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**REMINDER:**  
Mardi Gras ends Tuesday, so hit the road now!



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## Lending a Hand . . .

The International Relations Club and the Religious Life Committee collected money last week for families who were devastated by the earthquake that struck Kobe, Japan. Anyone wishing to make contributions should send them to Chaplain Richard McBride at Campus Box 2960.

## Elon hosts 3-day conference on violence against women

**Gemma Cubero**  
Reporter

Elon College students, faculty and community have the chance to be part of the first Women's Studies Conference held at Elon College today, Friday and Saturday.

The national conference titled "Violence and Violation in Women's Lives: Myth, Metaphor and Reality" has captured the attention of more than 35 colleges and universities around the country.

Elon College will be the meeting point for more than 50 presenters that include faculty and students from an array of private colleges and public universities, as well as experts on sexual assault and domestic violence.

The three-day conference is divided into 15 different sections, such as "Violence in African American Literature," "Women, Violence and Religion- East and West" and "Rape, Romance and

Media," among others.

Participants will share their ideas through papers, roundtable discussions and addresses by speakers sponsored by the Liberal Arts Forum. Speakers such as former model Ann Simonton, founder of "Media Watch," and Stacey Kabat, co-founder and director of the Academy Award winning documentary "Defending Our Lives," will be leading discussions.

Seena Granowsky, professor of psychology and chair of the Women's Studies Department at Elon College, hopes the international conference serves to create an open dialogue concerning issues related to violence in women and men's lives.

"We chose violence as the topic for the conference because it is interdisciplinary and timely," Granowsky said. "Violence is present in any subject, whether literature, religion, philosophy, biology or anthropology."

With the diversity of topics

within the conference, Granowsky hopes that Elon students will relate their majors to the symposium and involve themselves in the event.

"The international conference on 'Violence and Violation in Women's Lives' is a once in a lifetime experience," said Chandana Chakrabarti, assistant professor of religion at Elon.

Chakrabarti, who organized other conferences at Elon College such as "Non-Violence: Theory Into Practice," said that financial limitations can be overcome.

"Money will follow," Chakrabarti said. She believes that the force behind organizing a successful conference is human will and educational awareness.

Chakrabarti said people should be excited that Elon College can attract national attention. She said the conference should "have an impact on the present and future generations of students to come."

## Flu bug bites late this year

**Erick Gill**  
Editor in Chief

The sounds of sniffles filled the R.N. Ellington Health Center Monday, while 15 students flipped through magazines and waited for treatment just before noon.

Flu season has arrived at Elon College.

"You never know when flu season will start," said Mary Jane Salter, director of Health Services. "Last year it started earlier in the year. But now it is here around the usual time."

Salter said January and February are prime months for the flu. She said the center treated an average of 85 students a day last month.

"It's the really cold part of the winter and people tend to congregate together indoors," Salter said.

There has been an increase in patients at the health center and Salter said the flu is a result of that.

"We've seen a little more (flu patients) than usual but it's not a full blown epidemic," she said. "But it can become that."

"We've been extremely busy."

Salter said. "There is a wait, but when you pile them in, there's gonna be a wait."

Salter said about 14,000 people were seen at the health center last year.

The best way to prevent the flu, Salter said, is to get a flu shot. However, it is too late in the year to take that precaution.

"You have to get them four to six weeks in advance, so your immune system can build up," she said. "You have to take them in the fall."

The health center sponsored several flu shots for students and faculty each fall. Salter said that 800 people received vaccinations last semester, but "that's not a drop in the bucket" considering there are about 3,400 people on campus.

Even though the flu may seem like a harmless virus, Salter said that it could lead to death. She said the aftermath of the flu could cause pneumonia or bronchitis.

She said vaccines aren't 100 percent effective, but "it makes sense to protect yourself."

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## SGA reviews constitution today

**Stacey Ward**  
Staff Reporter

SGA senators tonight will pick apart, line-by-line, proposed changes to the Student Government Constitution.

An open forum for students to comment on the constitution is scheduled for 8 p.m. next Wednesday in McKinnon Hall, Moseley Center.

Enlarged copies of the proposed constitution were scheduled to be on display on the first floor of the Moseley Center by today.

As of Tuesday, the SGA was scheduled to vote on the proposed constitution next Thursday. The proposal would go to the student body for approval on March 13 and 14.

The Student Life Committee has been reviewing the proposal. Comments from the student-faculty committee were scheduled to be in Dean of Student Affairs Smith Jackson's hands yesterday.

"It is better than the old constitution," said SLC member Chris Fulkerson, director of the LaRose Resources Center.

The SGA originally began revising the constitution last year to make it politically correct, an SGA officer said last semester.

Under the proposals now being offered up, the makeup of the SGA would change in several ways:

- Student organizations would be represented in the Senate;
- Students running for SGA executive offices would have to first serve in the senate for six

months;

■ The overall number of senators would increase to 53 from 48, but the number of senators elected by each academic class (for example, the senior class) would decrease from eight to three.

SGA senators will meet at 5:15 p.m. today in Alamance 302 to review the proposed constitution.

Last Friday, the SGA's Constitution Committee presented the proposals to the Student Life Committee.

Under the proposal, the SGA Senate would consist of an Academic Council, an Organization Council and an At Large Council.

The At Large Council would have 12 senators representing the See SGA, Page 4.