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Each morning, free newspapers are available in the lobby of the McEwen Communications building. Freshman Emily Weisberg picks up a copy of USA Today.

Top 10 places Elon students get their news

Compiled by Butner Brimberry based on an informal survey of students

1. USA Today
2. CNN
3. Word of mouth
4. The New York Times
5. CNN.com
6. USAToday.com
7. Fox News Channel
8. Netscape.com
9. "NBC Nightly News"
10. "The Daily Show"



School limits Social Security number access with Datatel

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numbers as a way of accessing student profiles and now only allows the last four digits of the numbers to be displayed because of the possible security concerns.

Most departments on campus, including the Registrar and Bursar's offices, will only be able to view the last four digits of each student's Social Security number.

Some departments, including payroll and the Office of Admissions, will still have access to a student's full Social Security number. Fulkerson explained that the transition was not easy to execute.

"Blocking the Social Security numbers was not the issue," Fulkerson said. "The difficult part was deciding who needed to see the information and allowing them to have access to it without letting everyone in the department have access as well."

Discussion of the transition began in a committee that met over the summer to discuss information security issues. Since then, the Datatel transition has been

planned and implemented.

Students will now be asked for their Datatel numbers in place of their Social Security numbers when filling out certain paperwork on campus. Organization rosters, for example, will no longer ask students to sign up with their Social Security numbers.

Fulkerson said that Elon is in line with many other schools in the state that are also transitioning away from using private information for record keeping purposes. He said the move is a preventative measure for the university and that no particular incident has sparked the need for a change.

"People need to be more careful with their personal information," he said. "We're just trying to be responsible here."

Students can access their Datatel numbers by logging into OnTrack for students and clicking on "My Profile."

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State Fair diversifies attractions

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are the TopSpin and the Adult Bumper cars, which Overton predicted to be crowd favorites this year.

Fair organizers have also diversified the entertainment component. An eclectic concert line-up includes rock, country and contemporary Christian acts. In addition to live music, there will be a variety of comedians slated to perform at the Donton Arena.

"Acts such as Foreigner and Trick Pony have the 1980s rock feel, which is coming back into style and should be popular with the college audience," Overton said.

Advance tickets are available at a discounted rate online and at designated sites throughout the Triangle and Triad, including Colonial Mall in Burlington. Tickets for the Donton Concert series are also available and are being sold separately from the fair admission.

The State Agricultural Society founded the State Fair in 1853 as a method for area farmers to exchange agricultural information. The first fair site was a 16-acre area located 10 blocks from the capitol in Raleigh. After being moved several times to various locations in the Raleigh area, the State Fair moved to its present location in 1952.

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—Heather Overton, State Fair public information officer

More recently, \$1.5 million in renovations and improvements were made to several fairground structures in 1999. The State Fair and grounds operate on a year-round basis with 57 permanent employees.

Total attendance throughout the 10-day period last year was 696,977, just slightly below average. Overton said she expects a larger attendance this year.

"With the new rides and appealing music, people will have more incentive to visit the fair and experience the excitement," she said.

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self and **BE** understanding of career goals and objectives. Then the great job search can start. **A** major suggested student. As a **WRITER** columnist, students should start thinking about and applying for internships or co-**FOR** students should begin **THE** actively seeking possible employers. Too many seniors don't count **PENDULUM** offer graduation, Magee said, shaking his head through networking. Casual conversations with family and friends give **x7247** students job offers or career ideas not found in job search efforts. **PENDULUM@ELON.EDU**