

# Adult freedoms, adult consequences

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For non-North Carolinians coming to Elon, there are several things to get accustomed to — sweet ice tea, the long drawl when people say y'all and the state's hardcore stance against underage drinking.

The Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, more commonly referred to as ALE, will make occasional visits to Elon's campus throughout the year.

The plain-clothes officers visit campus in an attempt to quell both the sale of alcoholic beverages to those underage and the subsequent alcohol possession and consumption by underage students.

According to the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety's Web site, "ALE is unique in that it is the only law enforcement agency with statewide jurisdiction that has, as its primary mission,

enforcement of alcoholic beverage laws."

ALE is not limited to the enforcement of alcohol regulation but also enforces North Carolina drug, tobacco and gambling laws.

"Their charter is alcohol enforcement and part of that is to reduce underage consumption and make sure students aren't carrying fake IDs," said Chuck Gantos, director of campus security and police. "From time to time they will do a specific operation in a specific community."

There is a local ALE agent in Alamance County so, according to Gantos, ALE has a constant presence at Elon. ALE agents have full power to arrest for violations of any North Carolina statute, although students often receive citations for alcohol violations.

"North Carolina is serious about underage consumption," Gantos said. "If you're under 21 and caught with alcohol you will be charged."

The Town of Elon has its own special ordinances, including an open container ordinance that bans open alcohol containers on public property and a noise ordinance that begins at 11 p.m. This is in addition to state laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol to anyone intoxicated and the possession of an open container in a car.

In addition to ALE, Elon students have three different branches of law enforcement with which to contend — both local and campus-based. Campus security is responsible for charging students with any student handbook violations. Its jurisdiction is limited to Elon's campus.

Campus police have jurisdiction on campus and roads adjacent to campus. Elon police have jurisdiction anywhere in the Town of Elon.

Campus police and Town of Elon police have full power to arrest as well as deliver citations. All student citations, regardless of whether campus security, campus police or Elon police give them, are reported to the university's judicial affairs. A copy of ALE citations will most likely be given to judicial affairs, as well as the local court system.

"If you're drinking underage on campus you're going to get it both ways," Gantos said.

Gantos warns incoming freshmen against bringing false driver's licenses to campus. "Don't carry false IDs," Gantos said. "It's really not worth it."

Coming to college, liberated from parental restrictions, is a thrilling experience. The urge to go wild and celebrate this new freedom is infamous during Orientation Weekend. Students must remember that with this new adult autonomy comes adult consequences for illegal actions. Understanding the authority system and alcohol policy of both the state and university is crucial to making safe and smart decisions at Elon.



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West End Station, a popular bar and grill on campus, stocks up for the return of many Elon students. It is popular hangout for many students, since it is open for everyone over 18.

## Getting back into the swing of things

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As early as Aug. 3, summer was officially over for the Elon Phoenix football team. The team began their summer practice sessions in just helmets, without pads, preparing for a much awaited season.

But they weren't alone. Other sporting teams, residence life, marching band, orientation leaders and others have been sprinkled across Elon for practice, training or just to get a head start buying used books and hitting Target before it gets packed.

Orientation Leaders (OLs) began their intense training last week as they prepared for this year's incoming class and their eager questions.

Sophomore OL Travis

Counsell arrived at Elon a little before training started so that he could have some time to relax and set up his room before the week long training began.

"It's great getting to campus early and preparing for the arrival of students," Counsell said. "It's so quiet but I am sure that will change quickly."

Senior Danielle Ransdell, Elon's cheerleading captain, said both the all-female and co-ed teams arrived Aug. 13 to get ready for the pep-rally and opening game.

"We get moved in and all settled when Wal-Mart isn't crammed and you can get in and out fast," Ransdell said.

Freshmen roommates and cheerleaders Sam Emrich and Lauren Jubelt said they liked arriving before the other freshmen because they won't feel completely lost on

the first day of class.

They also like being able to meet upperclassmen and their other teammates before the season officially starts. They are happy to be moved into their rooms before the madness begins.

"It was crammed with just the two of us, so I can't imagine what it will be like with our other hall mates," Emrich said.

Junior Ian Taylor, who plays percussion for the Fire of the Carolinas, has been practicing for over a week with his fellow band members.

They're also preparing for the opening game against the Richmond Spiders and settling in.

