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If it matters to you, it matters to The Pendulum.

## Faber speaks on Holocaust

**Matthew Belanger**

Reporter

An estimated 600 students, faculty and community members packed Whitley Auditorium Monday evening to hear a lecture from author and Holocaust survivor David Faber. The auditorium filled so quickly that some people were turned away from the event. Faber discussed his book, "Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor's Memoir."

"The problem was and the problem still is, there is too much hatred in the world. We were living in a country of hate," Faber said. "The people of Poland had been brainwashed by the Nazis for hundreds of years into believing it was okay to kill the Jews."

Faber's book describes his experiences during the Holocaust in ghettos and concentration camps, as well as his brother Romek's

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## Homecoming fosters community



Tim Rosner/Photography Editor

Katie Wicke and Christian Breschia are crowned Homecoming queen and king during the football game. Read the Homecoming story on page 24.

## Diversity forum fuels debate

**Erin Cunningham**

News Editor

Students, faculty and administrators gathered for a chance to be real regarding race, diversity and discrimination during an open discussion Nov. 5 and 6.

The forum brought together students of varying races, ethnicities, backgrounds and religions to discuss diversity at Elon. Students were told to have open discussion for an hour and a half and not be concerned with hurting feelings or stepping on toes.

"Sometimes being polite is being false when you have real feelings," said instructor Shane Shukis, moderator for the event.

Students went back and forth on the issues with occasional interjection from Shukis. Many students advocated solutions, rather than discussion and never-ending banter. Those who came for immediate action toward a more diverse Elon left disappointed.

The discussion was underway when Shukis posed the question, "Why do you think some students here at Eon refuse to associate themselves with members of the same race?"

Greek life, differences in economic status and social pressures were fingered as possible causes. National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations, which are historically black sororities and fraternities, are seen as unavailable to white students. And white students said they didn't feel comfortable voicing interest in a traditionally black fraternity or sorori-

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## Leading DNA researcher to speak tonight

**Crystal Allen**

Managing Editor

Dr. Margaret Liu, a leading medical researcher specializing in genetic therapy, will speak at 7:30 tonight in McCrary Theatre. Lui's lecture, "Gene Vaccines," is part of the Voices of Discovery science speaker series.

Liu was named one of the "50 Most Important Women in Science" by Discover magazine this month.

"She is a role model for all of our students, and she brings some wonderful ideas about the future of medi-

cine to our campus and our students," said Robert Vick, chairman of the biology department and a member of the steering committee for Voices of Discovery.

Liu is vice chairman of Transgene, a biotechnology company based in France. She works on the development of ultimate vaccines, which are enhanced DNA vaccines that may revolutionize the way diseases such as cancer or AIDS will be treated.

"People will have more options as to treatment for diseases in the future, due in part to Dr. Lui's research,"

Vick said. "Some of the therapies that Lui is developing will help to treat a specific subtype of cancer. It is like killing the cancer with a very specific drug that targets only the cancer and not the good tissue, causing minimum side effects."

Liu also works as a consultant to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which works to promote worldwide health.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Colorado College, Liu went on to earn a medical degree from Harvard.

Liu's visit is sponsored by the science and mathematics departments. The event is free and open to the public.

The Voices of Discovery series invites preeminent scholars in the science and mathematics fields to share their experiences with students.

"This series of science speakers is another example of the many outstanding opportunities that Elon students have to experience active, experiential and engaged learning," said Steven House, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

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