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Mangled ride, rack, relax bikes litter campus



Will Campbell / Photographer

The remnants of what were once functioning cruiser bikes lie in disarray outside Physical Plant offices. Ride, Rack and Relax program bikes have recently been found placed on the train tracks that intersect campus. Others have suffered gross misuse and approximately 50 are awaiting major and minor repairs.

Lindsay Porter

Reporter

In a large heap on the outskirts of Elon's Physical Plant lies a pile of the lost and forgotten, those that fought the good fight but spent their last days suffering through rugged use they just weren't designed for. These are the bikes of Ride, Rack and Relax.

The bikes used for the Ride, Rack and Relax program, a school-sponsored initiative to provide students with access to bikes for cross-campus trips, have become the target of student misuse. In recent weeks, at least two bikes have been spotted and removed from the train tracks that run through campus. Another bike, according to Smith Jackson, dean of Student Life, was left mangled after being struck by a passing train. While no damage was done to the train, Jackson warns that similar incidents could have catastrophic results.

"It's not probable that a train would derail (because of a bike on the tracks)," he said. "But if a conductor saw something obstructing the tracks and tried to stop immediately, there could be problems."

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Sustainability feature topic for Friday's forum

David Douglas
Reporter

Janet MacFall, an associate professor of biology, says the idea of Elon University's October environmental conference, "Roadmap to the Future: Tomorrow by Design," is not to tell people they are wrong, but "to provide another way of doing things.

"We're looking for a community that has minimal negative impact on the environment while enhancing quality of life," MacFall said of the confer-

ence that starts Friday.

It will be the fourth year the Elon University Center for Environmental Studies hosts a fall forum. The three previous conferences, titled "A River Runs Through Us," were designed to focus on water resource management, but as cities sprawl and people spend more and more time in their cars, MacFall said it was time to look at the idea

"Roadmap to the Future: Tomorrow by Design"
Environmental Forum
8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday
McKinnon Hall

of the sustainable community.

According to MacFall, it's possible for businesses to conduct themselves and still remain profitable while safeguarding the environment, this idea is

called the "sustainable business."

"It's a way of doing business in which the economics of the business are planned for the long-term profitability and stability of the company, but again part of that is minimal to

no impact on the environment," MacFall said.

Stuart Hart, an expert on the business world's impact on the environment, will be a key presenter at this year's conference. Another keynote speaker

will be author David Orr, who discusses the ideas of sustainability in his books, "Earth in Mind" and "Ecological Literacy."

"David Orr is an author who is very, very active in bringing the ideas of sustainable development to universities and communities," MacFall said.

MacFall says many great environmental ideas, such as that of the green or environmentally-friendly building, are still far under-used. Frequently, she says, such technology and

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