

## Students serve as technical guides for professors

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A new technology program at Elon is helping professors integrate technology into their classes. Emerging Leaders in Technology at Elon, or ELITE for short, was started this semester.

"We haven't really made people aware of ELITE yet," said Scott Hildebrand, Director of the ELITE program. "This is our pilot semester to work through and try some different things."

ELITE students serve as technology guides for professors and help them with web development, Microsoft Front Page, Photoshop, capturing audio and video, creating CDROMs and the Microsoft Office program.

"ELITE has been an incredible opportunity," Ed New, senior ELITE student, said. "The program has allowed me to help build the academic community here at Elon by interacting with and assisting faculty with the implementation of technology into their curriculum."

Students were selected through an application process, which included giving a five to 10 minute presentation in front of faculty and staff using technology that explained why they should be chosen as an ELITE student.

While most of the seven ELITE students chosen came in with a good working knowledge of computer basics, they have undergone training. At the beginning of the semester there was a training weekend, which concentrated heavily on web development. ELITE students also attend training sessions each Friday.

"I enjoy learning what all computers have to offer," Gretchen Smith, senior ELITE student, said. "I've learned to do things on computers that I didn't know were possible."

Along with the prestige of being named ELITE, the students receive a stipend and a laptop, which they use throughout their stay in the program. "I feel like I've learned a lot more by training others," Jess Fowler, junior ELITE student, said. "When you help others, you're really helping yourself too."

Already this semester, faculty members in several departments are taking advantage of these technology guides. "I've had a lot of faculty feedback," Hildebrand said. "It has been very positive, the faculty enjoy working with the students and appreciate having someone to depend and count on to guide them through their projects."

Professors have made use of technology students for creating web sites for their courses and to become more familiar with computer basics,

such as Microsoft Office.

"I've loved having an opportunity to work with ELITE student Jessica Fowler," Jane Stephens, Assistant Professor of English, said. "Her know-how and professionalism have given me the technical support and personal confidence that it takes to weave technology into my teaching after years of getting along in a tech-less classroom."

Faculty members interested in being paired with an ELITE student to incorporate technology into their teaching can visit [www.elon.edu/elite](http://www.elon.edu/elite) and download an application. Applications for spring semester are due Dec. 4.

"The ELITE program has been most beneficial in helping me with course information, posting grades and making a nice-looking web page," Dr. Tommy Gumm, Assistant Professor of Human Services, said. "It's a good program for anyone who needs help fine-tuning their computer skills."

Students who receive the ELITE designation are in the program until they graduate.

Some vacancies will be open for Fall 2001 and interested students are encouraged to visit [www.elon.edu/elite](http://www.elon.edu/elite) to download an application. There will also be an interest meeting held for students at mid-spring semester.

## Meningitis prevalent on college campuses nationwide

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Meningitis is a deadly disease that is prevalent on college campuses.

College students are more prone to the disease than other people due the fact that college students are around more germs than the average person. Smoking and drinking alcohol also lower resistance.

Meningitis is an infection of the spinal cord fluid and the fluid that surrounds the brain. There are two kinds of meningitis: bacterial and viral.

Bacterial meningitis symptoms include fevers and stiff neck. Viral meningitis symptoms are headaches and the flu. These

symptoms can develop over several hours, or they may take one to two days.

Bacterial meningitis is contagious as the bacteria spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions.

Elon students can receive a meningitis immunization from the R.N. Ellington Health Center.

"We give immunizations twice a year: February and October," said Kitty Parrish of the Health Center. "Because of this, many students at Elon have been immunized." Parrish also reported that there has not been an outbreak of meningitis during the last two years.

If you would like an immunization, contact Health Services at Ext. 7230.

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