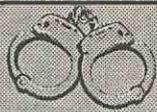


Crime Watch



Between March 23 and March 25, a burglary was reported at East Campus Apartments, Elon College, N.C. Estimated loss of property was estimated at \$239

Between March 21 and March 27, a burglary was committed between the hours of 5 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. at East Campus Apartments, Elon College, N.C. Total loss is estimated at \$300.

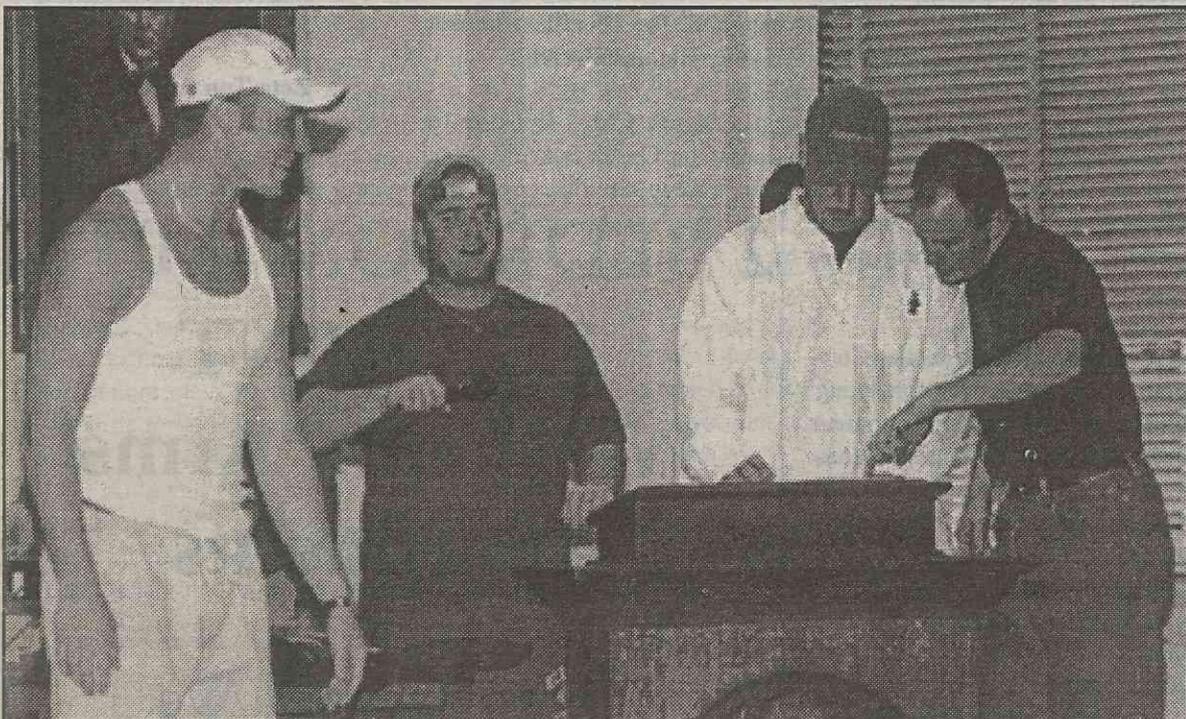
During the hours of 5 p.m. and 7:25 p.m. on March 31, a vehicle burglary was reported at the Harper Center parking lot. Total loss is estimated at \$14.

On the night of March 31, sometime between the hours of 7 p.m. and 11:14 p.m., a burglary was committed at the Elon Flag Pole, Elon College, N.C. Loss is totalled at \$100.

A possibly rabid animal bite was reported between 11 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. on April 2 behind a building of Greek Court, Elon College, N.C.

During the afternoon of April 2, a vehicle robbery was reported at 5:09 p.m. Estimated loss is totalled at \$1,879.10.

• Crime Watch is compiled from the Town of Elon College Police Department and from the Elon College Campus Police



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Jamie Sclater (left) is auctioned off at the AXA brother auction on Monday night. The money raised went to the fraternity's philanthropy.

Kernodle Center brings students to needs near and far

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Editor's note: This is the third article in a five-part series on the Kernodle Center for Service Learning

ELON COLLEGE, N.C. — Need someplace to go over Break? How about Washington, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Virginia, or North Carolina?

This year, the Service Trips branch of the Kernodle Center for Service Learning along with Habitat for Humanity is sending over 100 students to multiple service projects up and down the East Coast. Service trips are completely student coordinated, and volunteers have completed tasks ranging from Hurricane Bonnie cleanup to building Habitat for Humanity homes in Miami, Florida.

What is it about service trips that draws so many Elon students?

For Tina Bellefond, a junior Business and Communications major, who is currently co-coordinator of the service trips program, it is not only helping people in need, but also building new memories and friendships, and it is a different experience every time.

"Each trip is so different. Sometimes you are working with over 200 volunteers and other times it can be just 10 Elon students," Bellefond said, "But each person from every trip makes it memorable. Every person takes something different back with them."

Friendships are not only built among volunteers, however. Participants are encouraged to talk with people in the community and people benefiting from the service.

"You do that to find out peoples' stories, because that is what you remember, not just what you were doing for those people," Bellefond said.

For Bellefond, one gentleman she met while helping with Hurricane Bonnie relief in Curritock, North Carolina, over fall break made a huge impact on her life.

"One man we met had very bad skin cancer all over his face. But he told us how lucky he felt because he was still alive. He told us that he had to enjoy each moment of each day because he did not know what was going to happen tomor-

row. He inspired every one of us," Bellefond said.

For freshmen Stacy Bulla and Jamie Privoznak, their first service trip, Hurricane Bonnie relief, was a learning experience.

"I learned that not all people are not as fortunate as I," Privoznak said, "It is always good to see a person's face light up because of something I did."

"Through this trip, I learned that if we all work together, we could do anything," Bulla said, "Your little bit helps no matter how small because you're giving of yourself to help someone else. That is truly more of a blessing to you than you are to the people that you are helping."

Service trips also encourage leadership. Because the service trips program is entirely student-run from initial planning stages to budget meetings to seeing the final product, student coordinators learn to deal with a variety of challenges first hand. Even though things may become stressful at times, the reward is always greater than the effort.

"Seeing the fruits of my labor is the biggest reward. Watching the participants experience something for the first time and watching them grow throughout the week gives me the motivation to go plan another trip," Bellefond said.

Upcoming service trips include "Ski & Serve," which is two days of skiing and two days of service in Boone, North Carolina. There is also a Spring Break trip planned to build Habitat homes in Winter Haven, Florida.

Perhaps the most exciting future event, however, is the Winter Term 2000 trip to Guatemala. This trip will be the first EVI-sponsored international service trip.

Even though the Guatemala trip is still in its initial planning stages, it will be a huge step for the service trips program of the Kernodle Center.

Whether they are building friendships, building memories, building homes, or rebuilding lives, each volunteer from each service trip takes away something different.

However, everyone does have one commonality: they each helped someone in need and had an unforgettable experience in the process.

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