

THE PENDULUM

Informing, entertaining and inspiring the Elon University community since 1974

Volume: XXIX ISSUE: 12 DATE: 11 / 29 / 01 www.elon.edu/pendu-

Students and faculty reflect the personal aftermath of Sept. 11

Elizabeth Sudduth

News Editor

Students, faculty and staff gathered Tuesday to remember, reflect and react to the tragedy of Sept. 11.

With images, words, music, expressive dance and song, Elon students responded to the recent terrorist attacks in a program titled, "And Still We Rise: Words for Times Like These."

Honored guest, Rosa Johnson, niece of poet Maya Angelou, hosted the program held in Whitley Auditorium Tuesday afternoon.

"My wish is that you leave here with hope and that you leave with a feeling of empowerment through words," Johnson said.

Fear, anger, disbelief, honor, courage and heroism are just some of the words expressed

“What happened on Sept. 11 impacted us all, but we need to hear the voice of the young people, because it is your future we are living today.”

through personal letters and offered in essays and poems and music.

"What happened on Sept. 11 impacted us all, but we need to hear the voice of the young people, because it is your future we are living today," Johnson said.

A slide show of images by Will Duffy opened the program. One of the first slides read, "What happened on Sept. 11, 2001 was more than an attack on the U.S., it was an attack on humanity."

As the images of ground zero, firefighters, praying hands and people comforting one another

flashed on the screen, the crowd of nearly 200 people grew quiet. Some shed tears, others grew somber uncovering the memories of what had taken place not so long ago.

The program, sponsored by the English department, encouraged students to speak directly from their soul about the tragedy.

"With the power of words, we have the ability to change ourselves and the world," English professor Jane Stephens said. "Words in times like these are an assimilation of hope and spirit."

In a personal letter titled, "Dear Protestors," Keith Van Hook said, "We live with the stark, cold reality that 6,000 people will not return. Together we can confront evil and triumph and together will defeat it."

In an essay, Angela Herrick wrote words that embodied the event. "We at Elon are the Phoenix. Just as that bird rose from the ashes we will rise again."



Elizabeth Sudduth / News Editor

Students and faculty gathered in Whitley Auditorium, Tuesday for a program hosted by Rosa Johnson, niece of Maya Angelou.

9th Annual Turkey Trot brings large crowd



Emily Hudson / Photo Editor

Nearly 300 people joined Campus Rec for the 9th Annual Turkey Trot. On Friday, Nov. 16, in front of the Koury Center. Registration began at 2:30 p.m. and the 3K Run/Walk kicked off at 3:30 p.m. Entry fee for the race/walk was one canned good. Turkey Trot benefits the Allied Churches of Alamance County. There were raffles for movie tickets, restaurant gift certificates and merchandise prizes.

Students step up, help community by giving back and volunteering

Jessica Vitak

Chief Copy Editor

Elon University boasts a variety of activities and opportunities for students to get more involved, from its strong study abroad and internship programs to more than 100 campus organizations dedicated to numerous media, political and social groups. Of these, two constantly in need of extra help are

Elon Volunteers! and the Kernodle Service Learning Center.

Elon has had an impressive track record in service, with 81 percent of graduating seniors in 2001 participating in service activities. In the 2000-2001 school year, Elon students performed more than 54,000 hours of service, from volunteering at blood drives and the Special Olympics to building homes for Habitat for Humanity and working at more than 40 local nonprofit or-

ganizations. This is more than six straight years of volunteer hours.

Completely student-run, these two groups strive to reach out to groups around the county in need of help. Lori Bosi, who heads up EV!, says students want to help out. "The majority of our students come to us and ask, 'How can I help?,'" she said.

Volunteer
continued on page 8