"The perks of getting here early are the relaxed move in and the lack of people everywhere," he said. "The campus is almost

empty before the majority of students get here so it's cool to see all the changes the university has made over the summer without the worry of being in somebody's way."

Working out new drum cadences is a difficult task, but Taylor and fellow drumline members practice and master new routines for hours each day before their regular semesters begin.

So even if a new student's rambunctious parent wanted to be the first on campus on move-in day to get a head start on the other decorating moms and handy-man dads, they are not alone.

The handful of freshmen already on campus along with those upperclassmen here for practice or training have beat many to the punch and are getting back into the groove for the fall semester.

## After completing core classes, students can choose schedules

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As a general rule, freshmen are given little choice as to which courses they will take. Core classes such as The Global Experience, Intro to College Writing and Contemporary Wellness Issues (Elon-ese for health class) are staples on schedules of first-year students.

After completing these basic courses during the first and second semesters, students will be given much more freedom to individualize their schedule. Students can choose courses that interest them and fit into their schedules; all the while meeting standard graduation requirements.

Certain courses have proved to be particularly popular with Elon

students in the past and will, quite possibly, be favored in the future.

So, once freshmen have paid their dues and completed the fundamentals, they may take an interest in some of the following courses:

—**Introduction to Astronomy:** The popularity of this course seems to stem from its included lab. The nature of astronomy labs require cooperation from the weather, so students often find themselves with unexpectedly free evenings if there are too many clouds in the sky on the night of a scheduled lab.

—**Science without Borders:** This natural science course counts toward the non-lab science General Studies requirement. Because the course is intended for non-science majors, it's

ideal for students who have a less-than-ideal background in the area.

—**Elon: Past, Present and Future:** Dr. Earl Danielely, a former Elon president, lends his Elon expertise to this Winter Term course. Danielely, who has been around Elon's campus for more than 60 years, helps students to better understand how Elon came to be the institution it is today.

—**The Business of NASCAR:** This course, offered during Winter Term, attracts both die-hard NASCAR fans and curious newcomers. While the content focuses heavily on the sport, students will also learn about its history and the nuts and bolts of racing.

—**Tennis and Racquetball:** Both of these physical education courses,

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Organization Fair introduces students to campus groups**

The annual Organization Fair will take place on Friday, Sept. 5. Representatives from various campus organizations and programs will set up tables in the area between Koury Athletic Center and Belk Library.

The annual fair is a way to inform new and returning students of all the outlets available for getting involved on campus. Media organizations, club sports, foreign language clubs, Greek Life and religious campus ministries are among the groups that will be represented.

**Farmers' Market to open; will offer locally grown products**

The new Burlington's Farmers' Market will open 2 - 5 p.m., Sept. 6 at Burlington Outlet Village, off of Exit 145, and will be open every Saturday through October.

Locally grown fruits and vegetables will be sold, along with wine from the Haw River Valley and homemade preserves.

The market will also feature live music and activities such as face painting, crafts and pony rides.

**Campus Police considers new ticketing system**

Campus Safety and Police is testing a new parking ticketing system using handheld computers. If implemented, officers will carry the small computers and use them to print parking tickets, which will be automatically entered into the system.

**Duplex printing in computer labs and library**

To further reduce paper consumption on campus, the printers in computer labs and the library now print duplex (meaning content will be printed on the front and back of papers) by default. While duplex printing is encouraged, users can still print single-sided papers. So far, Elon's print management system has reduced paper usage by 7.2 million sheets per year.

**Three people receive Elon's highest honor**

Three people received Elon Medallions on Aug. 25, which is the highest honor a person can receive from the university.

President emeritus J. Fred Young, retired professor John G. Sullivan and retired associate dean Lela Faye Coltrain Rich were awarded for outstanding service to Elon. The ceremony kicked off Planning Week 2008, which was held to help returning faculty and staff prepare for the academic year.

which count as one credit hour each, allow students to learn the basics of the sport. The uncommon combination of course credit and physical activity tends to draw students to sign up.

—**The Culture of Rock:** This course explores the evolution of rock music and the subcultures that have been born out of the genre. To mark the recent 40th anniversary of the release of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, this year the focus will be on the Beatles.

—**The Kennedy Assassination and Film:** This upper-level General Studies Seminar returns to the ever-popular topic of JFK's assassination, with an emphasis on how it's been portrayed in film. In addition, the course explores assassination as a film genre.