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### Elon student Jason Dennis describes the somber mood in London during the funeral procession of Princess Diana.

Jason Dennis

London Correspondent

LONDON — It was like a bad dream. Maybe we could wake up, and everything would be all right. That's what one woman from England told me the night before the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Many of us woke up the morning of Aug. 31, shocked by the news of her tragic death.

One newspaper headline read "DIANA IS DEAD" in bold black letters, with a picture of the dismantled car just below it.

Sixteen years of being the most photographed woman in the world came to a screeching stop in Paris. After people felt a deep sadness and confusion, anger set in. There had to be someone to blame.

Was it the paparazzi who had chased her to the very end? Or was it the driver who was drunk and driving more than 121 miles per hour?

Perhaps it was the public who had criticized her for so long?

It all didn't matter, though. Diana was unfortunately gone for good.

Now, she seems to be frozen in time. So, it was fitting for Elton John to sing "Candle in the Wind" at her funeral last Saturday. A song about Marilyn Monroe, the original timeless woman, was changed to fit Diana.

After her death, we weren't sure what to do. As a college student from the United States I felt even more out of place. Still, I felt a magnet pulling me to her home of Kensington Palace.

It was a place of tight emotions. People who knew her well cried openly, while those who didn't know her still felt a real loss.

There were flowers, heartfelt notes and pictures hanging on the edge of the fence. The only thing

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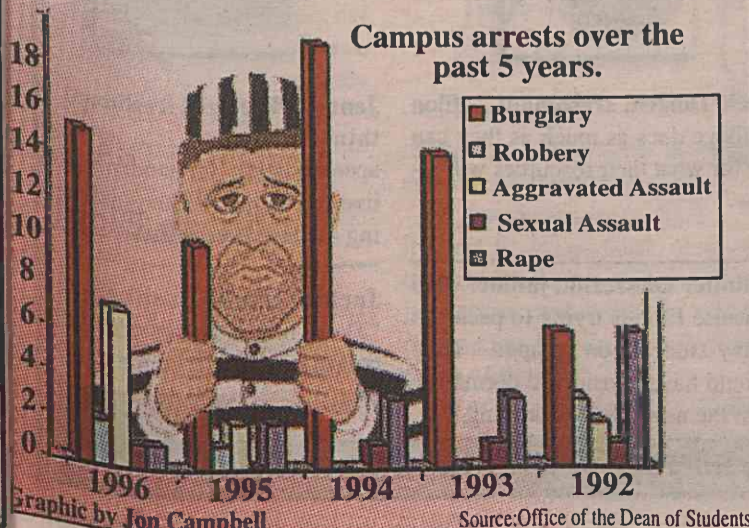
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The grieving process: A mourner reads sympathies on flowers at Kensington Palace (top). More than six million people lined the streets of London Saturday to pay their last respects to Princess Diana.



## Pendulum F.Y.I.

Campus arrests over the past 5 years.



Graphic by Jon Campbell

Source: Office of the Dean of Students

## Awareness leads to lower crime stats

Leann Alfred  
Pendulum Reporter

Alcohol awareness is up and citations are down among the Elon College student body, according to town police reports.

Last year, *The Pendulum* recorded more than 55 alcohol/drug related citations during the first two weeks of classes. This year the number of violations has dropped significantly.

So far 12 arrests concerning alcohol or drugs have been reported

during the first two weeks of the 1997-98 school year.

At the start of the fall 1996 semester a new ordinance was passed that prohibited students from carrying open containers.

"A lot of the violations last year were for open containers," said Dan Ingle, Town of Elon College police chief. "Students weren't aware of the new ordinance."

Students received notices in their campus boxes concerning local ordinances and state laws regarding alcohol. The use of fake

ID's, possession of beer and DWI charges were some of the issues discussed.

"During the first week of classes, we (town police) issued verbal warnings for open containers," Ingle said.

Chuck Gantos, director of campus safety and security, said he believes the alcohol task force has contributed to the decrease in alcohol problems on campus that normally occur during the first part of

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