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Republicans talk tough on security

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can grow up and, if they obey by the rules, expect to achieve the American dream."

Giuliani said that he believed that "we have to pursue those principles of lower taxes, restraining spending, devolving power to people [and] getting power to governments that are closest to the people."

As a conservative, Giuliani also believes in a strong national defense.

"That's why my first commitment to the American people is to be on offense against terrorists."

Huckabee made one of the boldest statements of the evening when answering a question about the recent approach of an Iranian fast boat on an American vessel in the Strait of Hormuz, "I think we need to make it very clear ... that if you think you're going to engage the United States military ... be prepared that the next things you see will be the gates of Hell."

Thursday was also the one-year anniversary of President Bush's announcement of the troop surge in Iraq.

McCain said he supported the President's decision.

"We can win, and then these young people will come home and they will come home with honor."

Paul said that he did not agree with the President's actions during his trip

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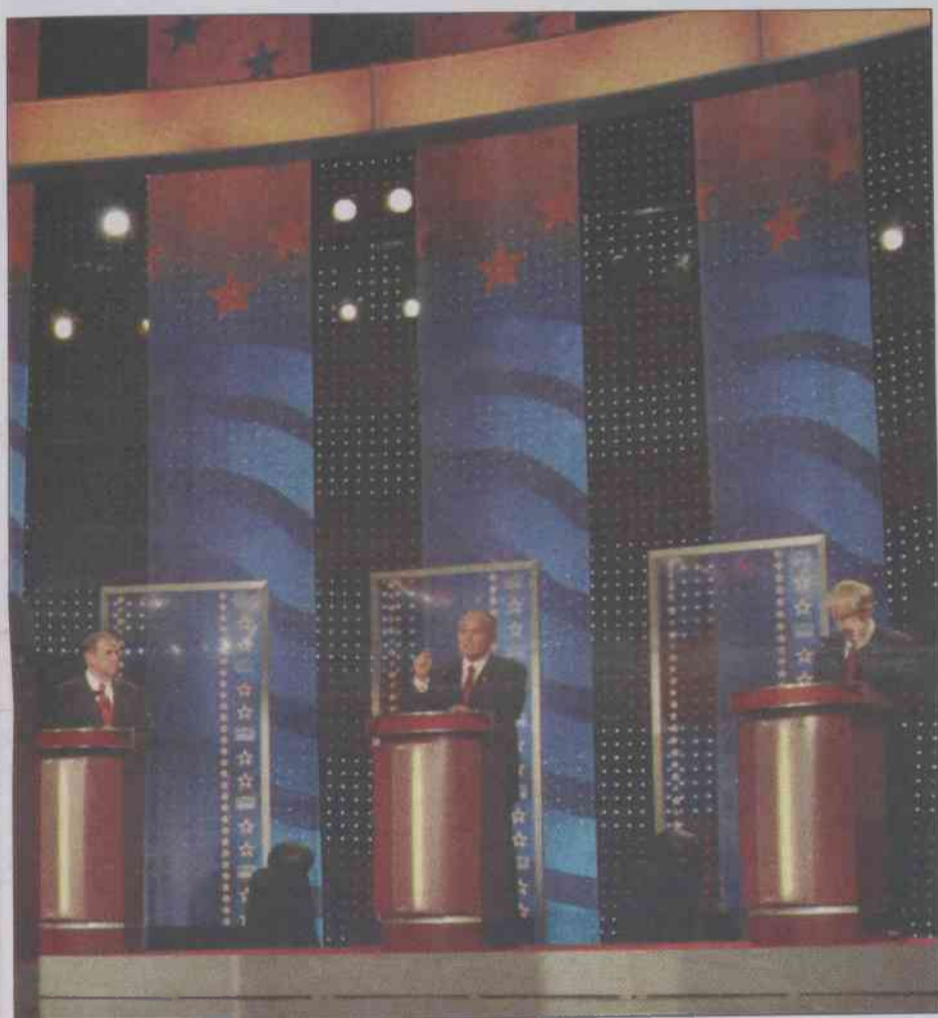
MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – The Republican presidential candidates appeared in the last televised debate before the South Carolina Primary to be held Jan. 19. History has shown that since 1980, the winner of the GOP primary in South Carolina has gone on to win the party's presidential nomination.

In the Jan. 10 debate, the candidates discussed their views on foreign policy and domestic issues at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

In attendance were Sen. John McCain, coming off of his recent win in the New Hampshire primary, former Gov. Mike Huckabee, who took the Iowa Caucuses on Jan. 3, former Gov. Mitt Romney, winner of the Wyoming Caucus, former Sen. Fred Thompson, former Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Rep. Ron Paul.

McCain said he is concerned that the Republican Party has steered away from the "Reagan principles and philosophy and practices." He said he felt that the party needs to "return to those principles of less government, lower taxes, strong family values [and] strong national defense."

Thompson emphasized his value of the American dream when he said he was proud to live in "a nation where a country boy from Tennessee or a country girl from South Carolina



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During the debate, Republican candidates focused on national security and family values. The debate was the first following the New Hampshire primary where John McCain finished first, picking up seven delegates.

Elon remembers former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto

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Reporter

On the surface there doesn't seem to be much of a connection between Pakistan and Elon University, but one thread that unites the two is former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

Bhutto was assassinated Dec. 27, 2007, in a suicide bomb attack after returning to Pakistan two months earlier after she was granted amnesty from corruption charges. Bhutto had become the first female prime minister of a largely Muslim nation at age 35, as well as the youngest head of state in the world at the time. She served two terms as prime minister, from 1988-1990 and 1993-1996.

Bhutto spoke at Elon's fall convocation in 2002 and spent the day on campus, during which time she met extensively with President Leo Lambert.

"She was a guest in our home [Maynard House]," Lambert said. "I can remember welcoming her with a

cup of tea in our sun room, talking about our respective families. She was a very elegant speaker and spoke very poignantly about her family. I have often thought how people, no matter what their station in life, all share similar human concerns."

Lambert was thrilled that Bhutto accepted the school's invitation to come and speak.

"She was a very gracious guest and it was an honor to have her at Elon University if only for a short time," Lambert said.

Bhutto's visit was part of the Globalization Symposium in which she dedicated the Isabella Cannon Center for International Studies and held a question-and-answer session and a press conference in the McEwen Communications Building.

Janna Anderson, assistant professor of communications, was at the press conference and briefly met Bhutto.

"Few local media organizations thought she was newsworthy enough to cover at the time, and most of the questions were asked by my



Photo Submitted by Dan Anderson

Former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto greets student Katie Gosselin ('03) and President Lambert in fall 2002. Bhutto encouraged students to set a precedence for change during her convocation speech.

students," Anderson said. "It seemed as if we were getting an exclusive Q&A session just for my class. She was a commanding figure, she was a true leader and she connected with

people because she had an air of authority combined with an aura of approachability."

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