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That's a rap

Mac Miller brings spring fever to Elon's campus



Students and community members filled Alumni Gym Friday night for the Student Union Board's annual Spring Show. Rapper Mac Miller (pictured) and mashup duo The White Panda shared the stage. See page 14 for a full story on the Spring Show.

Pay it forward: Students acknowledge importance of giving back to university

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Exercising at the gym, printing assignments in the library and riding on the Bio Bus are all activities that Elon students take part in on a weekly, and often daily, basis. But what many students don't think about is the expense of these amenities and what is done to ensure they continue to be offered to students free of charge.

The Student Alumni Council (SAC) sought to address this disconnect by hosting the fourth annual Elon...Pass It On!, an event aimed at raising student awareness regarding the importance of donor contributions. Tuition and fees only cover 81 percent of an Elon education, and the rest of a student's time at Elon is paid for through donations.

"Events like this and raising awareness with the rest of our classmates and colleagues is really important," said junior and SAC member Darien Flowers. "It allows all of our students to understand that someone else made a commitment to the institution so that they can enjoy all the great things Elon has to offer."

The event is intentionally held in March because spring break represents

completion of 81 percent of the year, and the name Elon...Pass It On! references the "pay it forward" concept the event embraces.

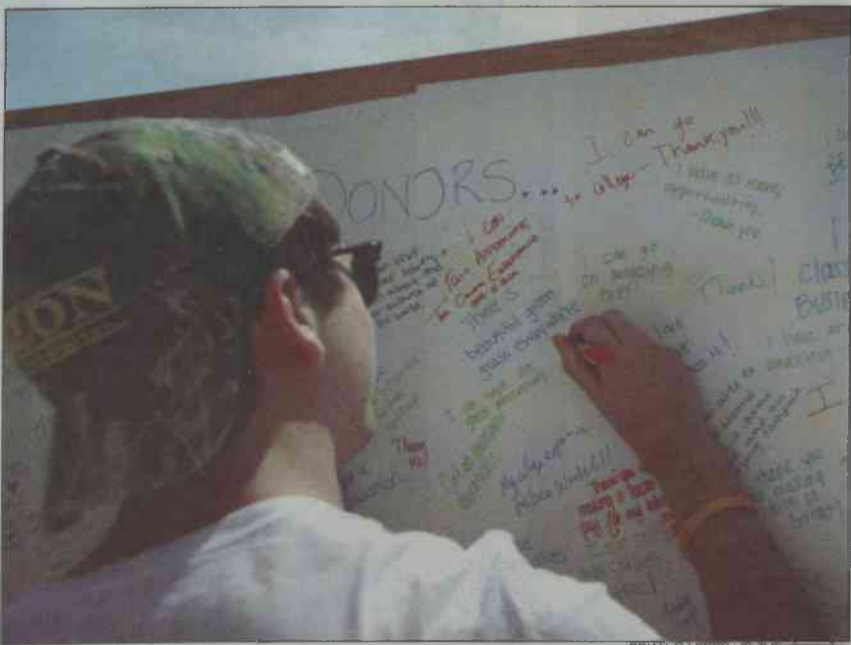
"If we want future students to enjoy Elon as much as we do, we need to realize that we will eventually need to make our donation to Elon, thereby 'passing it on' to future students," said Bari Sisson, president of SAC.

Jozi Snowberger, assistant director of annual giving and parent programs, said not all students have an accurate understanding of how their time at Elon is paid for.

"The university is so great and so wonderful, and through the lens of a student, the grass is always green," Snowberger said. "When (current students) become alums, it's hard for them to realize that the university does rely on donor support and that it's up to them to help the university be the prestigious place that it is."

Freshman Molly Zoellner represents one of many students who were unaware of the significance of donor contributions before attending the event.

"After knowing what I know now, I am very thankful for the donors for making Elon the great school we go to," she said.



Freshman Powell Mansfield wrote why he was thankful for donors on the dry-erase board at "Elon... Pass It On!" March 28. The event raised student awareness of the importance of donor contributions.

"I feel I owe a lot to Elon after I graduate."

The SAC advertised the event, held March 28 on the Moseley Front Terrace, by placing yard signs along the walkways in Young Commons and writing "Will You... Pass It On?" on whiteboards in classrooms.

"We wanted students to start wondering about the event and asking their friends about it," Sisson said.

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