

## 'Rituals' film crew shoots more of Elon for background footage

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The initial ratings aren't in yet, but preliminary indications are that *Rituals* is being broadcast in more than 120 cities across the country. Elon College provides some of the setting for the prime-time soap opera, which made its debut Sept. 10.

"This means that 80 percent of the televisions in America can get it," said Tim McDowell, director of Community Relations and liaison to the *Rituals* production.

"It is currently the number one soap in Boston," he said, "and is popular in Washington and Los Angeles."

Members of the *Rituals* film crew returned to the area for three days last week to shoot some "background" and scenic footage. This film will be



Photo by Jamie Cobb

**EYE IN THE SKY:** The film crew for the soap opera *Rituals* used a helicopter for different angles of the area for footage in the show.

edited together with footage of the players, taken in the Hollywood studios.

Despite its apparent success, the show has already new writers. Also actress Joanne Pflug, who plays the character of Taylor Chapin Van Platen, will leave and be replaced by Tina Louise, who formerly played Ginger on the comedy series *Gilligan's Island*.

## Bishop Gossman visits Elon

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"In today's world, our faith must offer something to the public forum," said Bishop F. Joseph Gossman in a Catholic mass held on campus Sunday.

Gossman was visiting the Burlington area as part of his pastoral travels to North Carolina counties. Gossman covers the Raleigh diocese which extends from Alamance to Eastern North Carolina and some parts of South Carolina.

Gossman said that Catholics in North Carolina have some different concerns than those in other states. Here they constitute a small minority, only 2 percent of all people expressing a religious preference, he said.

As a minority, Catholics in this state must remember that their history is a rich and international one concerned with world problems, he said.

Gossman stressed that Catholics "mustn't regard the Gospels as an exercise in religious history. We must look to it for guidance in today's world."

He cited Catholic involvement in the establishment and support of public education and support of the preservation of life as examples of church activity today.

After mass the bishop spoke about his attitudes toward the recently renewed political controversy over separation of church and state. "The separation of church and state is one of our greatest contributions to the existence of nations," he said, adding that "The division is not meant to disguise religion or politics, only to make them equal."

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## Nuclear Arms treaty is goal of new class

In the Spring Semester 1985 the political science department will be offering a class titled, "Soviet Arms Limitation Talks and the Nuclear Question."

The class will be taught by Dr. Fred Watts, associate professor of political science. When discussing plans for the course, Watts said, "During the first part of the semester we'll study the nuclear forces of the United States and the Soviet Union, the deterrence theory, and the history of arms limitation talks."

This portion of the course is in preparation for the class's "SALT III" talks, where in Elon students will try to reach nuclear arms agreement.

Watts said he also has plans for a faculty panel discussion on nuclear arms as a part of this class.

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