

Tent party menu features music, movies, s'mores

Mandy Bolen
Staff Reporter

McKendree from Toronto, Canada. An outdoor movie will be shown at 10 p.m.

Everyone is invited to spend a night of hot dogs and s'mores in "The Woods" north of Moseley Center. However, participants are not required to sleep outside or stay for the full evening.

"It is an effort to promote unity among all the religious life organizations, and to give new students

an opportunity to meet each other," said Winn Crenshaw, a member of Elon's Methodist Fellowship Group and a Religious Life staff worker.

The idea for the tent party started as a fundraiser option. However, it was decided that it would be an opportunity for all the religious organizations to co-sponsor an event that anyone - religious or not - can enjoy.

Chaplain Richard McBride

sees it as an "opportunity for great fun for everyone in an alcohol-free environment."

McBride hopes to continue these types of events in cooperation with several other organizations throughout the year.

Cathy Zagrodnik, a student worker in the Religious Life Office, hopes to see about 50 participants.

"It's an excellent opportunity

for interaction as well as a place for freshmen to meet new people. It will give them an alternative to activities involving alcohol," she said.

Anyone interested should contact the Religious Life Office in Moseley 206 so that enough food can be purchased for the evening. Sleeping bags and tents can be reserved with Campus Recreation.

Abbot brings Zen teachings, culture to Elon

Heather Anderson
Staff Reporter

at the Lodge and will consist of soup, salad and bread.

Stewart will end his visit with a meditation at the Lodge from 12:40 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"Zen can be both a religion and a way of life," Stewart said. Typically religion in the United States is focused on external being, the word religion means to reconnect with the external being. Zen isn't about whether there is an external being or not."

He said people of all faiths, including priests and rabbis, study Zen.

Stewart lives in Pittsboro with his wife Susanna where he is the abbot of the Squirrel Mountain Zendo.

"Zen is trying to clarify what

the original nature of ourselves is," Stewart said. "In a sense it's a re-linking with ourselves without having to give up religious beliefs."

Chaplain Richard McBride agreed.

"Zen is more about a way of living, than a set of beliefs. Its a style of being in the world that's respectful of the environment and all living things," McBride said.

A sitting at the Elon Lodge during Stewart's last visit to Elon in April, pleased him because he said the students were alert and curious about Zen and its practice.

"It was invigorating for me to have that inner change. It was a wonderful spirit we generated," he said.

Student treated for inhalation after mixing toxic chemicals

Gillian Jablonski
Reporter

An Elon College football player was treated at Alamance Regional Medical Center Monday for possible toxic inhalation after mixing chemicals in a Coke bottle, Elon College Police Chief Dan Ingle said.

Stephen Wayne Bloodworth Jr., 20, of Smith Dorm, took the bottle outside when the chemical reaction began emitting toxic gas, Ingle said. Once outside, he was overcome by the fumes.

Police said Bloodworth took

Drano, placed it in a 20 oz. Coke bottle and then added aluminum foil, which created the toxic gas. Ingle said he contacted the District Attorney.

However, since the incident was on campus, Assistant Dean of Students Scott Nelson is handling the situation.

"I was not intending to hurt anyone...I was just screwing around," Bloodworth said.

Nelson said he met with Bloodworth Tuesday, but no formal charges have been made. The incident is still being investigated.

Elon College students may learn about the nature of their being today when a local Zen teacher visits the college for the second time.

Sandy Gentei Stewart has studied with Zen masters in the United States and Japan and considers himself a practitioner of Zen rather than a philosopher.

Stewart will discuss his personal journey from 9:20 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

He will discuss Zen teachings and philosophy from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Moseley Center room 215.

At noon, lunch will be served



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