

THIS WEEK AT ELON

Tonight

■ Poetry reading, Whitley, 8p.m. Janet Warman, Francis O'Roark and Mary Parker will read from their own works.

Friday

■ SUB presents "Blizzard of Bucks Game Show," Whitley, 8 p.m.

Saturday

■ SUB movie, "Robin Hood," Whitley, 8 p.m.

Sunday

■ SUB: Oktoberfest, Lacrosse Field, around 1 p.m.
■ Catholic Mass, Newman Society, Large Lounge, Long Student Center, 6:30 p.m.

Monday

■ Ariel Dorfman, Readings from *The Land of the Missing*, Whitley, 7:30 p.m. Dorfman is a Chilean writer who has won wide acclaim as "one of the greatest living Latin American novelists." He is now on the faculty of Duke University and is presently working on a novel along with a book of essays, *Missing Continents*. Sponsored by the Liberal Arts Forum.

Tuesday

■ College Chapel, Whitley, 9:30 a.m.
■ Bloodmobile, Jordan Gym, 12-5 p.m. Sponsored by Alamance County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The goal for the effort is 225 pints.
■ Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Fighting Christian Club Room- Alumni Gym, 9 p.m.

Wednesday

■ Baptist Student Union, Jordan Center, 12 p.m.

Thursday

■ College Coffee, Scott Plaza, 9:30 p.m. Doughnuts.
■ Aleksander Serder, pianist, Yeager Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Yugoslavian born pianist Aleksander Serder has been a soloist with the Belgrade Philharmonic and has won numerous international competitions.

Sigma Chi cross is made from recycled materials

Jennifer Hudson
The Pendulum

The Sigma Chi pledge class from "Spring of 1991" raised \$125 to buy a chapter cross from the Rivenite Corporation in Florida. The sign is unique because it is made from recycled materials. The Lambda pledge class gave the cross as a gift to Sigma Chi.

The cross is made out of wood fibers and recycled plastics, which happens to be cheaper than the normal materials that would have been used to make the cross.

"We owe our thanks to Roger Wittenberg who made it all happen for us," said Grier Kirkpatrick, a member of Sigma Chi. Roger Wittenberg is the chairman and CEO of the corporation, who worked to make sure the pledge class received what they wanted.

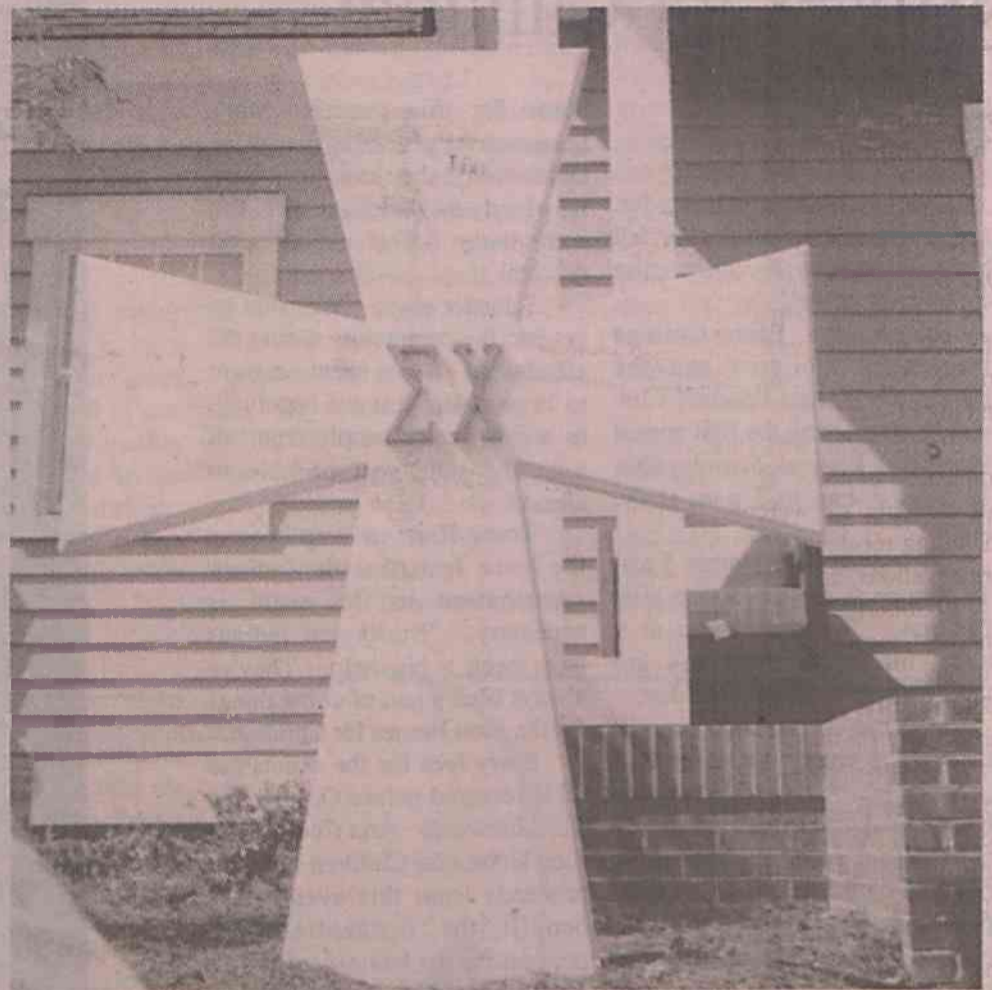
"It's built strongly and sturdily with these materials. It is expected to last a long time," said Mike Mooney, the Chapter Editor of Sigma Chi.

