

## Take Back the Night' highlights awareness week

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Students, administration, faculty and community members had a chance to come together and participate in the Take Back the Night March tonight at 7 p.m.

This march is in protest of violence against women," said coordinator Sylvia Passantino. "We will begin our march at the fountain and wear red arm bands in protest of sexual assault."

Several people will speak at the march including: Vice President Karen Board; Brenda Gum, director of Rape Crisis Alliance in Alamance County; Becky Johnson of the Women's Political Action; Jenna Johnson of Abuse Services; and Representative "B" Holt, a North Carolina legislator. There will be an open microphone at the march and anyone is invited to make comments.

The reason I wanted to help create a Rape Awareness Week is because I felt more attention was needed here at Elon," Passantino said. "It is important that women have to feel safe at night."

Hopefully more events like this at Elon's campus will help people about rape so that it doesn't happen again," said John Barnhill, coordinator of volunteer programs.

A video and discussion with the author of the book "The Rape Victim" by McClearn kicked off the Rape Awareness Week on Tuesday. An open forum was held on the reform of the North Carolina Marital Rape Law on Wednesday.

The march is not a male-only event. We want everyone to come out and participate, because rape is everyone's business," Passantino said.

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Alicia Becker, Dean Gerald Francis and math professor Richard Haworth join hands around Habitat's new home site.

## Habitat breaks ground for second home

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Hands clasped, arms raised, some 50 Habitat for Humanity members and supporters formed the four imaginary walls that will soon house a needy local family.

After a lengthy search for a site within the Elon College area for a Habitat home, Elon's chapter of HFH finally broke ground for their second full-scale house building project on Saturday.

The land, located off of Ball Park Avenue, was donated by local businessman Edward Koury Jr. after HFH's appeal to the Elon College Town Board for help. Habitat members are hoping to begin work next week after the lot is cleared.

In a symbolic preview of what is to come through their efforts, Habitat members joined hands around the building site and envisioned the home that should be standing there this fall. The

site is marked by a large sign, painted by freshman Alicia Becker, depicting Habitat members surrounding the globe.

"We're all different people from different places. We're all here for different reasons, but we're here to build a house, a Habitat house," said John Barnhill, coordinator of volunteer services, who helped lead the groundbreaking ceremony.

This Habitat house will consist of three bedrooms, with one and a half baths, a breakfast bar, kitchen, dining room and living room. The family who will receive the home has not yet been selected.

"We're really looking forward to starting the house and once we start, we'll get a lot more volunteers," said HFH secretary Meredith Webster. "We just urge everyone to get involved in the community and work to help others better their lifestyle."

The project is slated to be

completed in the fall, while the Alamance County affiliate of HFH will continue working on the Elon home throughout the summer.

"It's nice to see people coming together and wanting to

see things being different. Not just expecting it, but acting upon it," Habitat member Bobbie Cokendolpher said.

"These are the people you know are going to come together and help one another and help others."

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