

Expression through movement: Students learn world dances

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The winter term allows Elon students to take interesting courses that are usually not offered during the fall and spring semesters. One of these courses is Dance in Worship taught by Professor Jane Wellford.

Dance in Worship "in itself is about dance and how it is used in worship in many cultures," said Wellford.

The class studied various world dances, including the dance of Shiva, which is used in India to express the Hindu faith, many African tribal ritual dances, and several Hebrew dances from the scriptures.

The class studied worship dances of several civilizations from primitive civilization to the 20th century, although there is an emphasis on Christian worship dances of the last 2000 years.

Wellford said that not all the dances studied are about the Judeo-Christian God.

"Dances in worship are also in Native American societies, about the Great Spirit, of course, but also about the spirits of human nature, and animals," she said.

Senior Michael Stamps said, "I learned a lot more about how different churches and different places welcome dance into their

worship services."

27 students took Dance in Worship. It was a mixture of males



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and females, dancers and non-dancers. Wellford said the class took up the entire three hours every day, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wellford usually lectured for 45 minutes, showed a video for 40 minutes, and the rest of the class was reserved for the study of movement. During this time, the students examined several different movement postures, including prayer, joy, repentance, touch and questioning.

Parables, psalms, scriptures, and prayers were set to readings and music, and the students would then interpret dance moves.

Wellford has been teaching at Elon for 23 years, and has taught Dance in Worship for five years. She has studied liturgical dance for 25 years and currently directs and performs in "Moving Liturgy," a perform-

ing company that tours churches.

The students in Dance in Worship performed at Elon Celebration on Sunday, Jan. 25. Wellford said that Pastor Mark Fox, also an Elon professor, asks the group to perform at Celebration each year.

This year the class performed three dances. First, they performed The Kingdom, a Christian dance, which uses the tripod step—three steps forward, signifying the positive aspect of man's life, and one step backwards, symbolizing man's occasional setback.

They then performed an abstract dance in which they used their own postures to reflect their daily living. Finally, they danced to the song "Father, we Adore Thee."

PRESIDENT'S LIST

The faculty and administration congratulate the following students on their achievements in the fall semester.

To be included on the president's list, students must have no grade below an "A-" in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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