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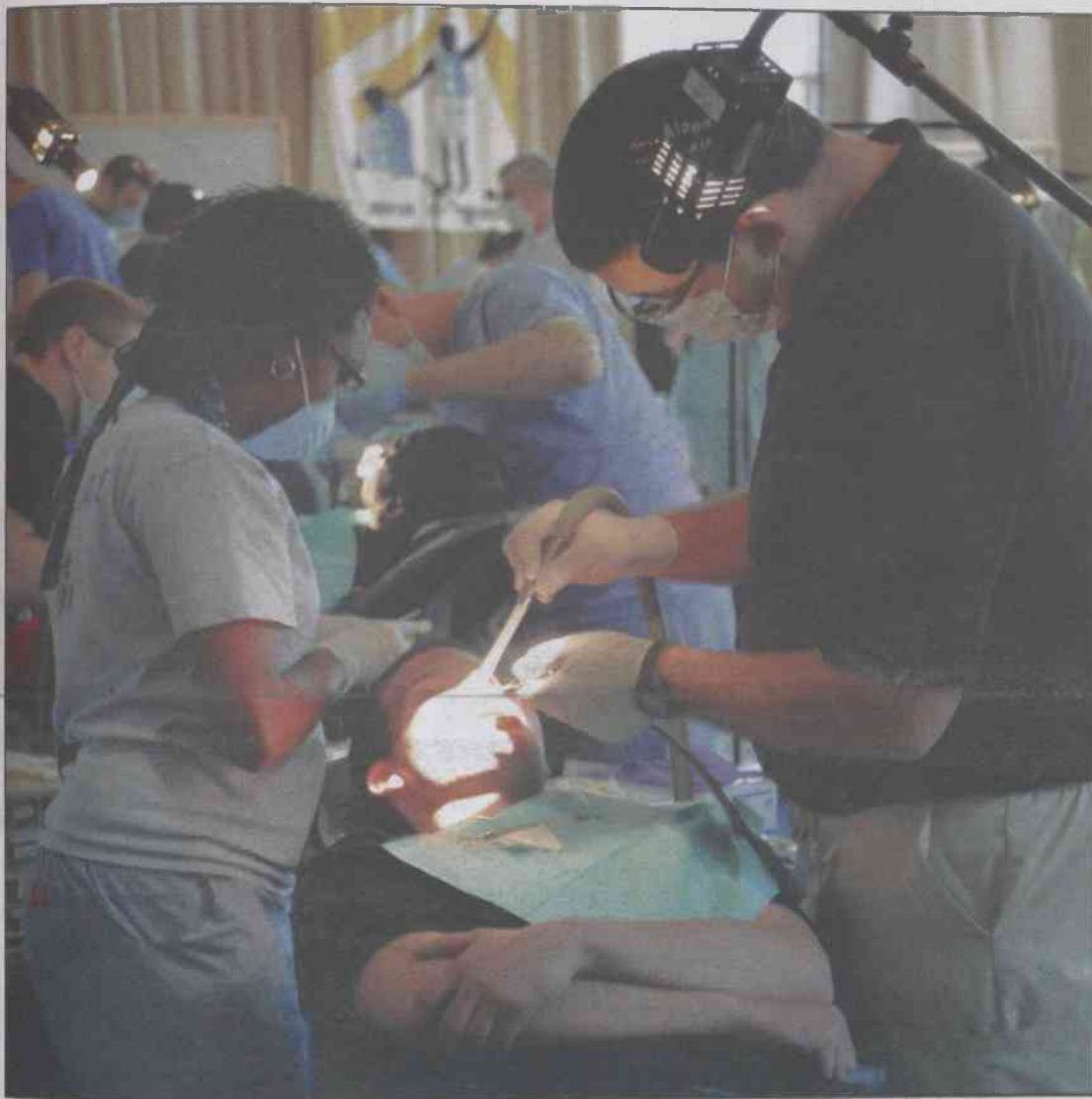
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## PRACTICE WITH A PURPOSE



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Brandon Landreth sophomore has worked with the N.C. Missions of Mercy program for almost two years. For him, the experience is valuable for his future career in dentistry and he said he hopes this event will spark interest in the field for young and upcoming students attending universities in the region. Landreth and senior James Glenos are in the process of starting a pre-dentistry club on campus.

Andrew Dodd  
Reporter

Since 1998, the North Carolina Missions of Mercy dental clinic has traveled around the state providing free dental care to residents in need, offering teeth cleaning, extraction and fillings.

A dozen Elon students volunteered to translate Spanish to English during the program's run last Friday and Saturday.

