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Campus stunned by death of student

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Lesia O'Hara used to drive home from her night class with a close friend right behind her -- sort of like a buddy system. But as of February 27, Lesia will be driving home alone.

Her friend, Sherri King, 24, of Roxboro, N.C., was robbed and shot in the left side of her chest sometime around 8:45 p.m. She had been working at the King Bee convenience store about three miles south of Roxboro on U.S. 501. She died shortly after midnight at Duke Hospital in Durham, according to the Associated Press.

King was a non-traditional student, carrying six semester hours. She was working toward a business major with an accounting minor. She was classified as a junior.

O'Hara and King had been close friends for about two years and frequently spent time together studying and socializing. O'Hara described Sherri as "friendly and nice. She didn't dislike anyone."

"She was very ambitious,

she had lots of plans," O'Hara said.

Dr. Ernest Lunsford, assistant professor of foreign language, had King in his Spanish 102 night class. As soon as he heard the news, Lunsford set up a session with Chaplain Richard McBride to come and speak to his class.

Most of the class members had not yet heard of the tragedy. Many were stunned. McBride's session on the grieving process helped the students to understand, Lunsford said.

The class took up a collection and sent a wreath to the funeral home in the name of the Spanish class of Elon College.

Lunsford thought King was a positive contribution to the class and thought very highly of her. He thought she was "dedicated enough, inspired enough to come to Elon at night to try to finish her degree. That's quite admirable," Lunsford said.

"She had a positive personality. She smiled a lot. I liked her, I liked her a lot," Lunsford said.

Spaces available for summer trip to Russia and Hungary

By Anna Williams
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Dr. David Crowe, professor of history, is organizing an academic travel abroad trip to the USSR and Hungary. The excursion offers students a chance to travel abroad and gain three academic credit hours.

Crowe has been organizing study abroad trips since 1979 and this will be his twelfth trip to Russia.

Last year he organized a trip to China and then had to cancel the travel plans. "We were supposed to be in Beijing when they had the big explosion

between the students and the government," Crowe said.

The Russia/Hungary trip is scheduled for May 19 through June 3 and is available for everyone, including non-students.

"We have 19 people who have already committed and I can take up to 27," Crowe said. "Everyone that I have ever taken to Russia has enjoyed it. In fact, I've got three people going back for a second trip."

Travelers are scheduled to visit Leningrad, Moscow, Odessa and Budapest. They will see the Kremlin, palaces, museums and

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The rumor is true Smithereens set to perform at Elon in April

By Jason Graves
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Since Thursday, March 1, most of us have been going about our normal, daily routines. Little did we know that the person sitting next to us in class or the person we said "hi" to by the fountain knew something we didn't.

It was on March 1 that members of the Student Union Board received the final contract confirming a stop in Elon College on the Smithereens' national tour.

Jim Bush, SUB president, says this is the first big concert on campus since Hall & Oates performed in 1981. According to Bush, SUB has been working on plans for a concert of this size for years.

SUB was not necessarily searching for the Smithereens, says Bush, but the student group wanted to find musicians that would draw attention to the school.

Starting in the fall semester,

Smithereens

Date: April 3
Tickets: \$5 for students
\$7 for others
At Door: \$8 for students
\$10 for others
On Sale: Monday-Friday
12-6 p.m., Long
Student Center,
1st Floor Lobby

SUB members found themselves playing "grab-bag" with a collection of names. Throughout the search, the group had to address three main problems. First, only a certain amount of money could be spent. Second, not every band mentioned was available. Third, SUB worried that there could be administrative apprehension about welcoming a major band to campus.

By the beginning of this semester, SUB targeted the Smithereens as one of the bands likely to be "mainstream" enough for Elon. SUB put in its bid but didn't hear a response from the band itself for 10 days. Then,

while she was at a convention in Chicago, SUB advisor Maureen Dougherty met with the band's promoter. She called Bush and left the good news on his answering machine.

Now that the contracts have been signed, Bush is more enthusiastic than ever. "We're trying to reestablish a tradition at Elon . . . We bring a lot of other very, very good acts to campus. We're trying to reestablish a tradition where students can expect major concerts," Bush says.

The Smithereens is comprised of drummer Jim Babjak, guitarist Dennis Diken, vocalist Pat DiNizio and bassist Mike Mesaros. Each of the group's three albums have marked the charts in a memorable way. Their latest album, "Smithereens 11," has been rapidly progressing up the charts. One selection from the album, "A Girl Like You," is currently resting in the Top 40 and registered as the No. 1 song on commercial alternative radio in recent weeks.