

# Hunger Awareness Week promotes charity

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Reporter

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are about 32 million Americans who are either hungry or at risk of hunger. Four million children under the age of 12 are malnourished.

Next week, Elon is sponsoring activities for National Hunger Awareness week. Organizations and colleges across the country have events planned to raise understanding and knowledge of the cause. Sophomores Jenn Pierson and Alicia Cambri are coordinators for Elon's event.

A canned food drive will be set up in Moseley Center all week. The organization that donates the most food, Cambri said, will win a pizza party. Students will also be volunteering at Allied Churches on

Monday and Thursday.

Another way to show support is to donate a meal plan. A table will be in Moseley from Monday through Wednesday for students to sign up to donate



their breakfast meal on Thursday. Aramark will donate the money from these plans to OxFam America, a national non-profit organization. "This is the easiest way to give some-

thing back," Pierson said.

The week will culminate in a 30-hour famine in The Zone on Friday. "The famine is a great way to raise personal awareness and to realize what is really important in this world," Cambri said. The event is a sleepover with activities planned throughout the night, with the attendees being "a support group for each other," Pierson said.

"As students at a private university, most here have never had to deal with hunger," Cambri said. The events give all students a way to get involved in the cause.

"We take so much for granted and don't realize what a huge problem hunger is," Pierson said.

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# Tram to be on time

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By Monday, students living in Danieley Center will have a predetermined, dependable schedule of the Danieley tram.

"Students want set times for the tram according to class schedules," said Allen Poe, Campus Safety and Security officer.

With 150-175 students depending on the tram daily to get to and from classes, a definitive schedule will be a welcome change for Danieley residents. The proposed schedule lists arrival and departure times to Danieley Center and McMichael Science Center stops.

"I try to take the tram as much as possible, but it's hard to time it right," said Christine Sweeney, a sophomore resident of Danieley Center. Most students have similar complaints regarding the dependability of the tram, said Gina Birdsall, a freshman resident of Danieley. "If they had a schedule it would be a lot better," Birdsall said. Some drivers return to campus quickly, and "other drivers slow down for every single person who's walking slowly in Danieley," Birdsall said.

"I get to class a lot faster by riding the tram," Sweeney said. "It makes it nice because I don't have to leave as early for classes than if

I were walking. But if I miss the tram and leave later then it's a problem getting to class on time."

While tram operators follow the proposed schedule, they should complete one circle around campus in 15 minutes, stopping at six places in Danieley and one at McMichael. This schedule should accommodate class schedules, as there is a definite surge of commuters near class times, Poe said.

The tram provides transportation continuously from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week, for five years. But the current model of the tram Elon uses is not designed to run that much, and frequently breaks down, Poe said. Poe is in the process of looking at a newer model to accommodate the needs of Elon students.

"It seems to me that the tram has been broken down a lot this year so far," Sweeney said. "The worst time for it to break down is when it's raining because the intramural field gets all muddy and the tram track fills with puddles so by the time I get to class I am always soaking wet."

Campus Safety and Security will continue to run a van or bus when the tram is broken.

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