

Student positions provide money, job experience

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to budget cuts," Berger said. "That means that no new people have come aboard, and so the people that have been there have been stuck in the same pecking order. I try to help those people out by selecting fewer hours."

Campus Recreation, Media Services and Residence Life are the organizations that employ the most students, according to Renie Thompson, student payroll specialist.

This academic year, student workers have submitted a total of 2,157 work agreements, Thompson said. This number includes both Federal Work Study and Institutional Work Study agreements as well as students who hold multiple jobs, said Nancy Ward, financial planning data coordinator.

Student workers are necessary for the university to function, and the jobs help students be employed locally, she said.

"(Student employment) is a win-win for the university and the students," Thompson said.

According to Ward, benefits for students include earning spending money, learning about the university from a different viewpoint, learning to budget their time and developing good employee skills.

Gaining interview skills is also a benefit stemming from the experience of applying for jobs, DeBolt said.

After applying and interviewing for numerous positions, DeBolt said she feels more comfortable with the process. She said most employers ask similar questions.

"You can build your resume, use those skills elsewhere, work up, learn more about what you like and what you're looking for," DeBolt said.

Applicants are often chosen based on relevant work experience, leadership



Senior Carl Dagger, who works in the Campus Shop, takes inventory of the textbooks remaining on the shelves.

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experience, teamwork skills, the interview and their level of confidence, enthusiasm and dedication, said sophomore Katie Li,

who works at Campus Recreation.

Student workers help fill in lunch hour coverage but also help with day-to-day office

duties, Ward said. The financial planning office uses student workers for help with the telephones, processing of incoming mail and waiting

on customers at the counter.

"The university would not function without our student workers," Ward said.

SGA executive presidential candidates discuss progress at debates

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Student Government Association candidate speeches concluded with the second executive presidential debate Thursday.

The debate consisted of questions concerning transparency in student government, goals for the organization and plans to resolve the most pressing issues among students.

Matt Campbell and Sam Warren are the two candidates running for SGA executive president. Both students identified financial need as the most pressing issue and discussed the creation of an SGA scholarship.

The initiative is currently in its developmental stages, as SGA is working to establish two \$1,000 scholarships for two students, one male and one female, who embody the SGA ideals of leadership and service, Campbell said.

"We have so many opportunities and so many experiences that really help us and help our university," Warren said. "So I propose scholarships so we can help keep at least one student here, so they can grow and the campus can grow."

Campbell also spoke of the student loan program that enables students to borrow \$300 per semester.

"We want to push it a lot so people know they can come to SGA and not have to worry as much about financial burdens that semester," Campbell said.

Although Campbell said the fund is relatively small, he suggested using the money for



Executive presidential candidates include Sam Warren (left) and Matt Campbell (right). Jordan McFarland served as moderator.

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books or phone bills.

Warren also expressed interest in alleviating students' financial burdens.

"I want to make Elon a place where students feel comfortable and know we're here for them to support them," Warren said.

The candidates agreed on the direction the organization should move in, as well as the programs needed to achieve goals.

Both candidates pushed for a closer relationship between SGA and student media organizations. Campbell suggested that distribution of a press release to media organizations would increase transparency.

According to Warren, good relations and consistent coverage from media organizations will keep SGA members accountable.

Warren also referred to his contribution in the development of the SGA judicial packet as evidence of SGA's

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movement toward greater transparency. The packet makes all documents involved in the judicial hearings available to the public.

He also promoted implementation of an SGA blog and the return of video updates, which, when distributed, received an average of 1,000 views.

"If you can get one-fifth (of the student body), that's great to get the message out," Warren said. "Hopefully this will be a community,

and not a place where SGA does things that no one knows about."

Warren continued to advocate for a closer relationship among the student body. It would be great to showcase student accomplishments and showcase costumes from theater productions, photography and art work in Moseley, he said.

"Hopefully my ideas won't just show Elon students what Elon students do, but will

show employers that come to Elon what Elon students do," Warren said.

Campbell also proposed programs to foster student body unity. He suggested a point and prize system to encourage students to attend events on campus.

"We have great students all around us, however I see a lack of enthusiasm among all of us when it comes to performances or game days," he said.

His plan would enable students to earn points by attending various cultural and sporting events and to win prizes based on the accumulation of points.

While both promote similar ideas, their experience and previous duties concerning SGA vary. Campbell has served as both freshman and sophomore class treasurer, assistant class treasurer and executive treasurer. Warren has been elected sophomore class senator, junior class senator, appointed speaker pro tempore and assumed the role of executive vice president following the resignation of Joe Slocum, who resigned because of health reasons. "I have a variety of experiences that let me touch different things and know what it takes to get things accomplished," he said.

While Campbell's contribution to SGA has been limited to the position of treasurer, he said he does not believe that it has stifled his level of experience. "In capacity of serving on exec. as a full term, I have really learned what it takes to run a strong executive, which, in turn, runs a strong SGA," he said.

He also considers fostering a large component of SGA and said he believes his collaboration with other organizations and senior staff has prepared him.

"When I'm meeting with organizations or talking with senior staff, I know the hardships that the financial process can create," he said. "While working as executive treasurer, I learn what organizations need to do to be successful."