

Variety of classes entertain and challenge

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Reporter

While many students choose a Winter Term route of knocking out a general studies or another challenging course, many students see Winter Term as an opportunity to take an out-of-the-ordinary class. Winter Term classes range from "The Nature of Mathematics" to "The Business of NASCAR."

If "The Nature of Mathematics" didn't catch your interest, maybe NASCAR did. And if not, there are plenty more out-of-the-ordinary classes in full swing right now.

"The Business of NASCAR," taught by Christopher Joiner, focuses on the business aspects (management, economy and marketing) of NASCAR. Although the focus lies primarily the business side, students also delve into the history of racing and learn the entire process of a race car's ride just to get to the track.

English classes being offered range from studying the meaning of "home" through literature to the supernatural to different languages. "Literature of Place: Going Home" explores the meaning and search for "home" through poetry, fiction, film and drama.

"Alternate Languages" explores the idea of one universal language and its effects on cultures around the world. Imagine being able to go anywhere and not have to face a language barrier. But these languages aren't always spoken. Students in "Alternate Languages" explore the idea of body and sign languages as well.

Professor Robert Blake's "Literature of Terror and the Supernatural" is another unusual class. "I explore such classic authors as Edgar Allan Poe and Henry James and films such as The Omen and The Innocents," he said. "The material varies somewhat from year to year so I won't become jaded with going over the same thing. I try to include films that stu-

dents aren't familiar with." It is obvious that with 40 students, there must be some strong draw to the subject. "The students who take this course like being scared temporarily in the safety of the classroom," Blake said. But it's not just fun and games. Or is it? "By taking this course students realize that the study of literature can be fun," he said.

While some students are scared daily in the classroom, others are being comforted with history and a well-known face. Earl Danieley's class, "Elon: Past, Present and Future" explores Elon's history, including the effects of the nation's history on the school. With more than 60 years of Elon experience under his belt, the class couldn't be taught by a better man. "It's amazing how much Dr. Danieley can remember," said Kiarra Howe. "He seems to remember everything about anybody or anything and he often recalls it humorously."

Danieley starts the class with

the church, which was the foundation of the college and moves chronologically from there.

"I think that it would be great if all [students and faculty] knew the history of the college better than we do," Danieley said.

Howe agrees that the content is interesting and important. "It's definitely interesting to hear about the history of the institution because then you know why things are the way they are now," she said. "You also learn about the history of the country at the time, like how World Wars I and II affected the campus and the progression of women's sports."

Danieley said, "I think the students get a greater appreciation for what we have when they understand the work which went into giving us the present institution."

With this slight glimpse into just a few of the interesting classes in full swing right now, it is apparent that students find Winter Term is an excellent opportunity for an interesting experience.

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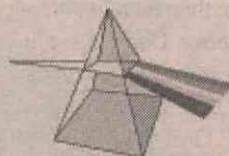
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