

A look back at Elon's top headlines from 2004-2005

Student charged with peeping

Elon Campus Safety and Police arrested senior Jeffrey Heyer March 9 on one offense of peeping, a felony offense. Criminal complaints were filed three days after a female student found a secret camera hidden in a clock she received from Heyer. Suspicious of Heyer's intentions, the student brought the camera to Campus Safety and Police. Officials confirmed the presence of video recording devices and seized the clock radio, valued at \$795. Women reported that Heyer invited them to be subjects of his art projects and to change in the bathroom that was allegedly equipped with hidden cameras.

Off-campus house fire causes damage

A house fire caused up to \$50,000 of damage and killed a German Shepherd and cat March 14. The house, located on 420 E. Lebanon Ave., caught on fire around 3 p.m. The fire was deemed accidental. One woman was in the house at the time, but got out safely. She lived

with her son who was not in the house at the time. The dog and cat died due to smoke inhalation.

Elon receives botanical garden status



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President Leo Lambert signed a resolution declaring the campus a botanical garden on Jan. 3. The new resolution defined a botanical garden as a collection of plants for the purposes of education, research or display. The garden provides a positive aesthetic experience, botanical and environmental information for the students, faculty and community. It is a model of appropriate stewardship of the environment, research

opportunities, and serves the public as a community resource.

September 11 sculpture visits Elon

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. Creator, Jim Gallucci, got the materials from a Newark, N.J. recycling center and money is donated to make the sculpture. Gallucci lives in Greensboro. His wife is a biology professor at Elon and his son is a 2004 graduate of Elon.

John Glenn speaks

John Glenn, a former NASA astronaut and U.S. Senator from Ohio was the featured speaker during Elon University's Spring Convocation for Honors. During his speech in the Koury Center, Glenn received an honorary doctor of laws degree. This tribute recognized him for his contribution to philanthropy



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as well as his academic achievement. He also spoke at the dedication ceremony of the new Ernest A. Koury Sr. Business Center and led a question and answer session in Whitley Auditorium afterwards.

Students advocate unions

Students and faculty joined union representatives to fight for Aramark worker's rights. Students rallied together on April 29 and May 2, wearing white T-shirts with blue and

red lettering that say, "We support Aramark worker's rights." These students gathered together outside a dining hall, handed out T-shirts to anyone who would support the cause and then ordered lunch and sat peacefully eating it.

"Our point is not for workers to join the union, but to talk about the union so that workers know that they have the choice and will not be scared about exploring their options," Jonathan Tellez, student organizer, said. "The workers are committed and dedicated. This is not a movement to get them rich, but to live more comfortably," Tellez said.

Now accepting students

The Elon University Board of Trustees voted Oct. 29, 2004, to establish a School of Law, with the program headquartered in downtown Greensboro, N.C. It will join North Carolina's five existing law schools. The charter class of about 100 students will enroll in fall 2006, with a projected total enrollment of about 300 by 2008. Leary Davis accepted the founding dean position in March.

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'Take back the night' rescheduled

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just for those who have been assaulted, but for all Elon students," Royster said.

Prevention measures have also been put in place to make the campus as safe as possible, including a date change for Take Back the Night (TBTN). The TBTN rally, which in previous years has been held in April, is an event that gives survivors of sexual abuse a chance to speak out and empower others to help put an end to sexual violence. The night also includes music and an outside candle lighting and march.

Melissa Askins and Liza Schirmer, co-directors of Students Against Sexual Assault, teamed up with several other organizations to plan the event. "Due to a much needed talk about sexual assault we have decided to have a week dedicated to student safety ending with the Take Back the Night rally," Askins said. The event is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Sept. 29 in Whitley Auditorium.

Along with the Campus Safety and Police, CrossRoads is also available to

students in need of help. CrossRoads is a rape crisis center for both women and men. "We usually suggest our clients visit the hospital, accompanied by CrossRoads. Our main goal is to talk and be there for them," said Christina Griffin, a crisis response coordinator.

A majority of CrossRoads cases deal with victims who personally knew their assaulter, known as acquaintance rape situations.

A key factor to staying safe is making smart choices. Never travel alone, especially at night and stay in well-lit areas. If an emergency arises, use the emergency phone denoted by a blue light throughout campus. Also, take advantage of the transportation programs, especially the tram and the new E-Ride program which runs during the week.

"To be safe on or off campus, students first need to become more aware of the campus and their general surroundings," Gantos said.

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