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Of Al Carpenter's efforts on campus, one faculty member remarked, "Al saw things not as they were, but how we all collectively believed they should be."

Although Carpenter passed away earlier this year, his legacy of involvement is anything but forgotten. He originated the concept for the Academic Ethos Summit Committee, a means for assessing the learning and social environment at Elon. The members of the steering summit, which first met a year ago this April, gather biweekly to exchange comment and criticism, and to discuss issues relevant to the further development of the Elon community.

He didn't just make himself available and encourage students to get involved, students say, but he would inculcate students with the belief that the only means to change the way things are is to get involved.

Carpenter sought not to merely examine circumstances as they were and alter them, but conceive a means for continually improving Elon and its ideals.



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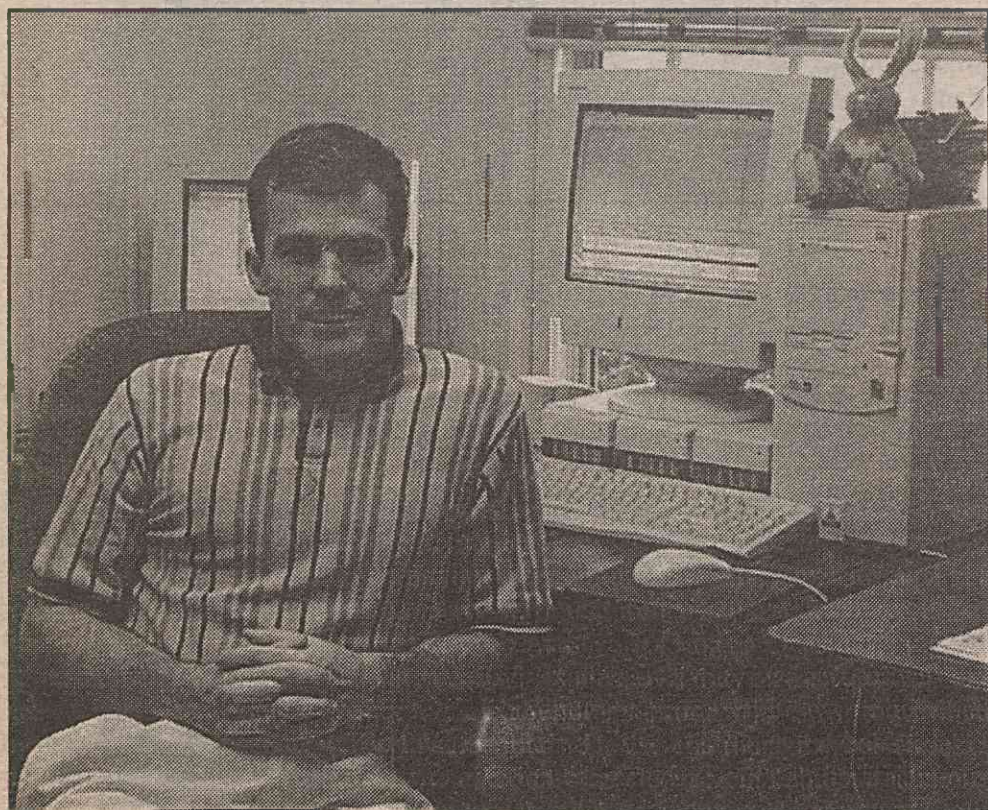
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Tolstoy, Dostoevsky and Conan Doyle wrote about the study of the criminal mind, and alluded to the fact that for every wily criminal mind, there exists also an equally ingenious member of the law enforcement community.

Enter one Gantos, Chuck Gantos. With a set of duties that require him to be on call and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, one would think Gantos would want as little to do with on-campus activities as possible. Gantos, however, takes a rather unorthodox approach – he acts as both a father-figure and mentor.

During his free time, one can almost always find Gantos fulfilling his award-winning role as faculty advisor to the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity or attending college coffee and fraternizing with both the Elon elite and the greater student population.

Of his advising skills, one student stated that Gantos is not a teacher, but rather an adviser on how to become a man.



Eric Cone

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As a man acting as web developer, administrator, consultant, database manager, application developer, and computer graphics artist, Eric Cone puts in more than his fair share of hours.

Cone, a '98 Elon grad, is Elon's first full-time Director of World Wide Web Services and one of the hardest workers on campus. No obstacle stands before him he has not the patience to overcome. If a concept, language, or procedure eludes him, he spends his own time and money buying and studying books, talking with certified professionals, and posing questions in newsgroups. He also makes himself available and approachable to solve problems for those in need of assistance.

And while many collegiate webmasters would rest if they won a CASE award (see 2/18/99 issue), Cone is rather humble about the honor.

"There is so much more work we could be doing — so much more we should be doing," he said. Cone's selfless dedication amidst a lack of financial support, differing politics and ideologies is a cornerstone of advancing technology at Elon, and a driving force in the advancement of the Elon community.