

## Rape survivor Koestner to promote awareness at Elon

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A nationally known date rape speaker is scheduled to speak at Elon's Alumni Gym on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Koestner is being sponsored by Panhellenic as well as the Student Government Association (SGA), the National Panhellenic Council (NPHC) and the Interfraternity Council (IFC).

Koestner plans to educate students about the crime and hopefully increase awareness and prevention.

Koestner has given date rape a face people can relate to.

After being victimized on her own college campus of William and Mary, Koestner told her story to the public and gained national attention.

Next Tuesday's speech will consist of a "he said—she said" format which will be presented with the assistance of Brett A. Sokolow, J.D.

The program will then turn to an interactive session with divided

single-sex breakout groups. The format has been used with groups as small as five and as large as 3800.

Koestner has appeared on television shows such as Oprah and Larry King Live, as well as having been pictured on the cover of the June 3, 1991 issue of "Time Magazine."

Her name and face helped to bring into the spotlight a crime that was previously hushed and seldom discussed.

Shannon Russell, Panhellenic president, is the coordinator of this event who made the arrangements for Koestner share her story with the Elon students.

"We wanted to do something different and interesting on this campus," Russell said.

"We've been trying to publicize as best as possible," she added.

The groups sponsoring the event have two goals in mind.

Not only do they hope to break down barriers between men and women but they also want to create a better sense of rape awareness in the college community.

## Strict drunk driving laws forces Elon student to learn his lesson

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An Elon student learned the hard way about North Carolina's new DWI law Saturday night.

According to police reports, junior Cory Fey's car was seized early Sunday morning, Sept. 13, when town of Elon College Police officer PFC L.K. Anibal arrested him for driving while impaired on a suspended drivers license.

His 1986 BMW is now property of the Alamance County School system.

According to the North Carolina Department of Justice Legislative Update, a law enforcement officer must seize a vehicle if the driver is charged with driving while impaired and the driver's license is suspended for being convicted of a previous DWI.

This law came into affect December 1, 1997.

The seized cars are sold and proceeds go to the Alamance School fund.

In Alamance County, seized cars under this law are towed to

Battleground Towing. The car can be returned to the offender if they are not convicted of driving while impaired.

If the car is registered to someone other than the offender, they can appeal for its return by proving they were not aware of the offender's suspended license.

According to Elon College Police Chief Dan Ingle, this is the first car seized by the Town of Elon College under this law.

Campus Safety and Police Director Chuck Gantos said Elon College Campus Police has seized two vehicles; the courts returned one of those.

"It's not as simple and cut and dry as you'd think. The court system looks at the value of the vehicle to determine if it would be in the benefit of the school system to keep," Gantos said.

In Elon, there is no area where most of the offenders are charged with driving while intoxicated.

The police look for drivers without the headlights on, cars left of the centerline, cars running off the road and cars going under the speed limit.

Police give several tests to determine if a driver is driving while impaired.

These tests include the Horizontal Gaze, the Nystagmus test, the One-Leg-Stand and the Walk-and-Turn test.

The tests judge the coordination of the offender.

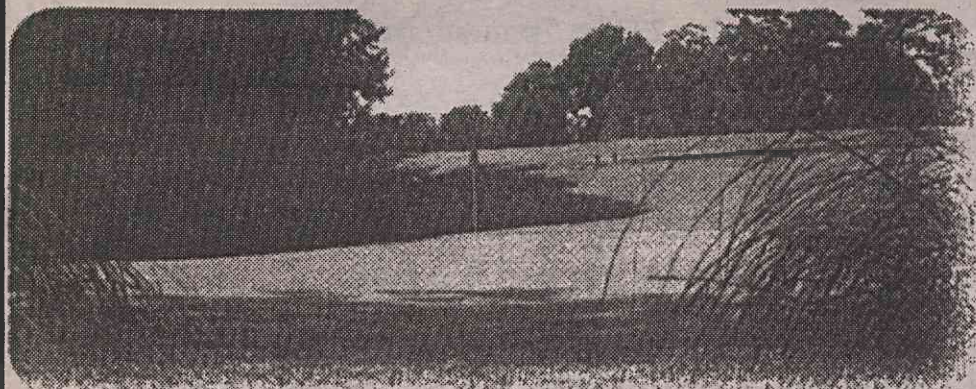
If they do not pass any one of these, they are then asked to submit a breath sample in an Alco-Sensor.

Anibal said Fey and most other drivers pulled over for a DWI are very cooperative; however, no one is happy when they learn they could lose their car.

"On Sunday mornings, when I'm working the day watch, I like to think that the cars parked in the parking lot by the bar belong to the people that were smart enough to realize they've had too much to drink to drive home," Anibal said.

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