

Crime Watch

On Nov. 15, Stephenie Argo Butler of Raleigh, N.C. was arrested and charged with speeding at 51 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Hunter Edward Lankford of Rehobeth, Md. was arrested and charged with speeding 50 mph in a 35 mph zone.

On Nov. 16, Randy Goodenough of Elon College was cited and charged with running a stop sign.

On Nov. 17, James DeMaine of Charlotte, N.C. was cited on Williamson Avenue and charged with displaying an expired registration.

Joseph P. MacPherson of Elon College, N.C. was cited on Haggard Avenue and charged with allowing a dog to run at large in the town.

Timothy E. Harris of 6 College Manor Apts. reported that someone slashed one of the tires on his vehicle while the vehicle was parked in College Garden Apartments parking lot. Estimated damage was \$40.

Scott B. Mitchell of Graham, N.C., was cited on Oak Street and charged with no financial responsibility.

On Nov. 18, Ben J. Collins of Hilton Head, S.C. reported that someone took his Trek bicycle from #7 College Manor. Estimated value was \$1,000.

On Nov. 19, John Swinyard of Howell, N.J. was cited on West Haggard Avenue and charged with displaying an expired registration.

Jason R. Castellani of Burlington, N.C. was cited on South Williamson Avenue and charged with underage possession of a malt beverage.

Benjamin J. Sevilla of Reston, Va. was arrested on South Williamson Avenue and charged with driving while impaired and no operator's license. Bond was secured at \$500. His blood alcohol content was .05.

On Nov. 20, Brian P. Durand of Sloan Dorm was arrested in the Sloan Dorm parking lot and charged

with being intoxicated and disruptive. Bond was set at \$200.

Whitney E. Axley of Jordan Center was cited on South Williamson Avenue and charged with displaying an expired inspection.

Charles C. Meyer of Smith Dorm was cited on South Williamson Avenue and charged with speeding 50 mph in a 35 mph zone.

On Nov. 21, Charles J. Hooper of Southern Pines, N.C. driving a 1989 Honda collided with a 1994 Subaru driven by Amy E. Hathaway of Elon College. The accident occurred on Oak Street. Total estimated damage was \$1,300. Both Hooper and Hathaway were cited in the incident and charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Hooper was also charged with displaying an expired inspection.

An unknown vehicle collided with a 1992 Chevrolet owned by Richard B. Mudd of La Plata, Md.

The accident occurred while the vehicle was parked in Harper Center parking lot. Estimated damage was \$800.

On Nov. 22, Matthew Sierakowski of Smith Dorm reported that someone took his Diamond Back 21-speed bike from the bike rack at Smith Dorm. Estimated value was \$400.

On Nov. 28, Edwin T. Stuart of Elon College was cited on Williamson Avenue and charged with speeding 50 mph in a 35 mph zone.

A railroad crossing sign on South Williamson Avenue fell into the roadway damaging the passenger's side rearview mirror of a 1990 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Bridget L. Gibson of Elon College. Reported damage was less than \$500.

All information gathered from the Town of Elon College Police Reports.

Students' home burglarized

Mary Kelli Bridges
Senior Reporter

Two Elon College students returned from Thanksgiving break to find most of their belongings stolen, according to police records. Darden R. Nicks, 21, and Dean Cusatis, 21, both Elon College juniors, left their apartment at 202 W. Summerbell Ave. for the Thanksgiving holiday.

When Nicks returned from his home in Galena, Ohio, Nov. 26 about 8 p.m., he said he felt the "biggest, hopeless feeling" when he realized they had been burglarized.

Elon College Police Chief Dan Ingle said the burglar broke the lock on a window to enter the apartment. The break-in occurred between Nov. 22 and Nov. 26.

Among the items stolen were a television, word processor, microwave, two compact-disc players, 250 compact discs, remote control car, a telephone with a built-in answering machine, tennis racket, microcassette recorder, baseball bat, book bag, gold necklace and bracelet, six Timex watches, two soccer balls, clothing and a calculator.

Nicks said the final estimate of stolen items was probably close to \$6,000.

"You think you're going to be protected in a small town," Nicks said.

Cusatis learned about the break-in when Nicks called him in Manville, N.J.

"I'm still probably shocked," Cusatis said, "but its starting to set in. It's still unbelievable."

Ingle said the police department realizes that break-ins occur during vacations. The Elon College Police Department offers a vacation security check.

Police officers check doors and windows of off-campus apartments and houses three times a day.

"Visibility helps to deter crime," Ingle said.

The officers are required to check the residences during their shifts, but there is no set time or pattern to make it easy for burglars to break-in, Ingle said. Cusatis said he would use the service in the future.

There is no charge for the service, Ingle said. For more information about the break-in or the public service vacation security check call the Elon College Police Department at 584-1301.

More than 2,000 people charged with driving while impaired Booze It & Lose It campaign targets DWI violators

Erick Gill
Editor-in-Chief

In the first two-weeks of "Booze It & Lose It," North Carolina's anti-drunk driving campaign, 2,603 people were charged with driving while impaired (DWI) across the state, according to state officials.

Police departments from all 100 counties in North Carolina set

up 797 DWI checkpoints from Nov. 14 to Nov. 27.

The first week, Alamance County had the sixth highest DWI charges with 40, according to a press release from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Police officers also made 12,861 other violations, including 186 drug charges, 21 fugitives apprehended and 11 stolen vehicles recovered during the first week.

The second week, Alamance

County had 25 DWI charges. Wake County had the highest with 114. Also during the second week, police officers made 19,250 other arrests, including 227 drug charges, 24 fugitives apprehended and 21 stolen vehicles recovered.

According to the N.C. Department of Transportation, drunk drivers cost North Carolina taxpayers about \$1 billion in health care, insurance and other related costs each year, which breaks down to about

\$214 a year for each licensed driver in the state.

Alcohol Law Enforcement Director Roland Dale said in a press release, "Out late deputy director John Britt would be proud of what North Carolina as a state is accomplishing. He headed out 'the Cops in Shops' program that works in concert with the 'Booze It & Lose It' effort to stop underage drinking. ALE has dedicated its work in 'Booze It & Lose It to John.'"

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