G-Bums also of Danieley and Team S from West Area rounded out the rest of the top four. In the area standings Danieley Center again came out on top, followed by North Area, West Area, East Area and Loy Center.

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