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If it matters to you, it matters to The Pendulum.

Click it or get a ticket

Laura Cunningham

Reporter

Drivers are continually told that wearing a seat belt can save lives, but many people have made a habit of not buckling up. North Carolina's Department of Transportation is focusing on seat-belt safety and cracking down on violators.

The "Click It or Ticket" campaign is part of the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Initiative, developed by former Gov. Jim Hunt in 1993 to promote seat-belt safety.

At the start of the program, only 65 percent of North Carolinians wore seat belts. Rates have increased to 84 percent, making North Carolina one of the highest in the nation, according to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The campaign is held twice a year; once around Memorial Day and the other around Labor Day. During these times, checkpoints and patrols are set up throughout each county to periodically check seat-belt usage.

The most recent campaign ran Aug. 26 -Sept. 8 and about 12,900 drivers were cited for seat-belt and child-safety violations.

In Alamance County, 33 checkpoints were held and 80 seat-belt violations were found. These violators were required to pay a \$25 fine. Chief Chuck Gantos, director of campus security and police says, "There is pending legislation which would

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Phoenix take on Tar Heels



Tim Rosner/Photography Editor

Senior mid-fielder Chad Heinicke reaches the ball before UNC's Logan Pause. In the first soccer game played in Rhodes Stadium, the Elon men's soccer team put up a strong defense to hold the Tar Heels away from the goal. UNC-Chapel Hill's team is ranked 17th and is the defending national champion. Read the story about the game on page 24.

New service scheduled Sunday

Jessica Patchett

Reporter

At Sundays at 5, a program sponsored by the Chaplain's office and the Elon Community Church, students are reminded "God is still speaking." Various styles of worship in a relaxed, free-flowing manner characterize the weekly services attended by students and members of the Elon community. Worship that is "free and alive but in a way resting on some traditional foundations" is the goal of the Sundays at 5 series, Chaplain Richard McBride

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—Kate Colussy-Estes, assistant Chaplain and director of Religious Life

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said.

The Rev. Suzanne Shoffner and Martin Shoffner of Shiloh Presbyterian Church shared worship Sept. 29 in the style of Taizé. An ecumenical community in France, Taizé was founded after World War II in the spirit of rec-

onciliation, said Kate Colussy-Estes, assistant Chaplain and director of Religious Life at Elon. Taizé emphasizes contemplation of scripture reading, simple chanting and prayerful silences. "It's very focused on the meditative

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Students offered AIDS test

Adam Smith

Reporter

Today, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Alamance Cares will sponsor an AIDS testing session in the Health Center. This free service is confidential and results will be returned in less than three days.

"The test is quick and simple," said Crystal Taylor, executive director of Alamance Cares. There is no blood test. The mouth is swabbed and the fluid is sent in for testing.

There are more than 40 million people living with AIDS in the world. About 80 percent of all adult HIV infections are from heterosexual intercourse. But many people do not know about the statistics, and most people do not know they are infected, according to Taylor.

Taylor, who works with AIDS patients and families in Alamance County, said this kind of testing is important on college campuses because "first experiences happen in college. It is a high-risk time," she said.

When students arrive on campus they are in a different world and often take part in high-risk activities, with no concern for safety, she said.

"There is a better chance for the disease to spread in such a box," Taylor said. In the "bubble," as it's often called, students all feel safe. But they are not immune to the realities of the world because they are at Elon, Taylor said.

Today's AIDS testing is the second time it has been offered on

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