

♂♂ Gay rights forum to be held ♀♀

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make the Elon College students and faculty aware of homosexuals on campus.

Over the next two weeks, lectures and discussions on understanding gay and lesbian rights will be included in a college teach-in.

Kathryn Larson, an economics professor, announced the teach-in at a faculty meeting Oct. 1. She also announced that she is a homosexual.

Larson said she wanted the faculty to know that they have at least one gay co-worker. Larson emphasized that she is not attempting to organize a homosexual group on campus.

"The more we're able to talk about issues on campus the more willing students will be to come out," Larson said.

The Elon teach-in is intended to encourage homosexuals to voice their opinions and to educate those who are not familiar with the gay and lesbian community.

Romano said awareness is important because of the prejudice on his campus. "Homosexuals

should not be shunned, but (rather) accepted for who they are."

Romano said he has received harassing phone calls because of his efforts.

Romano said he welcomed the anti-discrimination clause at Muhlenberg. "It's more of a safety blanket. It's a spring board for future developments," he said.

Larson has noted that Elon college does not have sexual orientation included in the anti-discrimination clause.

"It would be a statement on the institution's part not to be so intolerant," she said.

Warren Board, Elon College provost, said the anti-discrimination clause will be discussed with school administrators and other groups. A decision will be made this academic year, he said.

"The Elon community expects us to be fair," Board said. "We would not discriminate against anyone protected by the constitution."

CRIME WATCH

On Oct. 16, Earl Monroe Patterson Jr., 23, of E205 Jordan Center was arrested at 12:01 a.m. for knowingly giving a malt beverage to a person who at the time was less than 21 years of age.

On Oct. 22, Kristen Lyn Hall, 21, reported that between 11:45 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. some unknown person broke into her car at Weatherby Apartments. Damage was \$800. Police say they have a suspect.

On Oct. 16, Brian Joe Walrath, 19, of D103 East Campus Apts., was arrested at 12:01 a.m. for underage possession of a malt beverage and underage possession of spirituous liquor.

On Saturday, Doug Smith, 20, reported that someone damaged the top of his 1990 Isuzu Amigo while parked at Ashly Oaks Apts. Damage was \$400.

All information gathered from the town of Elon College police department reports.

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