

## Career Services offers job search for seniors

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Once again, Career Services is trying to help students find a job. Elon is hosting its first annual job search conference from May 19 to 21. The conference will be open to all seniors who are still job searching.

"The rationale for running it, and this late, is that a national survey from NACE [National Association for Colleges and Employers] in 1997 showed that only 45% of college students will have a job upon graduation," Director of Career Services Bob Orndorff said.

Orndorff added that Elon offers a Securing a Job course available fall and spring and that career services department counselors are available to students on a daily ba-

sis.

Each student who participates in the conference will be given a mentor and will develop a detailed job search plan.

Orndorff said it is unrealistic that students will obtain a job in three days, but they will be more prepared and have more confidence as they search for a job during the summer.

The event opens on Tuesday, May 19, with keynote speaker and nationally renowned author, Bradley Richardson.

Activities will include a presentation on job search strategies, students creating and implementing their own job search plan and an alumni panel to talk with the recent graduates.

Students will meet in groups with their mentor several times throughout the three days.

## Addicts tell their real-life stories

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For Jane and Joe, being referred to a substance abuse treatment authority last year seemed to signal the end of the road.

Today, they'll say it was the highway to the rest of their lives.

Jane and Joe, not their real names, are long-time Burlington residents who slipped and slid into the world of cocaine and alcohol.

Life wasn't pleasant for them or their families.

Their first step on the road to recovery was assisted through the Judicial Services TASC (Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime) program, a subdivision of the Alamance-Caswell Area Mental Health Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority.

TASC helps patients identify and assess levels of education and treatment services.

Most patients are court referred and seek assistance in controlling substance abuse problems.

"TASC treats between 400 and 500 patients each year," said Gary Cole, criminal justice coordinator for TASC.

Jane, a 45-year-old African-American mother of three, is a recovering cocaine addict and alcoholic.

"I was a walking corpse, but

now I am alive," Jane said.

Jane was referred to TASC by the Burlington Judicial system after receiving two DWI's in one month.

Jane stole from her employees and children to support her drug habits.

She owes her re-

covery to TASC, who referred her to Residential Treatment Service (RTS) and paid for it.

RTS is a live-in-rehabilitation center that offers support through meeting and counseling sessions.

Jane has been clean for six months now which is the longest she has been off drugs in 10 years. Jane holds two jobs, owns a car and remains active in her church.

She attends weekly group sessions at TASC in addition to Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

Jane attributes her successful recovery to the individuals at TASC.

## Committee starts search for Elon's new president

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The presidential search committee set up a schedule for finding a replacement for current Elon president Fred Young on April 23 at its first meeting. Young announced his retirement in February.

Executive Assistant to the Search Committee Sara Peterson said that much of the meeting was spent establishing a timetable for the search and scheduling the remaining meetings of the members. The committee also worked on an ad which should begin appearing in the Chronicle of Higher Education next week.

Peterson said the committee is expecting to receive between 80 and 125 resumes before the cutoff date of July 20.

In late July the committee will select between 12 and 15 candidates to run a reference check on. Of those candidates, five to eight will be invited to a confidential interview in a neutral location.

Those interviews will take place in mid-September. During the weeks of September 21 and September 28 the finalists will be interviewed on campus.

The committee will present no more than three names to the Board of Trustees at their fall meeting in October. The Board will make the final decision.

At their meeting the committee also discussed the presearch report written by consultant Barbara Taylor after meeting with many

groups including students, faculty and alumni.

While the finishing touches still need to be made to this document, which will be distributed to candidates to help them learn more about Elon, Peterson said the report contained no surprises.

"This is an institution that feels pretty good about itself and that shows through in the report," Peterson said. "The person that comes here (as the next president) can expect to be fully supported and welcome."

The report will be finalized at the search committee's retreat May 8 and 9. Peterson said the report will then be made available to anyone wishing to see it.

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