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## One year later, students remember

**Erin Cunningham** News Editor

It's been one year.

The one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. was commemorated at Elon with events aimed at unity and community.

"This morning we pause to remember," said President Leo Lambert at the community gathering. Alumni Gym was filled with students, faculty, police officers, community members and elementary-school children who came to remember those who perished in the attacks.

One year later, students carry the memory of that day, where they were and what they were doing. "A moment of joyful anticipation turned into one of [fear]," Lambert said, referring to the moment Elon students realized America was under attack. Last year, on this day, students gathered around Fonville Fountain for College Coffee, conversing and ready to celebrate the first football game at Rhodes Stadium.

This year, those who gathered at College Coffee held a card,



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Students gathered in Alumni Gym for a community memorial focuses on unity, community and healing.

which read, "Today at 10 a.m., as the carillon tolls the hour, we ask all members of our community to pause and observe a moment of silence in tribute to the 3,000 people who perished

on Sept. 11. Ponder what each of us must do to create a world more just, more affirming of human dignity and more appreciative of all its religions."

"It is the first major event we

have faced as adults," said Christian Wiggins, executive president of the Student

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### **Pulitzer** panel uses humor, experience

Nick Rust Reporter

> "Tonight we celebrate bravery," said Paul Parsons, dean of the School of Communications.

> This short phrase began Thursday evening's panel discussion with three prominent Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists from North Carolina newspapers. President Emeritus William Friday of UNC-Chapel Hill served as moderator, and WUNC-TV covered the 80-minute program to air at a later date.

> The program began with a short video clip of the achievements of the three journalists, who all won Pulitzers for public service. A quote from Joseph Pulitzer displayed at the beginning of the video summed up the theme of the night: "The highest mission of the press is to render public service."

> The panel was composed of Horace Carter of the Tabor City Tribune, Frank Daniels Jr., of the Raleigh News & Observer and Rolfe Neill of the Charlotte Observer. All three men are alumni of UNC. The focus of the panel was newspapers obligation of public service.

> Carter got his start in journalism on a small stage, coming from a poor socio-economic background. It wasn't until ninth grade that his English teacher discovered his journalistic talent that would lead to merit and awards Carter would go on to win the Pulitzer for public service for his paper, the Tabor City Tribune by attacking the Ku Klux Klan. He wrote daily

## **Residence life heads in a new direction**

#### Matt Belanger Reporter

After numerous modifications over the past few years, the Office of Residence Life is satisfied with the way the student staffing program is operating this year., according to Director of Residence Life Doug Searcy

The current Residence Life staff is made up of students and staff members that are assigned to assist particular areas on campus.

The smaller the staff to student ratio, the greater the opportunity there is to create lasting friendships and a strong sense of community. The traditional structure of our staff allows for the nurturing of leadership roles, providing residents with care, support and educational challenge.

- Doug Searcy, director of Residence Life

The positions include a full-time assistant director and student head residents and resident advisors. Each role in the Residence Life program has a detailed job description that explains the

duties of each position and outlines expectations regarding policy enforcement, programming efforts and community development.

"I think we have found a system

that works well," Searcy said. "The strength of our current system is that it provides multiple layers of responsibility ... everyone knows their job and how to get it done."

Searcy said that one of the problems in previous years was that student staff members were responsible for large numbers of residents. The current system is

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