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Author says America's boys are in trouble

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Reporter

"This we think we know: American schools favor boys and grind down girls," Christina Hoff Sommers said in her speech "The War Against Boys" in McCrary Theatre on Wednesday night. "The truth is the very opposite. By virtually every measure, girls are thriving in school; it is boys who are the second sex."

"Feminists want us to raise boys to be more like girls," Sommers said. "They sincerely believe that there is something wrong with boys. A growing number of the nation's experts claim that the nation's boys are in trouble. They believe that masculinity is toxic, dangerous and volatile."

Sommers explained different programs to help boys rid themselves of their masculinity, including a Son's Day, which is a male version of Take Your Daughter to Work Day. However, she explained the differences between this day and the Take Your Daughter to Work Day. It is on a Sunday so no school is missed; the son helps his mom

cook and get the household ready for the week and the son is expected to play games without competition. "I think that Son's Day would be very little fun for a boy," Sommers said.

Sommers is the W.H. Brady Fellow and the Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and Chairman of the Independent Women's Forum National Advisory Board. She is the author of "The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism Is Harming Our Young Men" and "Who Stole Feminism: How Women have Betrayed Women."

Sommers is best known for her writings on moral education in schools and feminism in American culture. Sommers' articles have appeared in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Boston Globe; she has appeared on shows such as "Nightline," ABC's "World News Tonight," "CBS Evening News" and "Crossfire."

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Amy Cowen / Photographer

Christina Hoff Sommers spoke about the differences in raising boys and girls in America.

Trustees vote to increase tuition

Budget calls for strengthened scholarships, library development

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The Elon University Board of Trustees approved a \$79 million 2002-03 budget last week that called for a \$945 increase in tuition. The trustees also voted in support of strengthening scholarship programs, adding 28 new faculty and staff positions, increasing library resources and funding to improve technology.

Next year's tuition will be \$15,280, an increase from this year's \$14,335. Tuition has increased 192 percent in ten years. In 1992-93, tuition was \$7,980.

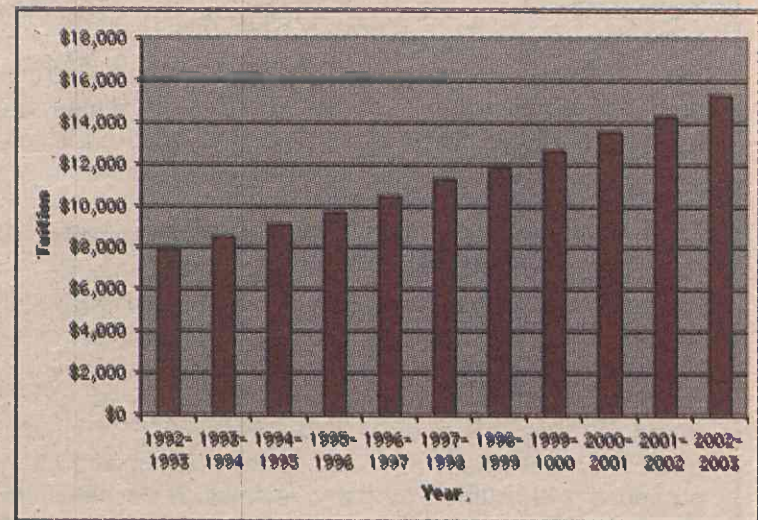
"Students will see many improvements, including a number of new faculty and staff positions; continually improving library collections; increased salaries for faculty and staff position, who work hard to foster learning at Elon and better technology support," President Leo Lambert said.

The current year's budget of \$69.3 million will be increased by 15 percent for the next academic year. The \$79 million budget is conservative, said Dan Anderson, director of University Relations. Elon budgeted to gain \$53.2 million in revenue from tuition this academic year, but now expects \$59.7 million because of a larger-than-expected enrollment and conservative planning.

While Elon projects \$6.3 million more in tuition revenue for next year over last year's projection, \$2.4 million of the total revenue will come from dining facilities and \$1 million from residence fees.

Elon is highly tuition dependent, as investments and fundraising only accounts for \$2.2 million of the annual operating budget. The conservative budgeting allows for extra moneys to fuel additional programs and buildings on campus.

Other student fee increases include \$120 for room and \$100 for



Tuition increases over 10 years

board. The Student Government Association and health services fee will remain at \$225, as it has since the 1999-2000 academic year.

The 2002-03 budget is similar to the current budget because both address key issues such as the technology plan, library development plans and additional faculty and staff positions.

"The biggest difference this year is the addition of a significant pool of dollars in the budget on top of the 4 percent raise pool for faculty and staff to address salary compression issues, particularly at the full professor level for faculty," Lambert said.

The budget calls for a 21 percent increase in financial aid on top of last year's 15 percent increase. This year, the institution awarded Elon students \$4.6 million, not including athletic aid, said Susan Klopman, dean of admissions and financial

planning. Approximately \$5.5 million will be awarded next year.

About 350 enrolling students are awarded with a Presidential scholarship ranging from \$2,000 to \$3,500. These students typically have an SAT score greater than 1,200 and a GPA of 3.9 or higher.

Currently, two incoming students in the honors program receive \$6,000 and 20 receive \$3,500 each. Four incoming leadership fellows receive \$1,000; four Jefferson Pilot fellows, \$1,000; four communications fellows, \$2,000; 15 science fellows, \$2,000 and 25 N.C. teaching fellows, \$13,000.

The continued commitment to increasing faculty positions has been addressed to meet the needs of size and program content.

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