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Registration: From paper to computer

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Mark Albertson registered his first group of students in 1978 by making tic marks on a giant class roster at a drafting board. The records were then entered into a massive computer in the basement of Powell building. That year, Elon was the only university in the state to process preregistration and student records by computer.

Twenty-four years after Albertson registered Elon students for the first time, the university will take another major step in the preregistration process — students will register for winter and spring classes online.

Students will now be able to access Elon On Track from on and off campus to select classes. Pre-registration will begin Nov. 6 and will end Nov. 15. Three days have been added to the schedule to allow for adjustments to the system.

This transition has been in the works for one and a half years; and while online pre-registration was piloted last spring, Albertson wants students to be prepared for the new process.

In order to register online, students must first meet with their assigned adviser, which is the only person who can give electronic approval for the student to begin the process.

“One of the big concerns I have about this is that students need to go see their advisers well

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Students, faculty debate merits of war



Lindsay Porter/Photographer

Elon's ROTC unit practiced drills using weapons they would if called to active duty in Iraq. Congress recently passed legislation that could make this a possibility. Read about Elon's reaction to the possibility of war on page 8.

Intruder attacks student in dorm room

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An Elon student fought against an intruder who entered her room in Moffitt residence hall and attacked her Sunday morning.

About 2:30 a.m., a female student was sitting at her computer in Moffitt Hall, when a man entered her room. Her roommate left the room to visit friends a few minutes before. When the student stood up, the intruder grabbed her wrists, and the two struggled for

about 15 seconds. After the student kicked the intruder, he ran out of the room.

“The man is described as being between 19 and 20 years old,” said Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life. The intruder is reported to be 6-foot white male with a muscular build, who weighs 180 to 190 pounds. He has short, brown hair and sideburns. At the time of the incident

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On-campus reports of rape on the rise

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While the number of rapes reported is declining nationally, Elon's numbers are on the rise. Last month, there were three rapes reported by Elon students, up from one in 2001.

There were three reported rapes made by students in September 2002. According to the Rape Abuse & Incest National Network, reported sexual assault was down 32 percent in 2000.

Elon Campus Safety & Police Chief Gantos says he is very concerned about the recent reports of rape. “Young men need to be responsible for their actions,” he said. “That's part of their educa-

tion process.” Gantos says his concern about the reported rapes is not about the numbers, but for students' safety. “This is not about statistics. This is about a quality of life.”

“I think the thing that's concerning is that in most cases, one or more of the people involved were under the influence of alcohol,” Gantos said. “Alcohol is no excuse.”

Scott Nelson, assistant dean of students, said alcohol is a contributing factor in almost every case that goes through his office. He points to off-campus parties as part of the problem. “That's when

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Technology targeted by thieves during break

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While students enjoyed a break from school, thieves broke into several academic buildings, stealing about \$50,000 worth of technological equipment.

McEwen, Duke, Alamance and McMichael Science Center were hit between Oct. 12 and Oct. 15, according to police reports.

“As near as we can tell, they had a key,” Chuck Gantos, Elon Campus Safety and Police chief said, referring to the suspects. He said the suspects, who police say they believe are not students, had a key and entered through the door. “They took [the equipment] out through the window,” he said.

Gantos said police arrived at this conclusion after the broken glass shattered outside instead of inside, indicating the suspects exited, but did not enter through the window.

More than \$25,000 in stolen camera equipment was stolen from McEwen, according to reports. Jay McMerty, coordinator of Elon Student Television, said the suspects took three television-studio cameras, which were used for truck productions. “It really affects the ESTV sports programs,” McMerty said. “We will have to use different cameras that won't be as great of quality.”

The cameras were about 12 to

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