

## Homecoming events bring flurry of activity, alumni to campus

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up throughout Moseley Center.

"It's been a little more work for us this year," Roper said.

The Alumni Association gathering entered its second year, with alumni meeting in Whitley Auditorium to receive an update on the happenings of the university and to hear a speech from Lambert.

At the event Alumni Association awards were given to

Dan Bolden, Times-News editor emeritus; Eddie Bridges, wildlife activist and 1957 Elon graduate and Elizabeth Cooper, communications coordinator at the University of Florida and 2002 Elon graduate.

In recent years, affinity group reunions have grown in importance, especially with larger classes, Roper said. Affinity groups are fraternities, sororities or other organizations. Another recent

trend, Roper said, is an increase in attendance by younger alumni.

"Loyalties," Roper said, "may be not to a class – but to groups."

It is hard to get exact estimates of returning alumni, Roper said, because there are so many that do not register and only go to the football game or gather somewhere off campus.

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## Elon continues focus on engaged learning

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teaching methods. The 2003 NSSE report was released Nov. 10 and showed 83 percent of Elon graduates have participated in a study abroad experience while at Elon. The report also showed that 90 percent of Elon students have completed at least one internship or co-op.

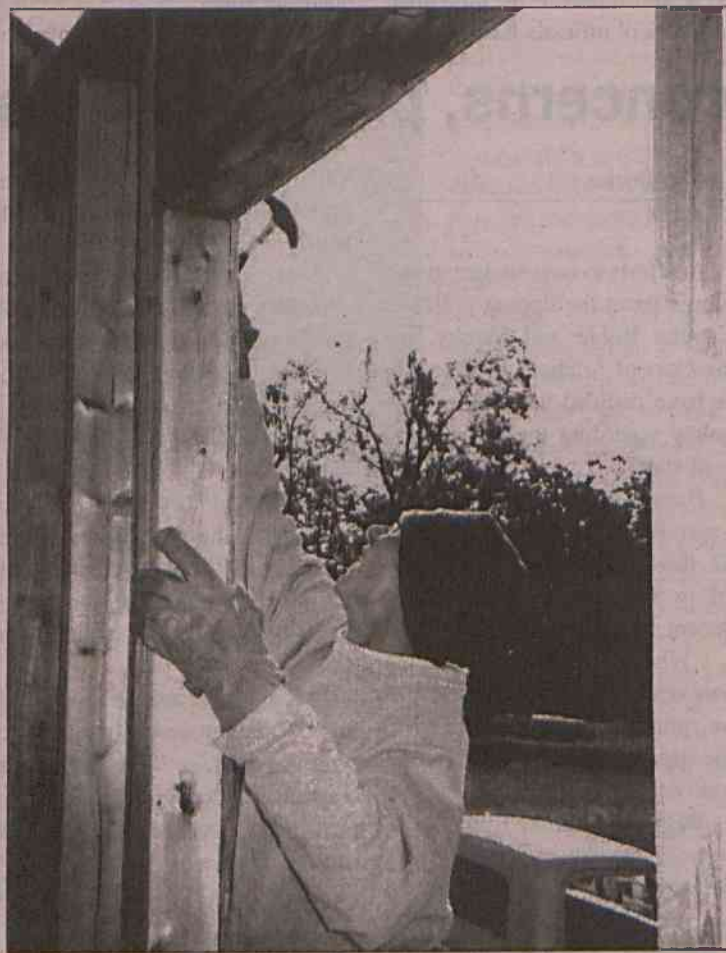
Waters said having the Elon Experiences transcript available online will help increase awareness about the document.

"We're trying to put the transcript into the planning part of a student's career," Waters said. "We want to increase awareness and participation across the curriculum."

Waters said that he feels having the transcripts available online will also encourage advisers to use them during their meetings with students each semester.

The Elon Experiences transcript is designed to serve as a companion document for job and graduate school applications. The document lists participation in five areas – study abroad, service, leadership, internships/co-ops and research. However, not all of the experiences qualify for the transcript. Waters said that each department on campus that monitors the five areas must validate each experience to see if it is eligible to be listed on the transcripts.

"With service, for example, a lot of our students do service work at home that we never know



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Sophomore Chris Howard, Elon's Habitat for Humanity building coordinator, works on a Habitat house in Burlington Saturday morning.

about," Waters said. "Only service hours that are validated through the Kernodle Center meet the criteria to be listed on the transcript."

Waters said that the transcript works in conjunction with Elon's Web-based portfolio program offered through the Center for Leadership and Organizational

Development.

"We want our students to present themselves as best they can to put them in the best position possible when they leave Elon," Waters said.

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## Student says 911 call ignored by campus police

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Sheriff's Department to look at calls they received Sunday morning, hoping to find out what went wrong.

"There's no street light in front of our house," Strunsky said. "So, we really couldn't see who was out there."

So, they called Elon Campus Safety and Police.

"We said, 'Hi, I live in a house on Lebanon,'" Strunsky said. "And the person said, 'Well, we don't really deal with that.' And then they hung up."

And while Lebanon Avenue is considered off campus, Director of Campus Safety and Police, Chuck Gantos, said this is not the expected response.

"That shouldn't have been the response," he said. "This is not normally what would happen with protocol."

Gantos said Carol Straughn, the adult dispatcher on duty at the time or another dispatcher handling calls, should have said, "Give us the information, and we'll call the town police dispatcher."

Campus Safety and Police also have no record that Strunsky ever made the call to the dispatcher, Gantos said.

Strunsky also was not asked to provide her name or campus box, another breach in normal procedure, Gantos said.

"It was scary," Strunsky said. "And that's why they needed to do something. Nobody explained why they couldn't do anything.

We were just told they didn't really deal with things like this. But what do you deal with, if not this?"

Strunsky and Whicker made a second call to the Town of Elon Police at about 2:20 a.m. and were told there were some checkpoints in the area, set up to kick off the Click It or Ticket Campaign, which could be the cause of the ruckus outside their house.

The checkpoint was at the intersection of Haggard Avenue and Oak Street, in front of Elon Elementary.

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But Maj. Tim Flack with the Burlington Police Department media relations said there shouldn't be any marked or unmarked cars away from the check point unless those officers were pursuing a vehicle.

"Surely, if anyone in the driveway was a cop, they would have come to the door when they were done, but they didn't," Strunsky said. "So, we thought they weren't cops. Really, we were just ignored."

The Burlington Police Department, Town of Elon Police and Campus Safety and Police have no record of a call to 518 Lebanon Avenue and had no explanation why no officer was sent to investigate the call.

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