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A gender inclusive affair with hair

Students for Peace and Justice Club promotes gender inclusivity in No Shave November



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There was one primary topic of discussion at the start of the Elon University Students for Peace and Justice Club meeting Sunday afternoon: a group member and her leg hair.

Junior Emily Collins, club president, began the meeting recounting her week without shaving her legs — one that involved several auditions and a date.

The promise to remain unshaven stems from a campaign the club initiated to raise awareness and funds during No-Shave November, the nationally recognized monthlong campaign during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to start conversation and raise cancer awareness.

Members of the club have set up a donation page through the Cancer Research Institute, and since Tuesday's College Coffee have been inviting Elon students, faculty and staff of all genders to pledge a certain amount of money. But there's a catch.

The amount of money participants pledge will reflect the amount they're allowed to spend on razors or any form of hair removal for that month. The campaign also encourages all genders to participate in No-Shave

November regardless of how much they pledge.

While raising funds for cancer research, Collins was excited to begin the campaign with hopes that it would challenge the stigma against women who choose not to shave.

"I think women who don't shave are seen as either dirty or 'letting themselves go,'" Collins said. "I think you can be beautiful in many different ways when you're just naturally yourself."

According to a study conducted by Escentual, a British-based beauty products company, women spend approximately 72 days, or 1,728 hours, shaving their legs over the course of a lifetime. In the same study, shaving was ranked as women's most hated beauty ritual, with 35 percent of women polled saying they hated shaving their legs more than any other form or method of hair removal.

Collins said because of the stigma associated with unshaven women, No-Shave November is often seen as a month limited to men not shaving their beards.

"At the end of the day, it would be so much more powerful if more people were involved in raising awareness [for prostate cancer]," Collins said. "It shouldn't be limited to men, because the more

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The eye of the university

Number of campus security and body cameras rising

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Progress in both technology and the size of Elon University has led to the number of campus security cameras to balloon to roughly 500 total.

The cameras are primarily located in places such as parking lots and campus pathways, Elon Police Chief Dennis Franks said in an email, where people could be vulnerable to crime that no one else could witness.

Other cameras are installed on building exteriors and popular areas in larger, public buildings such as the Moseley Center and Belk Library. No cameras are installed inside of residential rooms, according to Franks.

"The cameras serve dual purpose," Franks said. "The footage can be used to identify particular information regarding an incident, either capturing the incident or piecing together information surrounding an incident. The cameras also can serve as a deterrent. If people know there is potential to be caught on tape they might decide not to take a particular action."

Campus security cameras aren't monitored around-the-clock. Their main purpose is to collect

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Acorn GoFundMe reaches 'Ellen'

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Though the money for Acorn Coffee Shop employee Kathryn Thompson's Disney World vacation was raised on Oct. 5, another update appeared on the GoFundMe page on last Thursday:

"To all of our generous and loving supporters we suggest you tune into watch The Ellen Show on Monday, October 26, you may happen to see some familiar faces!," the post said.

On Monday afternoon, three Elon University community members made their debut on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." Thompson, junior Taylor Zisholtz and freshman Lucy Smith-Williams all sat down with DeGeneres to explain how they changed each other's lives.

"This is a beautiful story," DeGeneres said when they sat down.

Their story began back in September when Thompson asked Zisholtz and Smith-Williams where they were from on a quiet Friday night at Acorn. Thompson wasn't too interested in Zisholtz's hometown, a small Phillidelphia suburb, but she was intrigued where Smith-Williams was from.

"When Lucy announced that she was from Florida, her face just lit up, and she was ecstatic," Zisholtz said on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."

Thompson asked the girls a multitude of questions about how far and how expensive it was to go to Disney World. She expained her lifelong dream was to bring her grandchildren, son and daughter-in-law to the theme park, but it wasn't fesible for

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