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A 9-11 sculpture, made up of 16 tons of structural steel from the World Trade Center, will stand behind Koury Center at Elon for a full year.

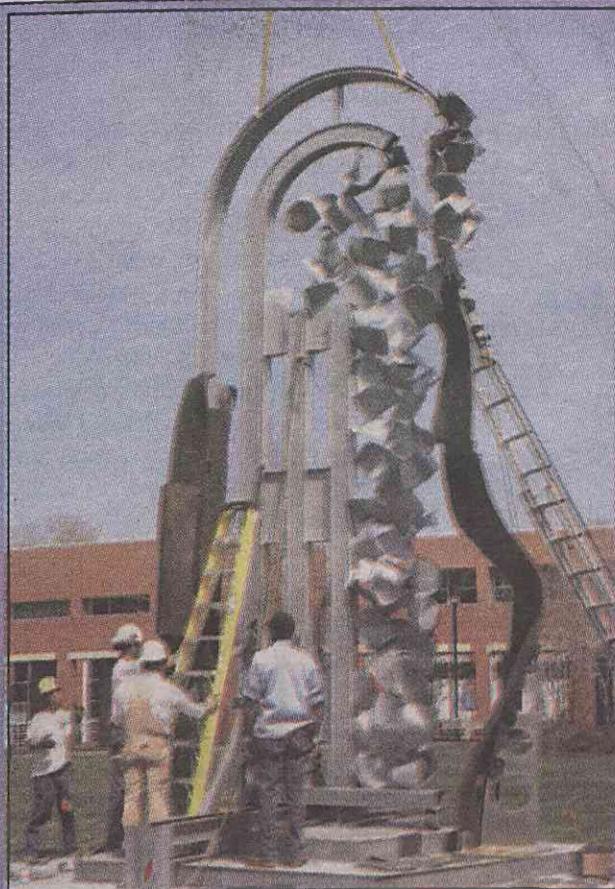
The structure has cost \$80,000 so far, and needs another \$500,000 to complete its traveling and construction costs.

The creator, Jim Gallucci, got the materials from a Newark, N.J. recycling center. The center required Gallucci to submit an application with design drawings and letters of reference.

Gallucci lives in Greensboro. His wife is a biology professor at Elon and his son is a 2004 graduate of Elon.

"When 9-11 occurred I felt like everyone," said Gallucci. "I wanted to do something, so I thought 'do what you do best, I created something that I hope will bring hope and renewal.'"

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On the bottom of the sculpture, a box sits for donations for the sculpture and prayers or letters about 9-11. By the end of the sculpture's construction, Gallucci hopes to have 3,000 pages

Computer problems cause cancellation of sophomore assessment this year

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The sophomore writing assessment was cancelled because of technological difficulties, but it will be back next year. However, current sophomores are still excused from the test, as announced on Tuesday.

The sophomore writing assessment has changed since its inception 10 years ago. For the past three years, Elon has had the writing test online, rather than in classroom.

Each year problems have occurred, but this year the problem was more costly. According to Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice-president for Technology, one

server failed. Usually, this would go unnoticed because the other servers would help that server, but because of the high volume of users, the system crashed. In previous years, students could only log in once so if they pressed the "back" button they would have problems getting logged in. That problem was fixed for this year.

Despite technological problems, Braye

would still like to see the test online. The administration receives more helpful feedback from the online test than in previous years when the test was administered in classrooms. "We usually get better responses

online," said Braye. "No one wants to be in a classroom at 7:30 a.m. writing in a blue book."

The test is used to determine how different general studies courses have shaped Elon students as freshmen and sophomores. Because Elon a variety of courses to fill general studies requirements, not all students have the same experience their first two years. "How do you compare intro to biology to intro to religious studies?" Braye said. "This test helps us find out what impact Elon has had in the past two years."

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April brings sexual assault awareness

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April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month and several events and activities have been planned with the hopes of raising awareness among Elon students.

The first event is a candlelight vigil that will take place for members of the Burlington community on April 7. Beginning at 6 p.m., CrossRoads, a sexual assault response and resource center in Burlington, will hold a march to commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Crime Victims' Week. The march will begin at the Burlington Municipal Building, located at 425 Lexington Ave., and will end at the Historic Depot.

CrossRoads director Hudson Fuller hopes to have at least 50 people participate in the march.

"It is a chance to show our support for people in our community who are survivors of a violent crime, and honor their courage," Fuller said.

When participants reach the depot, there will be scheduled speakers, with at least one victim of sexual assault sharing his or her story of survival.

Run For Respect, a 5K run to be held on April 16, is being coordinated by Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA), a student run organization on campus designed to educate students about violence against women and sexual assault, and the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). The run will raise money for SASA and CrossRoads.

Run for Respect begins at 8:30 a.m. and the race route will begin to close at 9:45 a.m. The race will begin at Rhodes Stadium and will go around campus, finishing at the track. There is an entry fee of \$8 for Elon students and \$15 for members of the community. The goal is to raise several hundred dollars to go toward

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