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

Proposed senior gift fuels debate

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Editor in Chief

After the announcement of the senior class gift last week, the class officers have spent the week trying to regain the support of their class. Many seniors left the meeting frustrated about the announcement of the class gift, a goal of an \$18,000 donation to the Elon Fund.

Gifts to the Elon Fund are applied to the university's greatest needs, which may include scholarships, computers and dorm renovations.

A handful of students were concerned about the decision to not give a physical gift to the university and the manner in which the decision was made.

In a letter to the class sent by e-mail Class President Christian Brescia apologized for the outcome of the meeting and asked for feedback and suggestions.

The officers were more vocal last week, communicating with the class by e-mail, through messages on E-net and the SGA Web site.

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Big shoes to fill



Tim Rosner/Photo Editor

President Leo Lambert and SGA President Christian Wiggins try to navigate online registration during "A Day in Our Shoes," a 17-hour event pairing student leaders with senior administrators. See page 24 for more.

Registration met with fans and opposition

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News Editor

Students tired of making their way to Alamance to register for classes each semester were able to bypass the long lines and move online.

The new Elon On Track preregistration, which was in the works for about one and a half years before being implemented this semester, was met with mixed emotions, but considered an overall success.

"Students and faculty were very adaptable at navigating the technology," said Karen Pore, assistant registrar for computer services. "Not a lot of people were confused about where to go and what to click."

Problems arose when students signed up for classes they did not have the prerequisite for, without knowing. They were then locked out of the classes, and department chairs handled these issues, Pore said.

The system also slowed down considerably as more students logged onto the server.

"The speed of the system in the afternoons was especially bad," Pore said.

Administrators decided to divide sophomores and freshmen into smaller groups to alleviate the heavy student volume and speed up the system.

"The times were pushed back a few hours," Pore said. "After seeing how slow it got in the afternoon, we wanted to help speed it up with the sophomores."

After the times were moved, some students were still frustrated by the switch to online. "A few people were frustrated when classes weren't available," Pore said.

Many students found clicking a mouse easier than trekking on campus to register. "A lot of students said it was easier to register in a dorm room than in line," she said.

Staff received as many negative com-

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Executive secretary resigns from SGA

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The Student Government Association gathered for their weekly meeting Nov. 14, but someone was missing.

Kate Stejskal was not in her usual position beside her fellow executive staff members in Moseley 217. Stejskal resigned from her position as executive secretary Nov. 13.

The position was filled by sophomore Kristi Durham and made official

at the Thursday meeting.

"I just resigned for personal reasons," Stejskal said. "I just have other things I need to do right now."

Durham was appointed by a Senate vote, according to the SGA constitution and with a unanimous vote from the executive council, including SGA Executive President Christian Wiggins.

"Kristi was an obvious choice," he said of the former co-special events chair and Religious Life chair. Durham was instrumental in

Homecoming planning, according to Stejskal.

"I have faith that she's going to do an amazing job," Stejskal said. "I think she's going to take over and finish the year out strong."

Due to Durham's appointment, Mark Gustafson is the sole chairperson of special events, a position he shared with Durham. Junior Brent Odom accepted the Religious Life chairperson position.

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