

photo by Pat Hobin

No class: Because of snow, Elon was one of many to cancel last Friday.

# ODK inducts new leaders

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Last night, Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, held its annual induction ceremony at the Elon College Community Church.

Thirty-three new members were welcomed into the leadership organization. They were Carole-Ann Barnett, Teddy Blackwell, Kevin Blythe, Janie Brown, Crystal Bryan, Tony Chavis, Drew Christian, Susan Cox, Tom Cozart, and Molly Edmondson.

Others were Molly Flynt, Kathy Friend, Dean Goad, Jill Hall, Elizabeth Hannan, Carol Haught, John Hoyle, Donna Jones, Karen Lalonde, Scott Lesmes, and Kathy Meadows.

Also were Steve Novey, Jason Richmond, Lisa Rodrigues, Lauren Schepker, Mindy Schneeberger, Jon Southworth, Tammy Turner, Cheri Turpin, Dawn Washington, Amy Windham, Marie Wingo, Larissa Witt, Dan Worrell, and Greg Zaiser.

Membership guidelines into the Omicron Delta Kappa society include a 2.7 grade point average, leadership skills, and faculty recommendations. Letters are also

mailed to each of the campus-wide organizations who nominate people in terms of their leadership potential.

The students are notified of their nomination in early November through a tapping process. Current members of the organization go into classrooms and inform the candidate in front of their peers. Faculty advisor Ellen Gagnon said, "This is done to give the candidates recognition among their peers and to get some publicity for the organization. A lot of the students around campus do not know much about the honor societies because they are not as visible as a fraternity or a sorority."

The students then go through a training session to prepare them for their membership.

Gagnon said, "The induction is a candle-light ceremony that brings in all of the spiritual aspects of the organization and tries to combine them with the spiritual aspects of Elon College."

Gagnon went on to say that this year's ceremony was slightly different than those from years past. Dr. Sullivan of the Philosophy department wrote a light ceremonial addition that was added to the program.

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All the vandalism that happens to the dorms not only costs a lot of money but also a great deal of time. It took a total of 150.3 hours to repair all the damages done to the East area so far. "We are doing about all we can do to prevent this from happening," said Stanley Greson, Maintenance Supervisor. He also said that he believes that the majority of the vandalism happens on weekends and feels that it stems from boredom.

But East area isn't the only one with damages, although its total is the highest. West area has the second highest total of \$1,773.88. Next is the area of Maynard, Colclough, and Chandler with \$1,652.14 in damages. The New area has cost \$562.61, while Jordan Center ran up a bill of \$246.98.

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of the pranks" pulled by college students, but this was a potentially dangerous situation.

Woznick said that trains travelling through the town are usually hauling approximately 160 tank cars. These cars are filled with liquid and gaseous chemicals ranging from nuclear waste to chlorine gas, which is potentially fatal and inflicts serious burns. Had the engineer used the train's emergency brake, the vehicle could have derailed. With derailment comes the possibility of a chemical spill.

Had the train overturned and released its chemical contents, Elon could have been the scene of what Woznick deems a "serious tragedy." At the early hour, there would have been no chance of evacuating the college town's

residents. According to Woznick, a chemical spill of this nature has the potential to "kill hundreds within minutes."

Impeding a train's progress or tampering with railroad tracks is a federal offense. Sergeant Jim Rowan, a detective with Southern Railways, says that such an offense termed "obstruction of full passage of a train"—is a misdemeanor. Perpetrators are faced with criminal charges and taken to court.

Sgt. Rowan reports that it costs an average of \$500 per hour to operate the train. If the vehicle needs to stop for such a prank, the company is "out of a lot of money."

Both Southern Railway and the town of Elon College are eager to determine the culprits in this case, and a reward has been offered.

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are ignored or left unrewarded, according to Maureen Dougherty, Media Board Advisor.

Following a catered dinner, the group was addressed by Mr. Dick Andrews, Vice President for Public Relations of Jefferson-Pilot Life Insurance Company.

The 48-year veteran of Jefferson-Pilot reminded students of the

magnitude of the role they play in their community. Said Andrews, "We can help shape the minds of people and the characters of people and the habits of people."

He qualified his statement by discussing the number of individuals affected by the mass media and the amount of money generated by or spent upon communications.

The public relations expert encouraged the student communicators to remain dedicated and enthusiastic. He additionally emphasized the fact that challenges are constant in the world of communications, but the work is never dull.

Also honored was Dr. Helen Mackay, an English professor and former member of the Media Board. McKay served on the board for over a decade.

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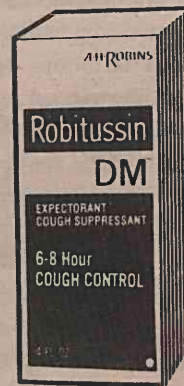


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