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

Burlington car chase leads to four arrests

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Cases of breaking and entering vehicles kept police in Alamance County busy this week.

Two incidents of breaking and entering a vehicle were reported in Daniele Center parking lot L April 11. Stereo face plates were taken from both the vehicles. Sunglass were also stolen from one vehicle, and eight to 10 CDs from the other. Campus police are still investigating the crimes, according to Chuck Gantos, chief of Campus Security and Police.

In Burlington, three adults and one juvenile were arrested early Monday morning after leading police on a foot and car chase around 3:45 a.m., according to Burlington Police Major Randy Jones. Jones said Burlington police have made about eight to 10 arrests in the past six months as a result of some 200 reported car break-ins in the area.

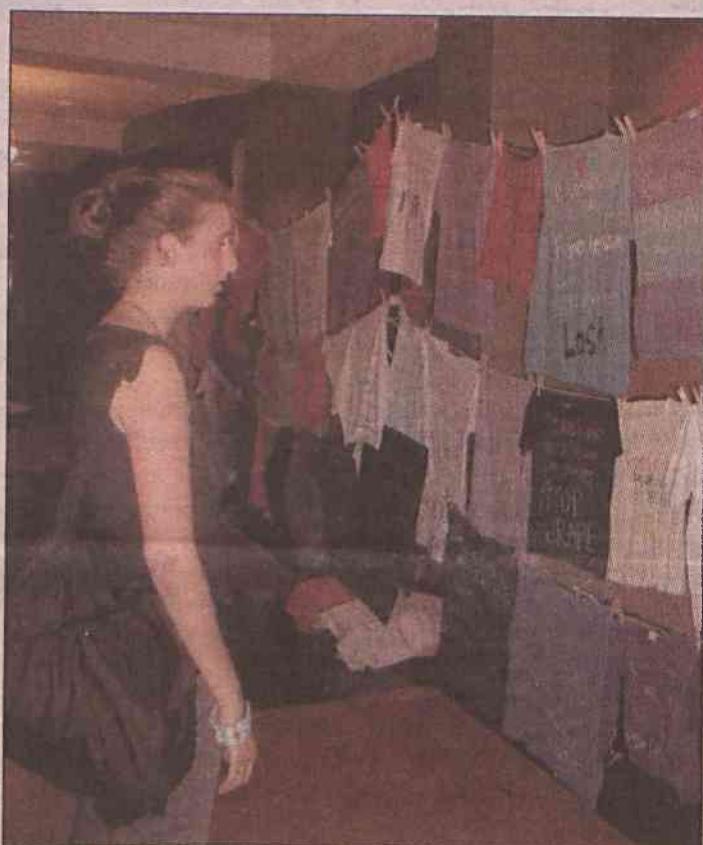
Police were alerted of car tampering in the Brittany Apartment complex parking lot off Huffman Mill Road. When an officer arrived on the scene, he observed a possible car break-in.

The suspects, three adults and one juvenile, fled on foot. Jones said the suspects got into their car and tried to run over the officer, who was chasing them on foot. A car chase between the suspects and the officer later ensued.

The suspects drove their car through the Brittany Apartments parking lot and then through the

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Campus community takes back the night



Katie Beaver / Photographer

Sophomore Landis Lee browses T-shirts on display in Moseley Center. The shirts were designed to raise awareness about sexual abuse as part of the annual "Take Back the Night" rally and march, which took place Wednesday.

Documentary kicks off AIDS awareness week

Students turn out to support global community understanding

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Despite the fact that the majority of its students hail from the United States, Elon is steadily building a global community based within its campus boundaries.

Students, faculty, staff and community members gathered in Whitley Auditorium Monday evening to view "Left Behind," filmmaker Christof Putzel's award-winning documentary

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Wright, Festle will collaborate for honors

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The 2003-2004 academic year will be one of transition for honors students as Dan Wright, professor of chemistry, and Mary Jo Festle, professor of history, join as coworkers to bridge the current honors curriculum to the new revised program. Wright will conclude his eight years as director of the honors program as Festle begins her first year as an associate director.

"In November, I asked to stay on four more years to see the first person graduate from the new program," Wright said. The issue was brought before Nancy Midgette, associate provost, who,

in her own words, acts as a sounding board and a coordinator for the honors program and other programs on campus.

"It was decided that this would be the best time for an associate director," Wright said, regarding the change in leadership.

"If you look at any sort of leadership in faculty across campus, we usually change things about every four years ... other people enjoy having an opportunity to stretch themselves too," Midgette said of the need to encourage many faculty to pursue leadership positions on campus.

"I might have been hurt, but it is the best decision," Wright said,

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A Call to Arms:

Seasoned local serviceman leaves parents, children to fight in Operation: Iraqi Freedom

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While the Wheeler family has a long-standing tradition of military service, sending a son off to war isn't by any means easy for Bruce and Alura Wheeler of Elon. In fact, it is seemingly more difficult for the Wheelers, as stories of World War II and experiences in Vietnam still resonate, according to Mr. Wheeler, an army Vietnam veteran and a lay minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

"You have a different perspective on the world after something

like that," Mr. Wheeler said. Mr. Wheeler encouraged his son, Spencer, to remain out of the military, but according to Mrs. Wheeler, "It was something he always had been interested in."

Petty Officer Second Class Spencer Wheeler graduated from Western Alamance High School and received a certificate in Building and Contract Licensing from Wilkesboro Community College.

Despite his father's cautions, Spencer joined the Navy in November 1993 to secure a

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