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Candidates campaign across the state

Bill Clinton lauds wife as 'change maker'

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After almost an hour delay, former President Bill Clinton appeared on the steps of Powell at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. He made his way to the stage as the crowd roared and the sun began to emerge in typical Elon fashion.

With Fonville Fountain as a backdrop, Clinton acted as a mouth piece for wife Hillary Rodham Clinton's (D-N.Y.) presidential campaign and addressed more than 2,000 people from the Alamance and Elon communities.

Though he mentioned his own personal experiences in the White House, he wasn't slow to get to the meat of his argument: North Carolina is the largest state left to vote, and he wants each vote to count for his wife in the May 6 primary.

Clinton was traveling around North Carolina the day after Hillary captured the Pennsylvania Democratic primary over opponent Sen. Barack Obama (D-I.L.) 55 to 45 percent.

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The audience cheered as he complimented Elon by saying he not only enjoyed the area because of its beauty, memories from his campaign stop in 1992 or for always being a clue in his favorite crossword puzzles, but also because of the potential the community held.

He said he believes Hillary can make this potential materialize. "She's the best to turn the economy around, rebuild our military, take care of vets," Clinton said. "Who will make the best future for you?"

He said he asked Hillary if she was fortunate enough to be elected president, how she would know when she had done a good job.

Clinton said Hillary would consider herself successful if more people were equipped to find jobs and handle the economy, more children had a brighter future and the country was coming together instead of falling apart when she ended her term.

"If you agree those are the tests, she is by far the best candidate," Clinton said. "And I want to tell you why."

While Hillary's 10 percent lead Tuesday was the third time she has prevailed during points in her campaign when she had to come out on top in order to continue, President Clinton tried to strengthen his wife's momentum as he spoke for almost an hour about her policies, covering everything from the economy to autism.

He outlined Hillary's major platforms, including creating more jobs, installing an all-inclusive health care plan, establishing more comprehensive educational institutions from preschool to college, bringing troops home from Iraq and working with alternative energy sources to soften the blow of the current economy and rein it under control.



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Senator Barack Obama addresses the Chapel Hill community about bridging the gap between political parties in an effort to bring order back to Washington. "[People] want the politics that are about lifting the country up," he said.

Obama calls for youth action at Chapel Hill campaign stop

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CHAPEL HILL—Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) continues to try to reel in the youth vote, most recently at the UNC Chapel Hill Dean E. Smith Center Monday night by revealing what he stands for and why he entered the presidential race.

Even though his opponent, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.), attempted to rally Elon voters last Wednesday when former President Bill Clinton visited campus on her behalf, Obama refused to let North Carolina — especially

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Clinton looks to rally a team around her in Charlotte arena

Camille DeMere
Reporter

CHARLOTTE—Democratic candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton rallied with supporters Monday afternoon at the Bobcats Arena in Charlotte. The senator seemed to channel the basketball team, telling supporters that as a team, "we're suited up, we're ready, we're competing and we're going to win!"

Clinton touted her stance on gas prices, job outsourcing and rising college tuition — always relating it back to her North Carolina supporters in the arena.

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City Fair connects alumni and students, offers direction

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Being an alumnus means having a lifetime partnership with Elon. Walking on campus again last weekend reminded the visiting alumni that they were home.

Members of the National Alumni Executive Board, Young Alumni Council and Alumni Chapter presidents met to receive updates on campus changes, break into committee meetings to discuss future events and hold the City Fair to offer post-graduation advice to Elon students.

About 35 alumni traveled from around the country specifically to host City Fair and meet with students preparing for their futures.

"[Alumni] want to find out how they can help you find jobs, how they can get you acclimated to living in their city," said Cam Tims, president of the Young Alumni Council. "And this is a great opportunity."

The best way to keep in touch with alumni is through Facebook and E2, Tims said. More than 3,500 alumni are on the networking sites.

"It really just gives you a way to stay connected to the university," he said. "You'll be on the mailing list, you'll get the magazine. And that way, you'll find out what's going on in your area and what's going on, on campus."

Elic Senter, the "oldest young alumni" on the council and vice chair of the events committee, said the main purpose of City Fair was to give students the opportunity to visit with alumni from different cities in which



ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Seniors visit with members of the Young Alumni Council Saturday afternoon to learn more about potential cities in which they may live and work after leaving Elon.

they may live after graduation. Visiting each of the 14 major city chapter tables allowed students to see what's going on in each of the cities and let them know they won't be alone once they arrive.

Senter said being on the YAC is a great opportunity.

"It's a lot of fun. Oddly enough, I'm actually reconnected with a lot of people that I knew when I was here but haven't seen in years."

Another perk in joining the YAC and other alumni associations is the opportunity to participate in intramural sports.

Senior Jake Emerson said he would most likely join an alumni association for that reason. Attending City Fair was most beneficial to him since he will be moving to Washington, D.C., after graduation.

"It's nice that they know the area where I'm going to be working, so it's giving me some ideas of where I should be living, what my commute's going to be like, how much I can expect to be paying for rent [and] where I should hang out," Emerson said.

Junior Karen Hartshorn

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