

Event benefits Cancer Society

Greeks participate in Pigskin Pass

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In an attempt to combine fund raising and fitness, the Elon Athletic Department and the Office of Greek Affairs will join forces with the American Cancer Society to hold the first Pigskin Pass on Oct. 8.

The Pigskin Pass is a five-mile relay race where, instead of a baton, the runners hand off a football to raise money for the Alamance County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Jill Colie, area executive director for the American Cancer Society, contacted Clay Hassard and Larry Stephens in Elon's

Athletic Department about organizing a fund raiser that would involve Elon and the community.

Amanda Harless, director of the Greek Affairs Office, was also brought in to help organize student involvement.

Harless contacted the greek organizations over the summer and recruited four fraternities and six sororities who wanted to get involved.

Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Zeta Tau Alpha sororities along with Alpha Kappa Lambda, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Chi fraternities have registered teams.

"When Amanda and InterFraternity Council asked for our involvement, we were happy to volunteer," said Jason Pierce, president of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Each sorority and fraternity will enter a five-member team to run the course which will start at Elon College and end in Burlington.

One mile of the race will be run by each member. Teams are also responsible for soliciting donations for each mile they run.

Jeana Grisdale, president of Sigma Sigma Sigma, felt the reason for her sorority's involvement was that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and this would be a great way to contribute.

"Also, all proceeds go directly to the American Cancer Society," Grisdale said.

The greek organizations involved also will be taking donations in Long Student Center this week.

The winning team will present the football during Elon's game against Mars Hill Saturday at 2 p.m.

At half-time, all participants will be recognized and the winners of the race and the team that raised the most money will be awarded with special prizes and plaques.

Stephens, the assistant football coach, was in charge of getting sponsorship for the event.

"We got a late start in getting sponsorship for this year, but we feel like we've planted a seed for next year."

"It's just a win, win, win situation for everyone involved," Colie said. "We would like to see this become an annual event."

All proceeds go directly to the Alamance unit of the American Cancer Society to provide educational programs and services to cancer patients and the families.

A sample of these programs will be held Oct. 4 and 7 at noon in the Large Lounge of Long Student Center.

In support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, different speakers will be giving talks to women on breast cancer prevention.

New Dean

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students to live in a global society and takes initiatives to prepare students for life," said Jackson.

First on his agenda is to observe the campus and the processes that occur.

"We can always improve on listening to students." Jackson wants to talk to students and meet with student groups and faculty.

Associate Director of Student Affairs, Jana Lynn Patterson said, "He has a very good grasp of student development and student needs. He is very committed to

working with students and letting them have a voice."

He also wants to examine how things get done on Elon's campus, with the hopes of streamlining communication between students, faculty and student affairs.

Tracy Griggs, a student at Huntingdon College said, "He was fair, and he added a younger influence to our college community. If you went to him



New Dean of Student Affairs Smith Jackson converses with Associate Dean Jana Lynn Patterson.

with a problem, he was always very concerned."

Jackson received his doctoral degree in counselor education at Auburn University. He received his master's degree in counseling and guidance from the University of Alabama, and his bachelor's in psychology also from the University of Alabama.

"Voice of Tarheels" speaks at Elon

Heather Anderson
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Woody Durham, "Voice of the Tarheels", told Elon students on Monday that "You Get Out of It What You Put Into It."

Durham said that this philosophy drives him without actually being in the forefront of his mind everyday. He said that if you are prepared, you can handle whatever arises and overcome it and if you only put in what will just get you by you will get a small return.

"This is quite evident in athletics, which I obviously have a close association with," said Durham.

Durham said that in his experiences, he has never seen a team become champions if they

didn't work hard. He said that if you do your best and you're satisfied, that's what counts.

"A college degree will never allow anyone to close the door in your face," said Durham.

Durham added that gaining experience is a large part of getting the job you want.

He started his career at 16 working at ZKY, a radio station in Albemarle, N.C.

"Before anything else, I was a fan", said Durham.

He has received many honors during his career, among them, The North Carolina Sportscaster of the Year Award, North Carolina Association of Broadcasters Award and was appointed honorary chairman of the Greater Greensboro Open.

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