

Officials verify Elon's waste is handled properly

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Plastics in one bin, glass and newspaper in another. After accusations that Elon's recyclable material is being mixed with trash and never being recycled, FCR, the recycling plant in Greensboro responsible for the school's sorting, has put those worries to rest.

"Regardless of what's in the bin, it goes down the sort line," Steve Rich, FCR plant manager, said. "We have about 35 people who hand-sort and separate the recyclable."

This news comes in response to the rumors and speculation of trash and recycle bins being dumped together and never separated. Students, faculty and staff have witnessed the mixing of materials and questioned whether or not their conscious efforts to preserve the environment were really worth it.

"It appears we are not recycling on campus; it all gets mixed together as trash," Kathy Manning, Director of Service Learning said. "I fully believe we

should be recycling and we should find out how we can."

Officials from Waste Industries and the Alamance County landfill verified that the school's waste material was being handled properly. "It is mandatory to recycle," Jackie Shoffner, Waste Industries sales representative said. "Elon would be double charged by the landfill if recyclables were found in their trash."

Shoffner explained that Elon's trash is picked up and taken to the county landfill, while the recyclable materials are picked up from an open-top container located at physical plant and taken to FCR, where they are sorted and recycled.

Alvin Cagle, Alamance County landfill manager, went on to confirm Elon's compliance with the recycling program in the county. "There's one thing for certain, the mechanisms are in place for a recycling program at Elon," Cagle said. "I'm not aware of any fines levied on loads coming from Elon College."

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Behind the scenes of the transition: Elon College becomes Elon University June 1

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With Elon College making a historic leap to University status on June 1, an inconceivable amount of preparation will be done behind the scenes.

"We will be calling ourselves what we actually are and what we have been," Gerald Whittington, head of the logistics committee behind the college to university switch, said.

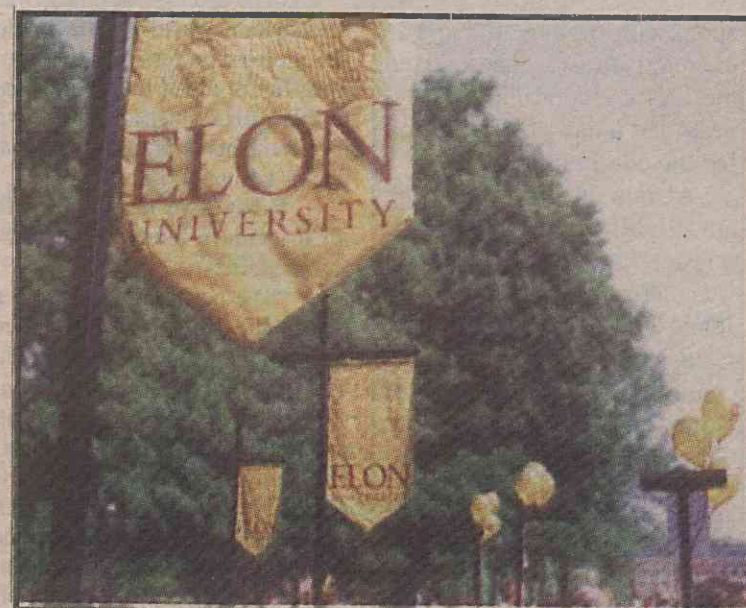
Since the unanimous decision by the board of trustees on Oct. 11, 2000 to make the change, the Logistics Committee has been compiling a vast list of preparations that need to be made. Many will be made by June 1, but there are some that cannot be completed by the official date. For example, the official stationary of the college will be changed by June, but all the signs around campus cannot be changed until Elon is officially a university.

Many worry about preserving the history and heritage of Elon College and the intimate student-teacher relationships the school now boasts.

"We have our eye firmly on the ball," Whittington said.

"We will not let growth get out of hand or let the faculty-student relationship diminish. Many equate university with 'big' and that is not true or accurate. We have our growth of the new class at an increase of 50 students per year."

Whittington said he would not change anything that shapes the college's traditions. For example, the Elon seals in Whitley Auditorium will not be changed because they have sentimental value and carry a lot of tradition. "The general rule we are follow-



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Elon University flags align Fonville Fountain during a special College Coffee honoring the transition Tuesday.

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ing," he said, "is that if it relates to the history of Elon, it probably will not change."

There are still some changes that being debated because of their necessity and priority. Mr. Whittington pointed out that Elon College Television will need to be changed, but what to rename it is still under consideration. "It can be really tough making decisions that affect so many people; you can never please everyone," he said.

Dan Anderson, who is in charge of public relations concerning the change, elaborated on the issue. "There is already some confusion between the College Coffee Shop and College Coffee, the stu-

dent and faculty gathering," he said. "This switch to university is a chance to change one of the names and eliminate that confusion."

Whittington said the College Coffee Shop will probably be changed and that they will offer students a chance to rename it. His idea was to have a competition where all students would have a chance to throw in a new name, and if theirs gets picked they win a prize. "It's a great way to get the students involved in making the decisions that effect them," he said.

According to the Web site dedicated to revision of Elon, even the smallest changes are being considered for the switch. Every book in the library must be re-stamped on the inside.

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