

## Man receives beating at The Pantry

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A 21-year-old Greensboro man is recovering from serious injuries he sustained in a beating on September 22 at The Pantry, 110 W. Haggard Ave.

Jonathan L. McCormick, 2529 Springarden St., was repeatedly hit over the head with a pool cue after being chased from West End Station to The Pantry.

"He (McCormick) came in here all out of breath asking to use the phone. I told him there was one outside, but he said he really didn't want to go back out there," said Mindy Carreras, a Pantry employee and Elon College student.

McCormick told Carreras he was being chased and needed to call somebody to pick him up. While McCormick used the phone, the suspect, James P. Murphy, 51, 134 Georgetown Drive, entered the store carrying a pool cue from West End Station.

"I thought it was a joke. This guy comes in carrying a pool stick and yelling profanities. It was not a joke," said Carreras.

Carreras said the man carrying the pool cue kept yelling at McCormick and started hitting him over the head with the cue.

"The older guy pinned (McCormick) to the ground. The next thing I knew, his head was busted open and there was blood everywhere."

Bystanders outside the store saw Carreras motioning for help and used the phone outside to call the police at 9:57 p.m..

A second bystander entered the store and pulled the two apart and up off of the floor.

"(McCormick) got up and grabbed a stool to defend himself, and that's when the police showed up," said Carreras.

Murphy was arrested at the scene. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon (pool cue) inflicting serious injury. Murphy was brought to the police station and held on a \$5,000 secured bond.

McCormick sustained head wounds and was taken to the hospital.

Chief of Police Dan Ingle said no further information is available as the incident is still under investigation.

## Elon chapter of AAUP reorganizes

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With the search for a new college president and feeling a need to be more organized and have a stronger collective voice, Elon College professors felt that the spring of 1998 was a good time to reactivate their chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

Elon's former AAUP chapter has been dormant for a number of years. Dr. Terri Johnson, a mathematics professor, is the acting president of Elon's current AAUP chapter, which has about 30 members.

The Association allows the professors to take a more active part in faculty governance, employees rights, academic freedom and the formation of curriculum.

Originally founded in 1900 when a teacher was fired from

Stanford University for his personal view on the gold standard, the AAUP is one of the leading organizations dedicated to protecting the academic freedom and rights of professors. They are devoted solely to higher education.

Through the AAUP, faculty can work on the standards of their profession and what measures to take to protect them.

The association gives assistance to individual faculty members and to advance professional policies and procedures, legal advice and support and training for chapters and leaders in legislative and public relations.

A common misconception about AAUP is that it is a union. Elon College professors are not interested in stereotypical union activities such as benefits or wage increases.

Elon's AAUP is in the organizing stages. Current activities

have included taking part of the Elon presidential search by drafting questions for presidential candidates.

They are also taking part in decisions regarding Elon's increase in enrollment size and the debate about whether Elon should stay a college or turn into a university.

AAUP sponsored activities are not just for members, they are for all faculty. The organization wants to unite the teachers so they will have a stronger voice in issues that are important to their profession and to Elon College itself.

English professor Anne Cassebaum feels that AAUP is "a good organization working to strengthen education in this country."

AAUP membership is open to teaching faculty, researchers, and librarians. Graduate students, administrators and supporters of higher education are also eligible.

## Elon examines registration changes

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November will mark a change in an Elon's academic traditions as students in groups like the Honors Program, Leadership Fellows and CDC's will no longer be allowed to have early registration privileges.

Problems arose when freshmen started getting classes that some upperclassmen need to take.

The issue of changing registration policy came about when several students who were not receiving a priority status complained to their advisors.

All groups that would be affected by the change were asked to write a letter stating why they should be allowed to keep their registration privilege. Dan Wright, head of the Honors Program, sent an e-mail out to all Honors students requesting their feelings on the change and

received many responses.

Many Honors students felt they deserved the benefit since the Honors program adds to the academics of Elon. Other Honors students are worried that without the registration benefit they will not be able to fill their Honors requirements.

Groups such as the Honors Program will now only be allowed to register before their specific class.

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