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## 5K run/walk raises money for AHA



Brian Viebranz / Photographer

The Health and Human Performance Majors Club helped to raise money for the American Heart Association by sponsoring a 5K Saturday that began behind Daniele Commons.

## Vandalism, series of tire thefts hit campus

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When Justin Bollenback found his car in the Harper Center parking lot April 14, something was missing. Four tires and rims, to be exact. The car was left sitting on four cinderblocks after an apparent larceny.

Bollenback and his 1999 Acura had been victims in a series of tire and wheel thefts occurring across Alamance County in recent weeks, according to Campus Safety and Police Chief Detective Dan Ingle, who is investigating the case.

"What we have is two or three little groups working the county," Ingle said. He explained that people commonly steal the tires and rims either because they need the tires themselves or because they plan to sell them. "A lot of times they'll take them straight to the crack house and trade them for crack cocaine or they will sell them to a non-reputable garage," he said.

Chuck Gantos, chief of Campus Safety and Police, said the process of actually removing the tires and rims from a car is not terribly hard.

"You can take four tires off as quick as you can break into a car," he said. Gantos also said that the perpetrators are bringing their own equipment, such as cinderblocks and car jacks, with them.

These most recent thefts are reminiscent of earlier incidents. On March 2 and 6, spare tires were stolen off two cars parked in the Jordan Center parking lot. Gantos said he has a suspect but is still investigating the March and April cases, which he said he believes

are linked.

Tire and wheel thefts are not confined to campus, however. Detective Sweat of the Town of Elon Police said in mid-March his department responded to the theft of two tires from the passenger side of a Honda Accord parked near Gibsonville at the Engineering Controls building.

"We don't have any suspects right now," Sweat said. "It's most likely a couple of local people."

Gantos said it's hard to offer students specific advice on how to protect their vehicles from this kind of theft.

"There's not a whole lot you can tell students to do. It's just circumstance. All I can tell people is to be sure to notify Campus Safety and Police if you see any suspicious activity."

In other campus safety news, students who use Harden Dining Hall as a place to study or a meeting location may have noticed some changes in the building's hours of operation. Recently, campus administrators decided to close the building at 11 p.m. after a series of vandalism acts occurred during late evening and early morning hours.

Allan Poe, a Campus Safety and Police officer, said different groups were leaving meeting rooms untidy while others were purposely committing random acts of destruction to the dining room portion of the building. Harden has historically remained open for student use as a lounge-type gathering place for those residing in Staley or Moffitt.

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## Despite petition, no alcohol at Varsity

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Reporter

There's been a movement recently. A small movement, sure, but one with a growing following. Some students are pushing for alcohol to be served at Varsity, the newest addition to dining services.

Behind the movement and the petition is freshman Malvina Niemierko.

Niemierko, a server at Varsity, said the restaurant's slow business threatens her job security, and that serving alcohol would help improve Varsity's business. Niemierko has been circulating a petition through

e-mail attempting to get alcohol served at Varsity Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Niemierko said that she is looking for about 1,000 signatures on her petition so she can present it to

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**P13:** Sun block may not be enough to prevent the risk of skin cancer.

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Tennis team exits in first round; long-time coach retires.