

MAILBOX

Alumnus supports campus visit from Teacher of Year

I have noticed many great and exciting things happening at Elon this year.

I am so proud of the many students and faculty members that are working to move Elon towards the forefront as a major university.

Whether it be SUPER-regiSTAR Mark Albertson's (along with the entire office) work in modernizing the registration system, or the efforts of administrators to 'walk in the shoes' of many of the university's brightest student leaders, I could not be more pleased than I am today to be a recent graduate.

An upcoming event happens to literally hit home for me.

This event, scheduled for March 11 in McCrary Theater, will give the Elon community the opportunity to attend a program highlighting the 2001 national teacher of the year Ron Clark.

While I have yet to meet Mr. Clark, I am very proud to say that he began his teaching career in my home county of Beaufort.

After five years in Beaufort County, he moved on to teach in New York City.

I can only hope and pray to have the opportunity to return to my second home, Elon, to witness this special event. Mr. Clark is not just any teacher.

He changed the lives of many, many students and families at S.W. Snowden Elementary in the small town of Aurora.

An event like this works to broaden the minds of all students.

In a world where diversity and depth of knowledge is in high demand, all members of the community must take note and allow themselves to be immersed in the Elon experience.

- Cameron DeJong '02



KRT Campus

Minority Visitation Weekend a success; students show great promise

I am writing in regard to Minority Visitation Weekend '03 which was held on Feb. 14-15

The purpose of Minority Visitation Weekend is to provide high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to meet and talk with current students, faculty and staff.

On Friday, minority students who have been accepted are allowed to stay overnight with a current Elon student.

This year, a record 25 students participated in the overnight session and were met with hospitality, friendliness and a Minority Visitation Weekend like no other!

Their day started with registration and continental breakfast and then classes with their host students.

Next, the Elon Gospel Choir and the Student Union Board co-sponsored a talent showcase that allowed the prospective students to view the scope of minority involvement on Elon's campus.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council's affiliate organizations - Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Gamma Rho were involved in the showcase as well as the

Elon Gospel Choir, the Elon's Finest Dance team, and the Black Cultural Society.

Keisha King, president of the Elon Gospel Choir and Hollye Monroe coordinated the event, and I would like to personally thank them for all their hard work.

The prospective students were also treated to a host of other activities: SGRHO Blue Light Special sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.; Delta Sweet Treats sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; First Fam Poetry Slam sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., and the Gospel Explosion sponsored by the Elon Gospel Choir.

These are only a few examples of the weekend's events.

The time spent with each other forged friendships and bonds among the prospective and current students that will last a lifetime.

I would personally like to thank everyone that was involved in any way with making Minority Visitation Weekend '03 the best ever!

To the student hosts, you are an amazing group of people, and it has been a pleasure working with you all.



To the Student Ambassadors Committee, it has been a pleasure to serve as your coordinator, and I am proud of the work that we have accomplished thus far.

I look forward to the work that we will do in the future.

To Annette Orbert, it has been an honor to work with you on this project.

I will forever hold the experiences and the knowledge that I have gained by working with you close to my heart.

You have become a confidant and a friend, and for that you have my eternal gratitude.

To the Admissions family, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work on this project, your support and guidance were a blessing.

Finally, to the prospective students, you are the future of Elon University, and there is not a doubt in my mind that you will take this institution to unforeseen places.

Thank you all.

~Kerry W. Foxx '05
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The Issue of Terrorism

In last week's issue of The Pendulum, the editorial asked students and faculty to think and respond to a question dealing with terrorism. The question stated, "What can we, as ordinary students, do about terrorism in the world? What are the possible efforts we can make to combat this global problem?"

Aside from a column from Dan Hanson, we generated no feedback to this worldwide pertinent problem. This will be the last week we accept responses to the question, and we encourage you, the students and faculty, to write to us at pendulum@elon.edu with your responses.