Some of the other recycled products that the corporation produces are sign posts, parking blocks, docks, and benches.

"We want people to be aware that these products are available," Mooney said.

The members of the fraternity feel it's a worthy investment. They are proud the cross is made out of recycled material, Mooney said.

The members of Sigma Chi hope



Sigma Chi cross made from recycled plastic and wood fibers

their action promotes the use of recycled products. "Recycling is a big issue facing college students today, because the world will be in our hands tomorrow," Mooney

said.

"It's something that will show Greeks are trying to promote positive things," Mooney said.

DWI arrests are down at Elon this semester

Tricia Talbert
The Pendulum

Drinking, driving and blue lights are the biggest fears for partying college students. So far this semester, only seven Elon students have been arrested for drunk driving, according to the Elon College police department.

According to Jana Lynn Fields Patterson, associate dean of student affairs, the numbers have decreased and students are more aware of the risks they are taking when they drive after they have been drinking.

"The numbers have been lower in the past couple of years. We have started a program at new student orientation called Cars and Campus Safety. The program instructs students about the importance of responsible driving and the likelihood of getting stopped in the Elon College area if you are driving drunk," Patterson said.

"New students come to college awfully naive and they are all thinking, 'oh it can't happen to me, but it can.' In

this general area, if you drive drunk, you run the risk of being stopped by not only the Elon police, but also Burlington and Gibsonville," Patterson said.

The consequences for being arrested for driving while impaired are lengthy and depend on several factors. First time offenders are judged from a list of aggravating factors and a list of mitigating factors.

There are 13 aggravating factors some of which include questions such as, "was the driver reckless or dangerous, and did the driver cause more than \$500 worth of damage?"

The mitigating factors include, was the driver driving with a slight impairment or were they driving safely and properly? Second time offenders are automatically charged with a level two offense.

According to Joy Ciriano, Assistant District Attorney, there are five levels of punishment for DWI's.

"There are many factors to consider when a person is charged with a DWI and the ultimate decision is up to the judge,"

said Ciriano. "The judge looks at the case and reviews it for aggravating and mitigating factors and makes his decision based on the evidence."

"Students also need to realize that there is a law called Aiding and Abetting a DWI offender. This law says that if you allow a drunk driver to drive your car then you will also be charged and automatically face a level five DWI charge," Ciriano said.

Elon College Police Chief Dan Ingle feels that nationwide publicity has helped to decrease the number of DWI's in this area.

"In the last three years the number of DWI's has decreased. In 1989, 101 arrests were made for DWI. In 1990, the number decreased to 69 and this year the number is already lower," Ingle said. "I do not have a total for this year, but I would estimate about 75 or 80 total for this year."

This year many students have been holding off campus parties and more people are walking to their destinations to

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