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## Homecoming 2001 kicks off in style

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Reporter

Student Government Association Secretary Susan Denny has been thinking about homecoming since she took office last spring. She says that seeing the product of her hard work will be well worth the effort.

This week's events, including a masquerade ball and parade, have had members of the homecoming committee planning everything from pep rallies to tailgating logistics in recent weeks. Homecoming festivities will include members from 23 teams and are expected to draw hundreds of spectators.

"With this being our first year as a university and our first year with an on-campus stadium, we knew we had to make homecoming special this fall," SGA President Trey Bolton said. "The changes on Elon's campus should be reflected in this year's homecoming celebration."

Students will notice the differences in the addition of new events and slight changes to past traditions.

Homecoming 2001 kicked off with a semi-formal dance on Saturday night. In the previous years, the

Resident Student Association sponsored the dance, which was plagued by low attendance and visibility. Former SGA Secretary Katie Gosselin says linking the dance to other homecoming activities will boost excitement.

Homecoming participation will be open to all students, in addition to members of organizations. According to SGA, teams require 10 members and will be divided to compete against organizations with similar membership sizes.

"It allows smaller groups to be involved without putting them at a disadvantage," Gosselin said. "I think homecoming was seen in previous years as a 'Greek event.' By opening it up to residence halls, smaller organizations and even groups of friends, I think it will draw interest from more of the student body." Response from residence halls seems to support this statement. Groups of residents from Danieley and Jordan Center have registered to participate in homecoming, with additional groups that initially expressed an interest.

SGA plans to adjust the traditional parade this year. Denny pointed to logistical problems in sponsoring a moving parade due to

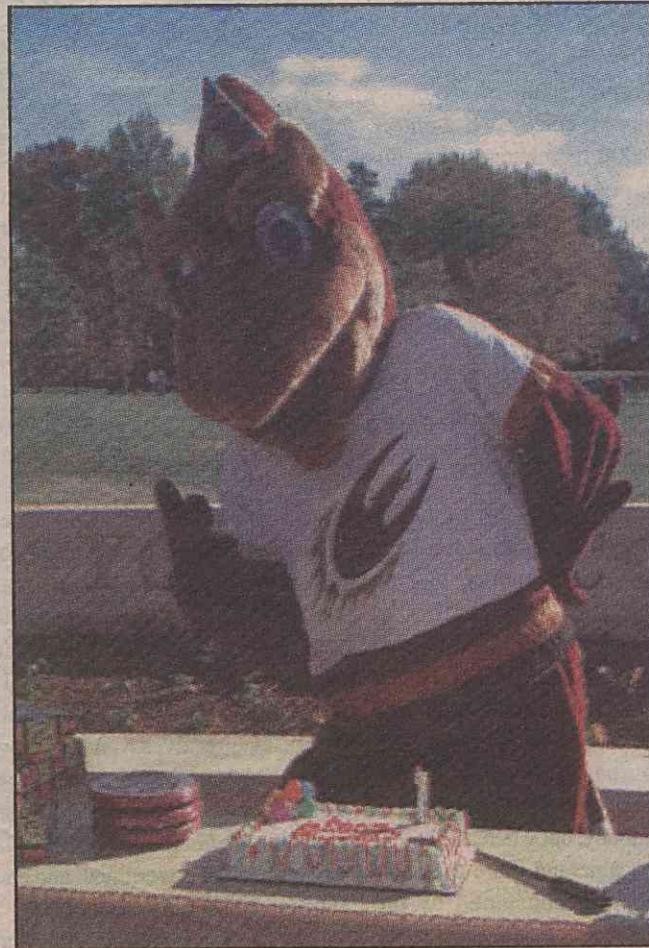
limited accessibility on streets that surround Elon's campus. Organizers were forced to look for a location on Elon's campus due to the expected traffic for Saturday's game and the North Carolina Highway Patrol's reluctance to close Williamson Avenue for the parade. In response, SGA approved a stationary parade to be assembled on the area between the Alamance building and Moseley student center. It will feature floats from various organizations and will be on display to judges and the public Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Fans at the Phoenix football game will witness the 82nd Airborne division of the U.S. Army, which will drop the game ball and an American flag into the stadium with a team of parachute jumpers. "I doubt Elon will see anything like this for a long time to come," Bolton said. "It should be quite a sight."

Scoring for this year's events is slightly different than in past years, as each team is awarded points for attendance at, as well as

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## Phoenix celebrates a birthday



Jennifer Guarino/Managing Editor

The Phoenix celebrated its first birthday Monday at Young Commons. The mascot was introduced last year at the Homecoming football game.

## Freshman class honors Hometown Heroes

Erin Cunningham  
Reporter

Elon honored five hometown heroes Monday evening at a campus-wide celebration in McKinnon Hall.

The chosen heroes were selected from more than 100 nominees. "These people have been selected because they are the best," Freshman Class President Trevor Kincaid said.

The "best" are the people who meet the accepted criteria. The hero must display a sustained commitment to moral ideas, a disposition to act, a willingness to risk one's

self-interest, a tendency to be inspiring to others and a sense of realistic humility. "We are asked each student to nominate people who make their home community a good place to live," University Chaplain Richard W. McBride said.

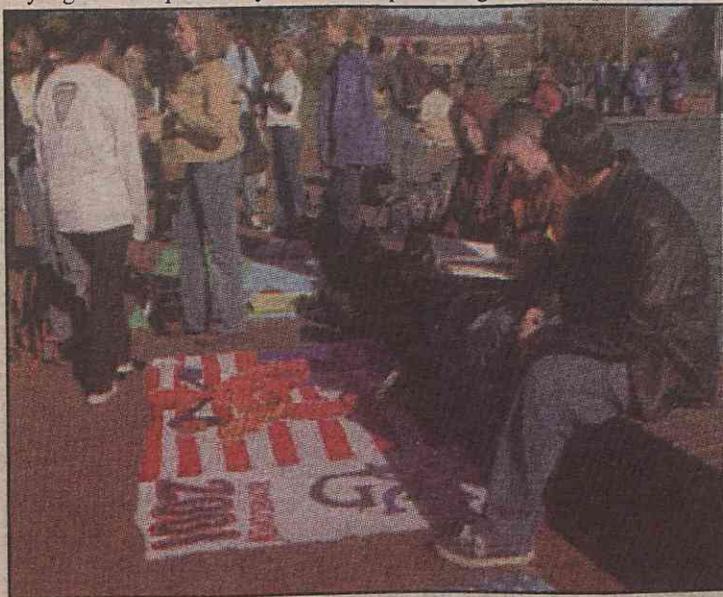
"I think this is a great way to incorporate student role models from home here at Elon and be able to share them with the Elon community," Freshman Class Senator Chris Morse said.

Dottie Farley, nominated by her daughter Kirby Farley, has taught public school in Eldersburg, Md., for nearly 30 years. She was named Maryland English Teacher of the

Year. She is a dedicated advocate of the freedom to read and opposes book censorship in public schools. Farley has led trips to Europe and Africa, as well as Washington, D.C., in order to help students understand the destructive powers of ignorance and prejudice. "I keep my world very human-centered," she said.

John Sutz, nominated by Rachel Hitt, is the captain in the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service in Germantown, Md.

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SGA sponsored a banner competition to promote Homecoming.