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Lack of female involvement in Elon sports shows in national rankings

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In recent national rankings, Elon stacks up as an institution that is not involving enough of its women in college sports.

With the success of the U.S. women's soccer team in the past couple of years, and the domination of U.S. women in this year's Summer Olympics, it's hard to believe that gender equity is still an issue on college campuses. Despite these recent successes, Elon and other colleges and universities around the country have been struggling to achieve gender equity in athletics.

According to a recently published study by The Chronicle of Higher Education, in 1998-99, there were approximately 60,000 women on collegiate varsity athletic teams in the United States. They made up 42 percent of all athletes, up from

40 percent in 1997-98.

Women also received 42 percent of scholarship budgets, 31 percent of recruiting budgets, 34 percent of coaching salary budgets and 33 percent of total operating expenses in 1998-99, slightly up from 1997-98.

The study concludes that while there has been substantial progress since the passage of Title IX in 1972, women still have a long way to go before they obtain equity in college sports.

The Chronicle's study ranked Elon as one of the 25 institutions where women student-athletes received the least aid, and one of the top seven institutions showing the greatest disparity between the numbers on participation of female undergraduates and the proportion who are female athletes.

The data for this report were taken from the Equity in Athletics

Disclosure Act reports from 311 of the 317 full members of Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Officials at the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights have specified that colleges and universities must assure that scholarship budgets for athletes are allocated equitably between male and female athletes.

They report that there should be a difference of no more than one percentage point between the proportion of female athletes at an institution and the proportion of scholarships it awards to women athletes.

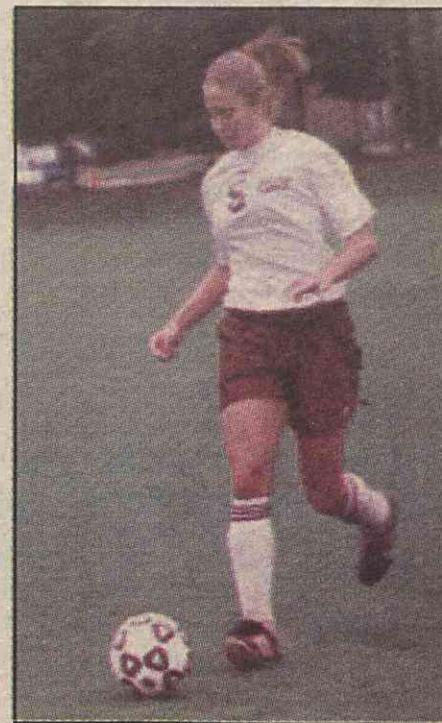
In the most recent gender-equity report, Elon listed a total of 107 female student-athletes in 1998-99. They made up 33 percent of total athletes and received 27 percent of the \$412,966 budget allocated for scholarships. This

caused a six percent difference in the proportion of female athletes and the proportion of scholarships.

Emerald Zemedkun, a member of Elon's volleyball team, said scholarships are important to show athletes that they are appreciated.

She said coaches should use scholarships as a reward for hard work whether it be through leadership, encouragement or the actual act of playing volleyball. She said there are many players on the volleyball team who have not been rewarded as they deserve, due to lack of money.

"Coaches should look at the voices on the team," Zemedkun said.



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Kristen Wizard represents the Lady Phoenix.

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Historic Elon publication found on E-Bay auction site: Alumni battle for purchase

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E-Bay is an online auction site that has items people can bid on, usually at very low costs. One can find computers, new and used wedding dresses, concert tickets, airline tickets, vacation packages and more. Not many people would expect to find Elon College memorabilia.

A smaller number would expect to find memorabilia on E-Bay from before the 1923 fire ravaged Elon College destroying almost everything. Many records, books and other valuable publications were lost or burned, and never seen again. Thanks to E-Bay and two Elon

alumni, the college recently obtained a rare and valuable document.

Connie Keller, Technical Services Librarian/Archivist, received an email from Jim Crotts, class of 2000. He informed Keller that E-Bay had an ancient Elon College item up for bid.

After surfing the E-Bay site Keller came upon the fantastic find, the first issue from volume one of the Elon College Monthly, dated 1891.

Feeling that this would be a tremendous asset to the Elon College Archives collection, she placed a bid, only to learn later that someone else had counter bid against her. Keller soon learned that the

other bidder was Rev. J.C. Dollar, a 1972 Elon College graduate, who wanted to purchase the document and then donate it to the library. The bidding between the two ended and the Elon College archive collection became the proud owner of this historic document thanks to Dollar's donation.

The paper provides insight to aspects of college life in 1891. The salutatory piece written by S.E. Everett, is especially strong in detailing the importance of maintaining a strong community between alumni, current students and the college.

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Elon Print Shop changes locations: Now offering courier services to compensate for off-campus distance

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The Elon College Print Shop moved from first floor Carlton to Elon West, behind Pizza Hut on Oct. 25.

The Print Shop will offer a courier service for convenience. The shop operates from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Material is picked up from the front desk at Moseley twice a day.

"Faculty and students can drop

their material off to be printed at the front desk of Moseley," James McCall, Print Shop Manager said.

After the first floor of Carlton is renovated, the Isabella Cannon Study Abroad Program offices will relocate to the original home of the Print Shop, providing a more spacious setting.

Health Services and Campus Security were two other organizations at one time speculated to move to Elon West.