Since its founding, the clinic has donated more than \$1.5 million worth of free services to

patients. This particular event treated roughly 450 people via through dental chairs and did not turn anyone away. Many dental students from Elon, UNC Chapel Hill, Eastern Carolina University and Duke University attended to assist the handful of practicing dentists and conduct minor procedures themselves.

This opportunity gave the dental students a chance to hone their skills under supervision, while the patients benefited from dental services they would have otherwise gone without.

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## Nestor leaves 'The Nest'

Michelle Longo and Pam Richter  
Executive Editors

Elon men's head basketball coach Ernie Nestor will not return next season after six years at the helm of the program.

"We just feel that it's time for a new direction," said Dave Blank, Elon's director of athletics. "Coach Nestor and his staff have done a great job and taken the program from where it was when he got here. But to take it further, we're just going to look for a different direction."

Nestor declined to comment for the story.

The decision to release Nestor came on Monday evening, two days after the season-ending 79-78 loss to Chattanooga in the quarterfinal round of this year's Southern Conference tournament.

"Obviously, the sooner people are notified of intent, the sooner that they can get on with their direction. That's the fairest way to treat people," Blank said.

During his career at Elon, Nestor compiled a 67-117 record. This season the team finished with an overall record of 11-20.

"There were certain decisions made that are out of our control," sophomore guard Chris Long said.

The 2008-2009 team had three seniors who played for Nestor for four seasons — forwards Ola Atoyebi, Brett James and Monty Sanders.

"He was a good guy and I am sad to see him go, but the athletic department wants to go in a new direction," James said.

Blank said the search for a new head coach will begin immediately. The university will work with Carr Sports Associates during the process.

"I'm interested to see what these next couple months bring and the effect of that," junior forward Adam Constantine said.

During the 2007-2008 season, Nestor led the Phoenix to a Southern Conference tournament final showdown with Davidson College, which Elon eventually lost. It was the first time an Elon men's basketball team advanced to the finals of the SoCon tournament.

Before coaching at Elon, Nestor was the head basketball coach at George Mason University from 1988 to 1993. In his first season as head coach, Nestor reached the first round of the NCAA tournament.

He was also an assistant coach for two years at the University of South Carolina and at Wake Forest at two different times, from 1979-1985 and from 1993-2001. He had a 10-year hiatus in his head-coaching career before being hired as Elon's coach in 2003.

In the 2005-2006 season, Nestor accumulated his highest win total in his Elon career, when his team finished with a 15-14 overall record. That year the team was the SoCon North Division Champions.

His lowest win total came a year later in the 2006-2007, when he went 7-23.

In 11 seasons as a head coach, Nestor has a 135-198 record.

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## Budget for 2009-2010 includes tuition increases

Olivia Hubert-Allen  
Senior Reporter

On March 3 the Elon University Board of Trustees approved a 2009-2010 budget that includes a \$1,413 increase in the price of tuition and a \$466 increase in the price of room and board. The tuition increase will add an extra \$8.9 million to Elon's budget from undergraduate and graduate school tuition.

The board also voted to cut departmental operating budgets by 2 percent, a move President Leo Lambert said will probably not be noticed by students. Lambert said he doesn't expect more departmental budget cuts year after year.

"We are trying to be as sensitive as possible to the broader economic situation," Lambert said.

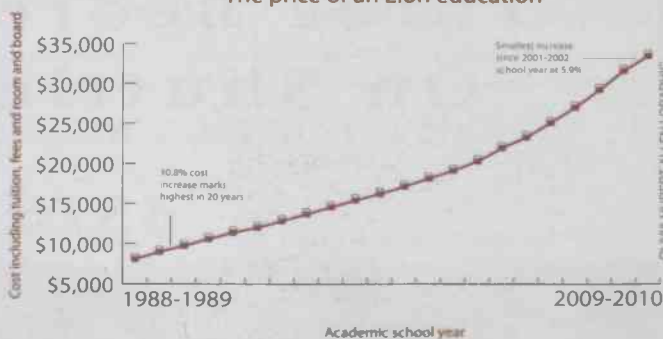
"We have tried to keep the tuition increase as low as we possibly could while still advancing critical goals."

The budget targets several key areas where the university plans to show exceptional commitment, including expanding financial aid, adding more support for faculty members and faculty scholarship and the addition of nine full-time faculty members.

Several positions that were left vacant this year will not be filled as the university re-allocates its budget. The responsibilities of these empty positions, like the director of developing leaders at Elon, will be given to others around

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The price of an Elon education



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