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Convocation establishes expectations

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-ty guide personal exploration as you discover who you are."

Smith Jackson, vice president for Student Life and dean of Students, then praised the students for their admission efforts. "You are the most academically challenging and well-prepared freshman class Elon has seen," Jackson said.

The freshman class of 2009 is from all over the world, spanning across 37 states and 22 countries from every continent except Antarctica. Their average grade point average was 3.9 and their average SAT score was 1208; 22 students were high school valedictorians.

Faculty, as well as students, were recognized. Gerald Francis, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, praised faculty for their accessibility and responsibility to students and the community.

Building on Bumbry's autobiography theme, President Leo Lambert spoke about the important chapters and experiences that Elon will leave with students. "You may leave Elon, but it will never leave you," Lambert said. He then challenged students to challenge themselves and live up to Elon expectations. "There is no bubble around the world. It awaits your talents and contributions," Lambert said.

As a citizen of the world and a citizen of the Elon community, students are expected to challenge, question and analyze critically the world around them and to participate in 21st century democratic society. Not only are they expected to participate actively, but also to share academic and social values outlined in the academic and social honor codes.

Cops on the prowl during weekend

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uncomfortable."

More than 21 additional officers worked around Elon University, the town of Elon, Burlington and Graham, targeting underage sale and possession of alcohol. Officers patrolled both in uniform and plain clothes and also distributed information on safe party habits and N.C. laws pertaining to drugs and alcohol use and possession, Russell said.

"Think before you drink," Russell said. "You could end up in jail."

A total of 27 charges on 22 individuals came as a result of the operation conducted on Aug. 27, according to Russell. Some of the charges included false ID's, selling or



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Dr. Earl Danielewicz leads the procession.

Maurice Levesque, associate professor of Psychology continued to build on student expectations by outlining the honor codes for new students. "Failure will damage everyone in the community," Levesque said. "We expect great things so you can appreciate the connection to others."

Henrietta Pesce, a parent of a 2006 graduate, reassured parents that they will survive. She also encouraged parents to allow their children to make mistakes. "Don't intrude too much, but trust them to make good decisions," Pesce said.

Polly Cornelius, lecturer, then explained Elon traditions like College Coffee on Tuesday mornings, Chapel on Thursday mornings and the singing of the Alma Mater.

As students and faculty recessed, students received acorns to symbolize their new beginnings and the start of the growth of their adult lives.

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giving alcohol to underage persons, underage possession of alcohol and public urination.

Chief Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police said he wants to caution students to make wise decisions.

"We're going to be out there enforcing the laws," Gantos said. "Underage drinking will be heavily enforced. As long as it's legal, we won't have any problems."

"Exercise good judgement and common sense, Gantos said. "Don't do anything you wouldn't do at home."

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