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Palin hopes to hit grand slam at Elon in Thursday's rally

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Republican Vice Presidential Candidate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and country star Hank Williams Jr. are scheduled to hold a "Road to Victory Rally" at 3 p.m. Thursday at Latham Park baseball stadium.

Gates will open at 12 p.m. Free tickets, which are required to attend, will be distributed in Koury Athletics Center until 5 p.m. today. Only students, Elon faculty and staff will be able to receive tickets at this location.

Only one ticket is permitted per each Phoenix card swipe.

Public tickets can be picked up at McCain-Palin "Victory" offices in Durham, Goldsboro, Greensboro,

Greenville/High Point, Raleigh, Rocky Mount and Winston-Salem. They are limited to two tickets per person and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

No bags, folding chairs or signs will be permitted inside the venue.

Phoenix Drive will be closed to thru traffic Thursday afternoon and additional parking will be available at Firehouse Field on Williamson Avenue.

Nick Ochsner, president of College Republicans, said he excited to have someone of Palin's magnitude present on campus.

"It's exciting to use this as an opportunity to invite people from all across the state to take part in the political process," he said. "This will provide not only some good exposure for Elon but will also be a good

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experience for the Elon community to interact together and really have a conversation about this election."

Ochsner said volunteers were beginning to be rounded up to help staff the event as early as Sunday night.

He said he expects the community to be eager to hear what she has to say, learn more about the McCain-Palin plan for the future and experience having such a big person on campus.

Student Body President Chase Rumley said Palin's visit reflects very positively on Elon, especially considering Former President Bill Clinton's visited the university in the spring.

"It will be interesting to see if her speech is more student or community focused and who her message speaks to," Rumley said. "I think everyone will be respectful."

Palin will also speak on Thursday at 8 a.m. at Bangor International Airport in Bangor, Maine and again at 10 a.m. at United Sports Training Center in Chester County, Pa.

Both events are open to the public and free.

Palin will also make an appearance at an event in Greensboro later that evening.

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Stephen Futrell, associate professor of music, directs the Elon University Camerata as it performs the Alma Mater at the Ever Elon gala. Futrell added a third verse to the original lyrics which made its debut at the black-tie event on Saturday night.

Campaign kickoff dazzles despite damp economy

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Elon University kicked off its most ambitious fundraising campaign to date with the launch of the public phase of the Ever Elon campaign last weekend. The campaign is set to tally \$100 million over a five-year period that is expected to be completed by May 31, 2011.

The campaign is already two years in and has raised \$59.1 million, most of which comes from six and seven figure gifts from top donors.

Despite the turbulent economic climate that has seen many investments lose as much as 18 percent of their value in the past two weeks, organizers say they're not overly concerned about meeting their goal — at least not yet.

"Let's all bear in mind what this university has overcome before," said Leo Lambert, president of Elon. "We have overcome fire. We have overcome world wars. We have overcome economic downturns. But the Phoenix

always rises."

A possible scenario if the economy prohibits donors from giving might be an extension of the time frame in which the Ever Elon campaign must be completed. It is something that the board of trustees would need to consider in upcoming years if the campaign gets off track.

But for now spirits are high, as was seen this past weekend when all of Elon's advisory boards, the board of trustees, other friends of the university and students gathered for a weekend kickoff event that featured a town hall-style meeting, faculty-led seminars and an extravagant black-tie gala.

"I must be the most optimistic guy in America," said Lambert. "I can't feel anything but optimism about the future of this country and the quality of our future leaders."

The weekend called on students from all over the

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Owner of lot lifts parking ban on Obama supporters

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"Obama supporter? Obama bumper sticker? NO PARKING!"

Gibsonville resident Tim Henderson had this sign, targeting Obama supporters, posted in the parking lot he owns for about a week. After speaking with the mayor of Gibsonville and witnessing the controversy the sign created, Henderson decided to remove the sign.

"I made my point," he said. "I delivered my message."

In the past, state employees who work in a nearby office have parked in the lot, which is located in Gibsonville's downtown area. The previous owner of the lot had a lease agreement with the office that allowed employees to park in the lot for free. Henderson said he purchased the property in April and did not find out about the agreement until afterward.

He decided to respect the existing agreement and continue to let the employees park in the lot free of charge.

Those employees, combined with employees from Henderson's company, filled and, at times, overflowed the lot. So, Henderson came up with a solution.

"I wanted to thin the herd a little bit," he said. "If I had to single out anyone, I thought it made sense to single out the people who see the world in a different light than I do."

But he didn't anticipate the ensuing response.

Lenny Williams, the mayor of Gibsonville, said the situation attracted media from across the country.

"I've had people call from Las Vegas, South Carolina, Virginia — all over," Williams said. "We decided together to take the sign down out of concern for

the town's image."

Williams said many

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