

# Elon students to experience homelessness first hand with help from Elon Volunteers

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Many people have seen homeless people on the streets of New York, Chicago and Boston, but the majority of American citizens do not realize that homelessness occurs everywhere, including small towns such as Elon.

Tonight Elon students will be able to truly see what it is like to be homeless if they participate in One Homeless Night, a program sponsored by Elon Volunteers.

"We are trying to raise awareness about homelessness around the world," said event coordinator Carolyn Buttista. "Students need to realize that people are not just homeless in large cities, and that it can happen in small town just like Elon."

"We want students to really experience what it is like not to have a home for at least one night," said Buttista.

The students who participate in the event will outside and hear various speakers on the subject of homelessness. These speakers, ac-

ording to committee members, will include a representative from the Allied Churches of Burlington, which has a homeless shelter and soup kitchen on the premises. Local people who used to be homeless my also speak to students about their experiences.

"By having someone from Allied Churches come and speak, the students that participate in the night can see exactly how the small towns are effected by homelessness, and what towns in the local area are doing to help," said committee member Kate Kristian.

All Elon students are encouraged to participate in One Homeless Night, but those who do not will also be impacted by the event. The students who choose to participate will sleep along the sidewalk around Young Commons without real shelter, much like the homeless do every night.

"The other students here at Elon will see them and interact with them," said Buttista, "allowing them to see what types of problems the homeless are faced with every day

first hand. This will make an impact on them as well."

Elon students who participate in One Homeless Night will be part of a food and clothing drive, with the proceeds going to the shelter at Allied Churches of Burlington.

"We feel that when the students participate in this event, their interest in helping out with shelter and other aspects of homelessness will grow," said Buttista.

Homelessness is a large problem in the United States. The organizers of this event say that One Homeless Night will bring awareness home for them. Committee members say they hope that other events like this will be implemented at other campuses across the country. This will help raise total awareness and maybe one day help solve the problem.

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April 11, Steven Smollon was cited for DWI on East College and Oak Avenue.

April 11, Daniel Carmody was cited for a display of an expired registration on Haggard Avenue.

April 12, Traci Mcleod was cited for failure to appear on Haggard Avenue.

April 12, Mark Gurley was cited for speeding on Highway 100.

April 12, Katherine Martin was cited for display of an expired registration on Haggard Avenue.

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April 12, Mark Cohn was cited for failure to wear a safety belt on Highway 100.

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April 12, Carrol Santos was cited for failure to burn headlights on S. Williamson Avenue.

April 14, Omar Curry was cited for speeding on Highway 100.

April 14, Vincent Loughlin was cited for speeding on East Haggard Avenue.

April 14, Jennifer Long, was cited for underage possession of alcohol at West Trollinger Avenue.

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April 16, Kara Jonas was cited for speeding on Truitt Avenue.

April 16, Brooks Jones was cited for speeding on Cook Road.

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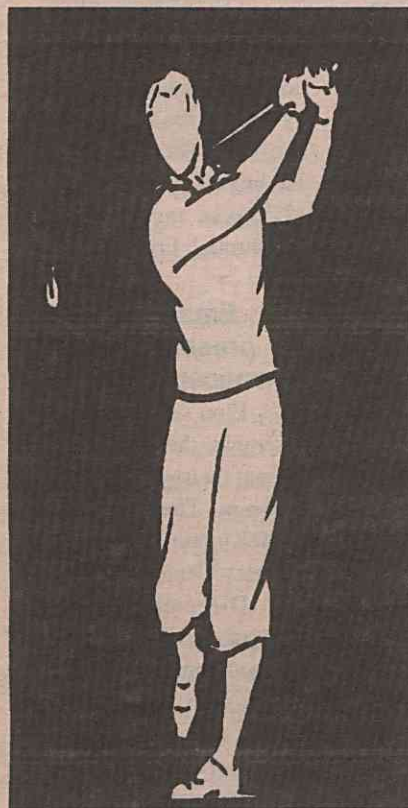
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