

Orientation Team members point freshmen in the right direction

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Although it meant giving up the last weeks of summer, Rector said she was excited to work on Orientation Team for the second year.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's really worth it," Rector said. "It's a lot of fun, and it's great to talk with the freshmen."

The team's training focused on the three themes of this year's orientation, awareness, skills and direction. An awareness of surroundings, as well as time-management skills and a sense of personal direction, are all key to survival at Elon or any college, Luther said.

The three themes will be introduced to new students in their orientation groups, led by orientation leaders, or OLs. The groups meet four times throughout the four days of orientation, and later reunite as Elon 101 classes.

The first group meeting, at 6 p.m. today, introduces new stu-

dents to Elon. The OLs summarize the most important parts of surviving in college, such as making sure to buy books, put money on Phoenix cards and go to class. The second meeting, at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, reemphasizes President Leo Lambert's academic message.

After Let's Get it On, a presentation on social issues, the orientation groups will meet again at 6:30 p.m. Saturday to talk about the production. The final meeting, at 10 a.m. Monday, sets the tone for the school year by giving students a "final exam" about orientation.

"When it's all over, I want students to have a good understanding of who they are and who they are at Elon," Luther said. "The orientation groups have fun, but they don't just throw a Koosh ball around and have a good time; they work together to achieve a common goal."

As are the orientation groups, the other orientation activities are meant to highlight social and academic life at Elon. Academic-themed presentations such as New

Student Convocation and the academic message are paired with social activities such as Elon Under the Lights and the Orientation Fair.

"Everything we do is important," Luther said with a grin. "We give these kids a lot of opportuni-

ties to meet new people and give them a chance to hang out. It's a one-stop shop – we do it all at the same time."

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New Student Orientation or about becoming a member of next year's Orientation Team, call extension 7777.



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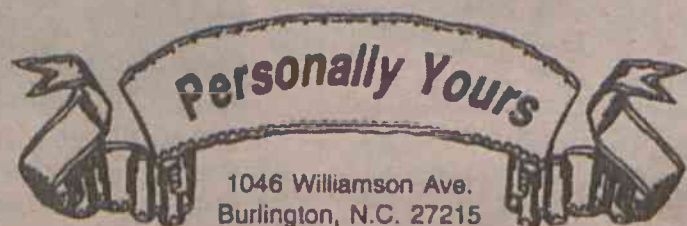
Earl Danieleley, president emeritus, speaks with orientation leaders about the university's history.



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All hands on deck

Orientation leaders Beth Bofundo, Laura Wulfe, Mary Allen Mann, Chris Morse, Charla Johnson, Casey Harris and Lindsey Ward play a team-building game together.



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