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'TEACHERS

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BULLET

TO SAVE THEIR KIDS

AND THAT IS

TERRIFYING.'

How a school shooting is changing the way Elon trains future teachers

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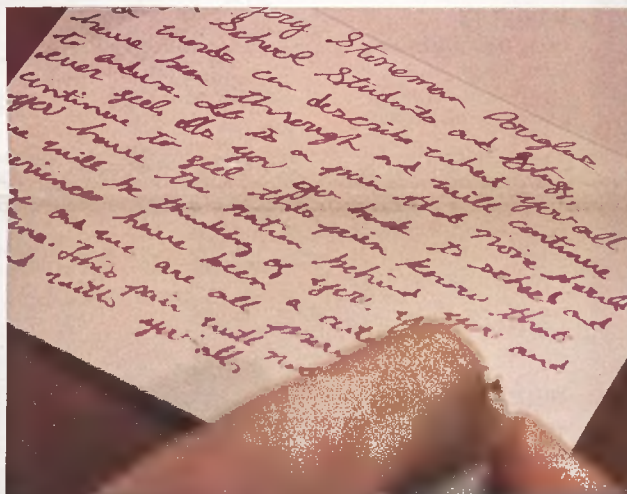
WITHIN THE FINAL MINUTES of her high school senior English class, Elon University senior and student teacher Annaliese Jaffe noticed her students' attention drifting to the incessant buzzing of their phones.

This is not an uncommon occurrence after reading the fourth act of Hamlet for 90 minutes, but as her seniors from Alamance-Burlington Middle College began to pack up and Jaffe began to prepare her grammar lesson for her sophomores, she noticed fearful looks exchanged between her students as seniors filed out and sophomores filed in.

"What's up, guys?" she asked.

Her students informed her that a neighboring school, Eastern Alamance High School, was experiencing a lockdown. Whether the lockdown was a drill was unknown to both Jaffe and her students. But as texts spread between the students at Alamance-Burlington and their friends inside Eastern Alamance, fear spread as well.

"When I heard my kids say they were scared to be in school I got so upset," Jaffe said. "After, I explained the situation and they started taking a test — I sat down and realized I was also scared. But



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also furious because my kids were scared. That was when it really hit me, when I was in school and my kids were scared about it."

It was Feb. 16, only two days after a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, left 17 dead. Jaffe had no direct ties to the shooting or its victims, but that didn't stop the all-too-familiar pain from suffering.

"It was awful to hear about, but it was a similar feeling to the emotions that I felt after every school shooting that has happened," Jaffe said.

But the Parkland massacre wasn't like previous school shootings — this one was different.

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS

257

students majoring in the School of Education. Students must student teach in schools in the surrounding community in order to graduate.

50

Elon University students from the School of Education currently working as student teachers at more than 20 schools within driving range of the campus.

Top: Senior Annaliese Jaffe talks to her students about "The Crucible" on March 2 at Alamance-Burlington Middle College.

Above: Senior Virginia Little handwrites a letter to survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre March 2.

Number of Safe Rides volunteers declines

Fewer volunteers creates concerns about organization's future

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Immediately after their first ever assignment, Safe Rides operators senior Dan Ford and sophomore Remy Benzel were on Lebanon Avenue waiting for their next assignment, discussing what would happen if Safe Rides didn't exist.

According to several of its drivers, Safe Rides has been struggling to fill its vehicles' front two seats.

Before the program began, in the spring of 1992 Elon student Chad Macy was killed in a drunk driving accident. In response, Elon Volunteers! started Safe Rides.

The organization is a student-run and volunteer-based program that offers free rides to students to reduce the risk of drunk driving and to ensure students get home safely.

"If there wasn't Safe Rides I feel like more walking would happen, like 'oh I'll just walk home,'" Ford said. "It can also be dangerous though, like this

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