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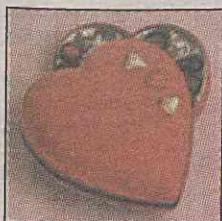
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Patrolling police pull over more people

Krista Naposki

News Editor

The student had just paused for a red light and turned left. She continued on when in her mirror she saw a police car with its lights on.

"I noticed sirens behind me and when I looked at my speedometer it was in the lower 30s so I thought he needed to pass me and so I immediately pulled over. I was shocked to find out that he was stopping me for speeding since I thought the speed limit there was 35."

The student, Rachel Tunncliffe, is just one of 44 people in the town of Elon who received speeding tickets in January. When compared to speed limit violations last January, violations have doubled.

The increase in ticketing has been met with surprise confusion by Elon students. The increase in ticketing may be because of a new, rotating schedule for patrolling officers put in place on January 1. Officers previously always had one shift, either the day, mid or night shift.

"There may be a change in ticketing because officers who were previously on night shift are now on day shift when there are more people driving," Capt. Sam Russell said.

Russell added that certain officers favor taking radar, some like to look for drunk drivers and others like to stick to residential areas. There have been no department initiatives to target fast drivers and the department does not require officers to be stationed at certain areas of the town during patrol.

Tunncliffe plans on fighting her ticket. She was pulled over by Officer Brewer outside the entrance to Danieley Center during Winter Term. Brewer told Tunncliffe that she was driving 40 mph in a 25 mph zone.

"The ticket said that the place where he stopped me was at the intersection of Antioch Avenue and Haggard Avenue which was right by a light I had slowed down for so there was no way I could have been going 40 there," Tunncliffe said. "And the place where he put his siren on was a mile away since the place I was pulled over was right at the intersection of East Haggard and the entrance to Danieley."

When Tunncliffe asked if the officer could give her a warning, Brewer said that he remembered giving her a warning for not wearing a seatbelt earlier. "I was never previously stopped and I have always worn a seatbelt since I was ten and I was involved in a bad accident... If I had not been wearing my seatbelt I would have been thrown



Jeff Heyer/ Photo Editor

One reason for the increase in ticketing may be Elon Police's rotating system for patrol officers that began in January. Previously, they had one permanent shift.

through the windshield...I was shocked that he accused me for two things that I had not done," Tunncliffe said.

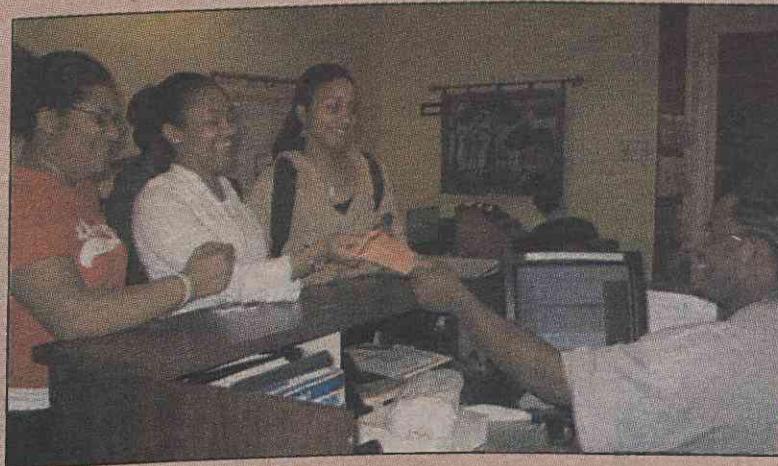
Andrea Sjogren was also pulled over for a speed limit violation by another officer. According to Sjogren, the officer threatened to "take (her) in" because "he thought I had stolen the vehicle because it was registered to my step-

mother and he wrote me a ticket for speeding down a road I never even driven on."

Sjogren was pulled over on Oak Street and was given a ticket for speeding on Haggard Avenue, a road she said she had not driven on that

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Black history quest begins month of appreciation



Krista Naposki/ Photographer

Sophomores Arita McCoy, Ebonie Guskins and Tia Sorrell (left to right) get an answer for the Black History Quest from the Multicultural Center.

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Appreciation for African-American culture began on Monday. UMOJA: A Celebration of Black History through UNITY organized these events.

On Monday, wristbands were given out in Moseley Center to represent unity and the Black History Quest commenced. The Black History Quest involves "a trivia game based from a series of questions about black history. Elon students are encouraged to participate by traveling to cooperating offices on campus to

receive questions and clues," James Brewer, program coordinator, said.

The fraternity Phi Beta Sigma sponsors the Black History Quest and at the end of the week, the brothers will hold a soul food dinner to announce the winners of the contest. The dinner will be at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Phi Beta Sigma house.

"It will be a time for fellowship, appreciation of African-American culture and great food," Brewer said.

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