

## Gustafson claims executive president position

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Gustafson said he is dedicated to making the students' voice heard.

"Representing the students is really important to me," he said emphatically. "I also want to work with diversity within the student body and bringing different student groups together."

Gustafson said the biggest challenge he faces is making sure students are heard and that the senate is energized and willing to work on behalf of their constituents.

Gustafson is not new to the SGA scene. He served previously as a freshman senator, sophomore class president and junior class secretary/treasurer. He has served on numerous committees as well, including the elections and special events committees.

"I'm really looking forward to a great year," he said. "I can't wait to get started."

Gustafson said he is confident that the newly elected SGA executives can work together successfully. He has worked with each of them during his three years in SGA.

"We all know each other, we're good friends and we share a bond," Gustafson said.

Wiggins agreed that the new executive officers were well-matched.

"The student body has put together a wonderful executive team," Wiggins explained. "They have a variety of different interests and backgrounds. How they work together is up to them."

New Vice President Morse, who defeated opponent Cara Catalfumo with 61 percent of the vote, said he is excited about what

the future holds for the new executive board.

"It's going to be a great year," he said.

Gustafson shared the sentiment.

"I want to continue with the program Christian has already set up, not start over," Gustafson said.

Joining the executive board in the at-large council will be Lindsey Parker, senior class president. Jason Smith will serve as vice president and Jamie Lewis as secretary/treasurer. Aaron Wilson, Lindsey Goodman and Benjamin York were all elected as senators.

In the junior class, Darris Means was elected president, Kim O'Neil vice president and Mark DeVerges was voted secretary/treasurer. Nick Rust, Katie Craig and David Dziok will

serve as senators.

For the sophomore class, Lucas Farmer will serve as president, Shelby Peterson as vice president and Ashlee Rossi as secretary/treasurer. Ashley Engel, Patrick Bowen and Bob Koons won the senate seats.

On the academic council, Jennifer Pautz was elected to the fine arts/humanities seat, while Lauren Melfa and Matt Belanger were elected as communications seats.

Clay Britton will fill the math/science seat and Heather Studley will occupy the business seat.

Anne Pannell and Karen Baum were elected to the social sciences seats for the upcoming academic year.



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Mark Gustafson listens intently to other candidates discussing current student issues. Gustafson, who has been active in SGA since his start at Elon, will serve the student body as executive president in the upcoming academic year.

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## Emergency preparedness at Elon will emphasize communication

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said the December ice storm, which shut off electricity in much of Danieley Center, was classified as a level two situation.

Level three is the most severe in the emergency plan. This level is achieved when something is threatening the safety of students, faculty or staff on campus. A level three ranking can range from a severe weather situation, like a hurricane, to something as severe as a plane crash on campus.

In the event of any severe emergency requiring intervention from administrators on behalf of the safety of students, faculty or staff, an emergency disaster team, headed by President Leo Lambert and other senior administrators, is activated. This team's primary goal is to strategize in the event of a disaster. The emergency disaster team, comprised of senior staff, mobilizes at an emergency command post in Moseley 215.

An operations post staffed by emergency subgroup teams is also

established in necessary situations. The operations post, which meets in the Moseley front desk area, is used mostly for field operations to house subgroups like physical plant, health services and residence life. Which subgroups mobilize is dependent on the nature of the event.

In the case of a campus-wide evacuation, arrangements have been made for Elon students to occupy Western Alamance Middle and High Schools. Vans would also be available to transport students to the evacuation location.

The emergency plan is not designed to predict scenarios and outcomes for every situation, however. According to Mullen, it is more like a template for administrators to follow in the event of an emergency. Mullen said in all cases it is important to keep students on campus "as long as safety is assured."

Mullen said the first priority of the emergency plan in any case is to work to insure the safety of everyone on campus. This may

include mobilizing individuals or groups or treating injuries.

Secondly, Mullen emphasized one important goal of the plan is to communicate to everyone what has occurred and what everyone needs to do.

The third priority involves dealing with the emotional aspects of emergency situations and assessing the aftermath.

Mullen said the emergency plan is tested on a regular basis to keep it up to date with changing needs. In late spring 2002, administrators simulated a unannounced non-local terrorist event in Washington, D.C., to practice implementing the emergency plan.

Mullen said it was important to practice reaction to something as far away as Washington, D.C.

"We never really considered the impact of an off-campus event," he said.

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## Engineering school builds connections

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even years.

"Most schools recognize that we are a respectable institution and that our students are a high enough quality," he said.

After a school decides to affiliate with Elon negotiations begin concerning course equivalencies.

When searching for new affiliate institutions D'Amato looks for schools with an ABET accreditation. ABET, Inc. is a highly recognized accreditor for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology.

He also takes into consideration the location of the school to give students a variety of options.

Washington University gives students a Midwest option, while

Columbia gives them a Northeast option. D'Amato is currently working on finding a school in the southeast.

D'Amato says students coming out of Elon's dual-degree program are well rounded engineers and incidentally more marketable. They have had the advantage of taking smaller classes taught by an engineer, more liberal arts courses and know a math or science in depth.

D'Amato is pleased with the addition of Washington University and Columbia.

"They're just truly quality institutions. It brings prestige to Elon because these schools can be named in the same sentence."

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