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Impromptu dedication honors White

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Since November, loyal Elon athletics supporters Jerry and Jeanne Robertson have kept a secret. The donors of the new field at Irwin Belk Track announced at College Coffee Tuesday that their gift was not in honor of Jeanne's father, but Athletics Director Alan White and his wife Norma.

In the middle of White's address announcing the Robertsons' gift, Jeanne interrupted him. She said White is a detailed-oriented person and prides himself at not making mistakes, but she had a surprise. The Robertsons, parents of an Elon graduate, say their gift honors their close friends for years of service and dedication to Elon.

White was speechless, as he had lead the committee through the planning and construction of the new athletics facility.

"When she pushed me aside, I



Jennifer Guarino/ Photographer

The field at Belk Track was named in honor of Director of Athletics Alan White and his wife Norma at College Coffee on Tuesday. The Robertsons, avid athletics supporters, made the surprise announcement.

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NC drought affects Alamance and Elon

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Since July, North Carolina has been experiencing a severe drought, and numerous measures have been taken by the state government to try to limit water use.

On July 12, Governor Mike Easley called on all public water systems and other water users in the Cape Fear, Yadkin River Basins and select Piedmont areas, to reduce water use as much as possible in order to conserve.

The governor's target was to have a 27 percent reduction in the amount of water that would normally be used during the summer and early fall months.

Alamance County is one of the areas in the Piedmont that that was asked to conserve water, although there are no specific measures filed by the state for county citizens and businesses to follow.

As of Aug. 31, Alamance County is in a moderate drought, down from extreme drought conditions experienced at the beginning of the month.

The extreme conditions were helped by the 6 inches of rain the county received between Aug. 25 and 31.

Because there are no large reservoirs or lakes in the area that are used by many cities, Elon and Burlington have not had to take many precautions on water use. According to Jane "Paige" Vignali, utilities clerk of Physical Plant, last year Elon spent \$238,891 and used more than 47.3 million gallons of water on buildings alone.

These include all classroom

buildings and campus housing, with the exception of campus-owned apartments off campus grounds. Elon expects to use around the same amount of water this year, according to Vignali.

In other water news, the Elon University Center for Environmental Studies will be hosting "A River Runs Through Us," a public forum on water supplies, land use and water quality, Sept. 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Moseley Center.

This forum is open to students and residents of central

North Carolina, and it will feature speakers from universities around the state as well as water resource professionals and water quality professionals.

The registration fee is \$15 dollars and lunch is provided. For more information, there are pamphlets available around campus or www.elon.edu/academics/envirom/fallform/ariv-er.htm.

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Intruder grabs fish

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An Elon student stepped out of the shower in her West End apartment Aug. 29 and saw a strange man staring at her through an open window.

"She realized the window had been jimmied," said Lavell Lovette, chief of Elon Police. "A fish bowl had been removed, which drew her attention to the window."

The suspect, a black male about 20 years old, was able to open the window but did not gain entry, Lovette said.

Police have a suspect, but no charges have been filed, Lovette said.

"We are providing some safety measures to make people feel safer," Lovette said.

The West End landlord is working with police to ensure the apartments are safe for residents. These measures include security surveys, Lovette said.

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