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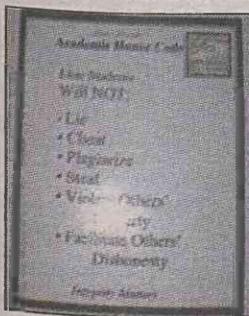
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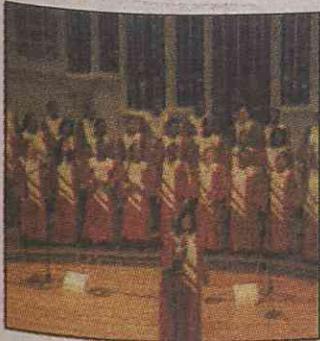
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Former EPA chief Whitman speaks tonight

Laura Hals/ Asst. Photo Editor

Whitman's speech is "Leadership: A Commonsense Approach." She is the Isabella Cannon Visiting Professor of Leadership this week.

Beth Elmore
Reporter

Christine Todd Whitman spoke Tuesday in Whitley Auditorium about her disappointment in the indifference about environmental issues in the recent presidential election.

Whitman's speech Tuesday was titled "America, Washington and the Environment." She thinks that people are not paying enough

attention to the environment.

According to Whitman, the environment was brought up once in the second of the three presidential debates, and never popped up again, mainly because "voters don't rank it as most important," and therefore candidates do not focus on it as a main issue.

Whitman spent most of her

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Rape charges brought against Elon freshman

Krista Naposki and Brittany Smith
News Editors

Tim Bengston, an Elon freshman, was arrested Saturday on charges of second-degree rape and second-degree sexual offense. Bengston was released from Alamance County Jail on \$75,000 bond.

The victim, an acquaintance of Bengston, contacted Elon campus police Saturday at 1:30 p.m. According to the investigation report, the victim claimed Bengston committed a sexual crime against her in her Danieley Center room the

night before. Police records show both Bengston and the victim had consumed alcohol that night, but date-rape drugs weren't involved.

According to North Carolina law, rape may occur when a person has sexual intercourse with an unconsenting person, including someone under the influence of alcohol who is unable to give consent. Rape cases often involve an offender and a victim in a pre-existing relationship.

Forcible sex offenses, including forcible rape were reported seven

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Tuition increase reflects desire to keep Elon small

Financial aid and scholarships to gain support from administrative funding

Alyssa Morley and Krista Naposki
Reporter and News Editor

Tuition, room and board, and student fees together will increase 7.4 percent for next year, an added \$1,754 to student bills.

Individually, tuition increased the most with an eight percent increase, totaling to \$1,389 increase. Room and board increased six percent, board increased six percent, and student fees increased two percent.

Most of the increase (six percent) involves just doing business, Dan Anderson, director of University Relations said. Because enrollment is increasing, the number of faculty and staff must increase to keep class size small.

Gerald Whittington, vice president of Business, Finance and Technology explained that a constantly rising tuition is necessary to accommodate for changes in the economy and improvements to the university.

One reason for the increase in cost is the start of a multiple year process that will give professors more time to dedicate to special projects, research, developing courses, planning community service and working with students outside of the classroom, Anderson said.

Financial aid for students will increase 11 percent. Scholarships for Fellows programs will increase. For example, five scholarships worth \$3,000 each are being offered for Journalism and Communications Fellows. Last year, four scholarships of \$2,000 were available.

Technology and library development were also a concern for budget planning.

The current construction for the business school is not included in

2005-2006 Tuition, Room & Board

Tuition: \$18,944
Room & Board: \$6,370
'05 - '06 Total: \$25,314

('04 - '05 Total: \$23,565)

this budget. Money for that construction comes from a sperate capital budget and fundraising efforts.

The law school uses some funds from tuition costs for start up fees. Over four or five years, tuition will cover \$3.5 million. Leaders from Greensboro have contributed \$10 million for the school.

One thing students ask every year is if tuition will be going up," President Leo Lambert said. "It's just a given that tuition will increase."

Over the past decade, Elon's total expenses have increased an average of 6.05 percent each year. Whittington meets with the University Budget Committee to establish Elon's tuition each year. This committee is comprised of Whittington, Provost Gerry Francis and a representative from the Academic Counsel. For the past few years, this representative has been finance professor Wonhi Synn.

Whittington said there are hundreds—sometimes, even thousands—of requests

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