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Tranquil Moments

Casey Bethard teaches his dog to retrieve.

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Don't walk alone ... pick up the phone

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Don't keep thinking that campus security officers are just bad guys who only try to bust people for visitation and underage drinking.

This year, security is promoting an emergency phone and escort service to keep students safe. "There have been 29 escorts so far this year," said Terry Creech, head of campus security. "All security officers do the escorting and there are an average of three officers on duty each night."

Creech wants to stress that the emergency phones are not just for emergencies. They are also for students who need escorts. Two emergency phones

are now available on campus. One is located by the power plant in the Alumni Gym parking lot and the other is in the Harper Center parking lot by the walkway to the Greek lodges.

Emergency phone calls go directly to the security office and the dispatcher immediately sends an officer out. If no one answers the emergency phone line, it automatically "beeps" a security officer. The officer usually takes less than ten minutes to get to the caller.

"I heard a lot about the escort service in orientation and I've also seen the flyers all over campus," said Jenn Peer, a freshman. "I'm not exactly keen on walking by myself at night, especially since most of the campus is dark. It's also good

because you have a nice and friendly person to keep you company and they always thank you for calling the escort service."

Security officers say that a lot of people call the escort service for added safety. As long as people take the first step in calling for an escort, they will reach their destination safely.

"A lot of my friends are security officers and I never hesitate to call the escort service," said Cristy Goodson. "I hardly ever used it last year because it wasn't publicized as much. I don't like to walk anywhere at night that is unlit and a lot of campus is dark."

"The escort service is good for people walking to and from

the Greek houses," said Lynne Rambo, house manager for Zeta Tau Alpha. "The walkway between the Greek houses and the Harper Center parking lot is totally wooded and lights haven't been put up yet."

Director of Housing Lee Proctor said that if people are intoxicated, security will not hold that fact against them. The security officers are not attempting to get students in trouble. In fact, the officers just want to get people home safely, no matter what condition they are in.

For more information about the program or for an escort anywhere on campus, call extension 2407.

Students stunned by robbery

by Murray Glenn
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Wednesday September 14, 1989 is a date that the suitemates of Chandler 302 will never forget. Chris Patera, Ken Seek, and five friends were spending a lazy evening watching television. At approximately midnight the group was joined by two men who said they were searching for an Elon student named "Tony Moore."

The men entered the suite and made "small talk" with the group. After a short time, one of the visitors asked for change for a 10 dollar bill. Patera led one of the men back to his room so he could get his wallet. Moments later, the second man entered Chris' room. He was armed with a shotgun.

The visitors then proceeded to rob Patera Seeking \$12.

"I was in my room studying when they came in. My first reaction was to knock the gun away from my face. At the time, I did not realize what that may mean," said Seek as he looked back at the event.

The suspects escaped, but Elon College Police Dan Ingle said, "We are making a great deal of progress in the investigation. We have some suspects and anticipate making an arrest soon."

The police think that the robbers approached the college area with hopes of attaining drug money. They intended to rob the Pantry but they were diverted because there was a policeman at the convenience store, police speculate.

The suspects then drove to the Fine Arts Building parking lot and then proceeded to Chandler dorm to search for victims.

Chandler Resident Assistant Frank Fannan commented, "I

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