

Security Guards misjudged

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Contrary to what most Elon College students believe, "security guards are not out there [around campus] to see how many people they can write up," says Terry Creech, Director of Safety and Security. Creech, who has held this position for two years, does not think students realize the sacrifices being made on their behalf. This pertains especially to the holiday season when security guards are still at the college protecting students belongings.

On Elon's campus, the nature of a security guard's job would best fit that of a male because of the patrolling duty. Sometimes the guard may have to pull duty by himself/herself around 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. which is not the ideal situation for females. A police woman could pull such a duty by herself because she is carrying either a 357 magnum or .38 caliber weapon, whereas no Elon College guard carry guns.

When security guards are needed for employment, the available positions are posted by financial planning. In applying for the job, a student's background is checked into before consideration of hiring. Most positions are independent work-study, but some college work-study workers are

also guards. "A full staff would consist of 19 security guards and eight traffic monitors (who are not guards)," said Creech.

Delegating responsibility of traffic coordination to James L. D. Berry along with Jean Courtney (assistant coordinator), allows Creech to deal with a lot of administrative matters during the day which include fire safety on campus and answering complaints.

There was much speculation done by students concerning the supposedly rape cases a few weeks ago on the campus. According to Creech, no rapes existed on the campus at that time and none were reported to Elon College Police Department. But it is certain that a flasher did exist and is said to have flashed two girls about two weeks ago in the new area (Harper Center). A man from Alamance County was arrested in Greensboro between Nov. 4 and 6 and may be connected to that incident.

From Creech's understanding, the man was apprehended for indecent exposure, but has not come to trial yet. The case is still pending.

Punishment for indecent exposure consist of no more than \$500 or no more than six months in jail or an individual could



Campus Security: Terry Creech, Director of Campus Safety and Security, talks with student Suzanne Duvall, in his office.

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receive both.

The biggest cases dealt with by Elon security, pertain to theft. Both incidents occurred this year.

Around January 7, two students from Duke University were breaking in the ARA storage facility (Harper Center) by coming through the roof. A security guard ran upon them, but one of the students got away. Therefore the guard took the remaining intruder to the police when he gave the name of his accomplice.

The second case occurred Oc-

tober 7 when a man from Reidsville, around the age of 19 was on campus going into students rooms "stealing anything he could get his hands on," said Creech. Police were already looking for this man and Elon security played a role in his apprehension.

Around 8 p.m. that evening, the man was seen by two security guards who chased him. He is pending felony charges in Reidsville for first degree burglary on campus.

A major responsibility of security is providing 24-hour protection seven days a week, 12 months a year on the campus.

Some view security's job in a wrong way. Instead it is a good information source especially when it comes to understanding the court system. Creech says, he could help students understand what to expect of court proceedings in Alamance County if they ever summoned to appear in court.

Zeller nominated for national award

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Karen Zeller, the Secretary of Scholarships in the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and a Senior at Elon, is in the running for the Irene Ryan Acting Award.

For being nominated for the award, Karen will go to a regional competition in February. If she places there, she would then go to the nationals at the Kennedy Center in Washington D. C.

Karen began acting at the age of nine doing children's theater plays and continued acting and directing through high school. She also became a member of the International Thespian Society.

Karen was an assistant director here at Elon for the "Fantasticks." Her acting portfolio at Elon includes "Talking With," and "Kennedy's Children."

The part that Karen was

nominated for is "Carla" from "Kennedy's Children."

"Carla is a girl who was dissolutioned by the '60's and wanted to be like Marilyn Monroe," Karen said. "She wanted to give the world something to look up to."

Consequently, the character realizes the world no longer wants this and commits suicide by overdosing.

The ironic part of Karen Zeller's acting career is that it isn't a career at all. For Karen, it's just a hobby. She is currently a Finance major and plans to graduate in May.



Elon senior Karen Zeller, has been nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Award for her performance in Kennedy's Children.

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