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## Fair Trade coffee soon available on campus

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Reporter

Do you want impoverished coffee farmers from around the world to receive sustainable, livable compensation for their coffee? They can, and at no extra cost to you. Starting in the fall, Elon Dining Services will introduce Starbucks Fair Trade Certified Coffee as an option at Acom Coffee Shop, Octagon Cafe and Daniel Commons and as part of its catering services. Under Fair Trade practices, third-party certification guarantees farmers are paid a livable family income. This provides them with real resources for building themselves and their communities out of poverty.

"It's giving the students the choice, and of course all of the benefits, of choosing Fair Trade coffee," said Rita Gordish, marketing program manager with Dining Services.

Throughout the summer and into the fall semester members of Dining Services will work with Elon Students for Peace and Justice, the student activist group coordinating Fair Trade advocacy on campus, to plan and execute the rollout of Fair Trade coffee.

Michael Neely, president of Students for Peace and Justice, said, "This is an important step toward Elon practicing more accurately its rhetoric; especially that of its Mission Statement." The Elon

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## Greek Week 2004



*Sigma Sigma Sigma (above) placed first for sororities in the annual Greek Week Dance contest. Phi Mu placed second and Sigma Kappa (right) placed third.*

*NPCH placed first for fraternities, Sigma Chi placed second and Pi Kappa Phi placed third.*

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Photographer



## 27 may be victims of date-rape drug

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Nationally, date-rape is a common crime often committed by acquaintances. At Elon, incidents involving common date-rape drugs are on the rise.

Twenty-seven female students reported being possible recipients of a date-rape drug this academic year, according to Crossroads Sexual Assault Response and Resource Center.

Twenty-four cases have been reported during the spring semester alone.

All were alcohol-related.

"We believe something was put in their drinks," said Deana Joy, crisis response coordinator for Crossroads. "Several girls have been to the hospital in the last month (most likely from a date-rape drug such as GHB or Rohypnol)."

Some of the alleged recent victims shared similar symptoms, varying from nausea and headaches to disorientation and being unable to recall a time period from anywhere between four to six hours, Joy said.

An Elon student, believed to be the victim of a date rape drug, asks, students to report cases involving drugging.

The student, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she thinks a failure to alert the authorities to these circumstances will result in increased occurrences on campus.

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