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Elon Student Killed on I-40/85

Donough Forde
Pendulum Reporter

An Elon senior was killed instantly Monday afternoon after being struck by a car on I-40/85.

Psychology major William Shawn Russell had pulled his red Toyota on to the emergency strip and was preparing to change his left front tire when a Chevy driven

by John Beach of Oak City swerved into the emergency strip, striking Russell and his car, said investigating officer Bobby Culler.

The accident occurred at 3:40 p.m., 188 feet west of the Tucker Street Bridge.

Russell, a member of the psychology honors society, was involved in the Psychology Club.

Psychology Club faculty ad-

viser Jim Pickens described Russell as "very bright and a hard worker."

Russell was planning a career as a professional psychologist and was due to graduate from Elon May 24.

"He wanted to apply what he had learned to help people. He recognized that all of us had things to work on and wanted to do that at a professional level," Pickens said.

Russell, an active S C U B A diver, had dived as far away as Australia.

A friend of Russell's described



William Shawn Russell

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AIDS Quilt Localizes National Epidemic

Jason Dennis
Pendulum Reporter

Putting names to faces when the AIDS Quilt came to Elon last weekend was something that Elon students, faculty and staff will not soon forget.

"It is tough for me because I know people who have AIDS. It is difficult when you can put a face to one of the panels," said senior Rafael Solanes.

Lyday-Lee said there was something different about seeing the full 40,000-panel Quilt in Washington, D.C. last October and seeing it at Elon this time around.

"It was a different experience, because one of my students was lying on the floor," said Kathy Lyday-Lee, associate professor of English at Elon.

She is talking about one of her students who died of AIDS in 1993.

"We knew the people who

were there grieving. We knew it was their son or their lover or their brother. It makes it more personal," Lyday-Lee said.

The opening ceremony occurred last Thursday night in Alumni Gymnasium and the closing ceremony on Sunday night ended a full weekend of eyes opening up to the AIDS epidemic, tears being shed and an emotional roller coaster.

"It was an incredibly emotionally and physically draining process to get it here. When it actually got here, it was an extremely rewarding experience," said Michael Ulrich, assistant professor of biology at Elon and co-chair of this event with Shannon Bennett from the community group Alamance Cares.

Lyday-Lee worked with people who wanted to add new panels to the AIDS Quilt. Six new panels were made by people in this

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A Closer Look.

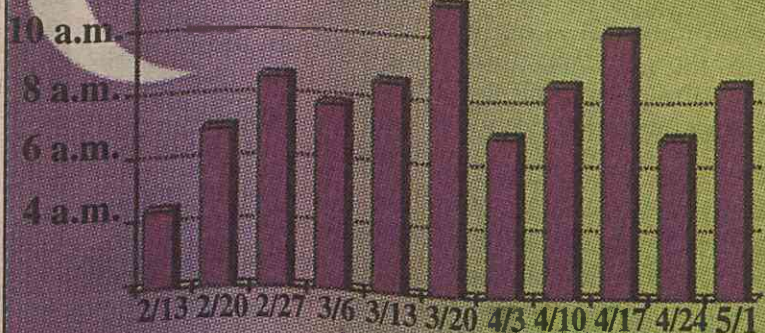
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A group of students look at a section of the AIDS Quilt Friday afternoon at Elon's Alumni Gymnasium. Several hundred panels were on display April 24-27.

Pendulum F.Y.I.

Up All Night

On average, the Pendulum staff finishes up the paper every Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock. The graph below shows what time each paper this semester was finished.



Professor Runs in Boston Marathon

Jeff Wirick
Editor-in-Chief

Tom Arcaro finished more than an hour behind the winners in last week's Boston Marathon. He said he cramped up the last 10 miles of the grueling 26.2-mile race, which hampered his performance.

But the Elon professor who was running in just his second marathon said being there was enough.

"Boston is mythical," he said of the race. "And anyone who has aspirations for running wants to run at Boston. To get a chance to do that is incredible. I feel very lucky,

honored and special."

Arcaro, 44, who has taught sociology at Elon for 14 years, said he started running 5- and 10-kilometer races about five years.

"(The first race) I ran was for the Elon Homes for Children," he said. "After that it was like the first shot of heroine — I was hooked (on running)."

Arcaro had run cross country during his college years at Ohio State University, but he hadn't run a marathon until 1996.

The Charlotte Marathon, which was also the site for the 1996 Olympic marathon qualifying race,

was where Arcaro first ran 26.2 miles at one time. "I never thought of running a marathon until a few months before Charlotte," he said. "I had run a half-marathon that Thanksgiving (1995) and thought 'what's another 13.1 miles.'"

Arcaro finished the Charlotte race in a time of three hours and 20 minutes, which qualified him for Boston.

"One of the reasons why Boston is so special is because you have to qualify," Arcaro said.

Once qualifying, Arcaro set out to train for the race. With the help

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