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Campus Police Officers to Carry Weapons

New system this fall gives campus police the power to arrest non-students

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Elon's new armed police force system, which allows officers to carry loaded weapons on campus, started Aug. 24.

Elon Security Director Charles Gantos said some police force members have already completed the required training. Officers had to complete courses in weapons safety, crimi-

nal investigations, computer skills, process of arrest procedure and physical training.

Weapons will stay in the police cars, until they are needed, Gantos said.

Along with carrying weapons, the new system gives campus police the authority to arrest non-students. "(The power to arrest non-students) is the biggest advantage," Gantos said.

If campus police had the power to arrest non-students last year, some

criminals would have been arrested sooner.

For example, campus police could only keep flasher William Randolph Capes "busy" Feb. 29 while they waited for a town police officer to arrive on the scene.

Capes, a non-student from Gibsonville, was arrested and charged with two counts of indecent exposure and one count of a peeping Tom offense.

Capes could have left campus at anytime, but didn't. Gantos, or another campus officer, could have been charged with a crime had he or she made an attempt to keep the flasher at Elon.

Under the new system, campus police will have the power to arrest students and non-students without permission from the town's police.

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Medicine No Longer Free in Health Center

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Letters Editor

Students will no longer be able to get free medication at the health center.

This charge is a step towards making the health center and counseling services self-sufficient, said Dean of Students Smith Jackson.

Jackson said the college was trying to make its health services self-sufficient because "health cost is very expensive."

"I think adding these costs will help us keep up the quality of our health services and not detract from the other needs of the college."

"We had to add some cost for medications," said Mary Jane Salter, director of health services. "They are very nominal fees, much less than you would pay at a drug store."

Salter added paying for medication is becoming an increasing trend among colleges and universities across the nation.

Both Salter and Smith were quick to say that the students did not need to pay for the medication at the time it was received, and it could be billed to their college account and paid for at the end

of the semester.

Another change in health services is the \$10 charge for faculty and staff visits to the health center.

Until now there was no charge for students, faculty and staff when they were sick. Student visits are still free. Elon is now providing options for after-hours care. Students can visit either the Cornerstone Medical Center, located at 1041 Kirkpatrick Rd., or Doctor's Urgent Care, located at 1713 S. Church St.

When visiting these locations students should present their I.D. so that their insurance can be billed.

Any cost not covered by insurance will be billed to the student's account.

Cornerstone Medical Center is open from Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturday see **HEALTH**, page 5



Move-In Day for the class of 2000.

Tracey Stark/The Pendulum

Freshman Tara Reigner unpacks her van while moving into her residence. Elon welcomed the largest class in its history Aug. 20. For more information on the class of 2000, see pages seven and 14.

Changes Made to Dorms, Cafateria and Computer Lab

Tony Carrick
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The freshmen class isn't the only new edition on Elon's campus this semester. Many renovations and improvements have been made all over campus to improve life for students and faculty.

In the next couple of issues, *The Pendulum* will give you an in depth look at what Elon has been doing this summer (and is still doing) to improve life on campus.

We'll take a look at what renovations have taken place and just how much of an improvement (or disap-

pointment) they are.

Among the new editions is a brand new coffee shop on Williamson Avenue. It is intended to be a "campus hang-out place." The coffee house will include lattes, espressos, cappuccinos, pastries and a deli.

The first floor of McEwen will

have students saying "Pizza Pizza!" with the arrival of everyone's favorite toga-wearing Roman, the Little Caesars guy.

Little Caesars pizza can be purchased on a meal plan when McEwen Dining Hall opens for business Oct. 1.

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