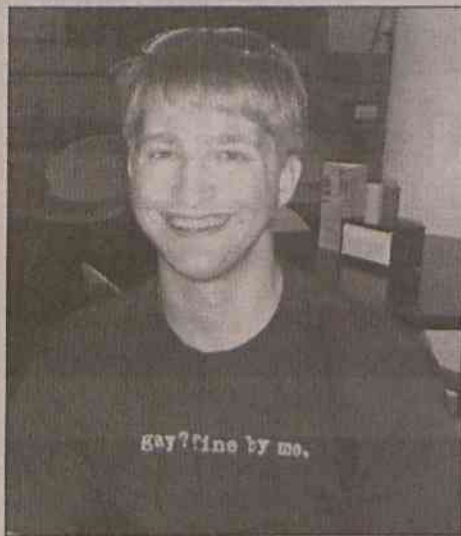


Fine by me, fine by campus



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Pat Kepley shows his support for the LGBT community by wearing his shirt. "I'm straight, but it bothers me that people are so homophobic," he said. "It's not good to judge people on their sexual preference."

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the stereotype of homophobia but also Greek Life. "Fraternity men and sorority women are usually seen as homophobic and this was an opportunity to show that we are not. It is a way to combat the stereotype," Carrie Whittier, director of Greek Life, said. Of the 660 shirts sold, 160 were sold to Greek Life and at least one member from every chapter on campus bought a shirt to show their support.

Some students support the cause because they know people that are LGBT. "I have gay friends back home and they do not get a lot of support. I want to show my support for the gay community at home and here at Elon," freshman Lindsay Eney, said.

The "Gay? Fine by me." Program began in 2003 at Duke University when the Princeton Review named Duke the most gay-unfriendly school in America. Students at the university were not happy about the result and decided to print shirts with the phrase "Gay? Fine by me." on them and see if their peers would buy the shirts. After 10 days, Duke had sold over 2,500 shirts and has not appeared on the Princeton Review's list again.

The program has spread to over 100 schools in almost all 50 states. They have distributed over 25,000 shirts in the past two years and are starting to reach out to churches and communities.

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Hurricane Katrina floods hearts with activism

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ribbons Friday at their faculty meeting and continue to wear them in support of the victims of the hurricane.

Several gatherings have occurred on campus to show support of victims and help to plan ways to help aid the survivors. Students, faculty and staff gathered for a special Chapel on Sept. 1 to remember the victims of the hurricane. "This is an event of very, very large catastrophic proportions, and it's unlike anything that we've ever experienced," McBride said. "Our response needs to be immediate, but it also needs to be long-term."

Some of the long-term efforts the university is trying to put together include adopting a community or neighborhood in an affected area and offering service trips through the Kernodle Center for Service Learning during semester or holiday breaks and during winter term to help rebuild.

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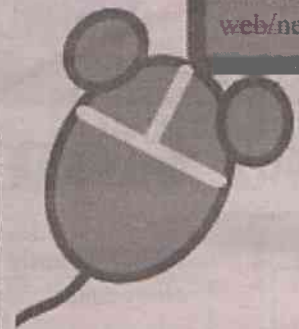


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Five students discuss the effects of the hurricane at the forum hosted by Smith Jackson, dean of Student Life and vice president, to decide how Elon should respond to the events following the flooding of New Orleans. More than 50 students attended the forum held in McKinnon on Sept. 1. The meeting spurred students to volunteer and plan all the activities going on around campus this week and in the weeks to come to help raise money for the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

For updates on Katrina relief efforts check out these Web sites:

www.elon.edu/e-web/news/e-net/katrina



Also check out:

~ www.redcross.org

~ www.salvationarmyUSA.org

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Look for these donation buckets in all the dining halls around campus and the Campus shop. Most charities are only accepting monetary donations right now because there is no place to ship survival supplies.



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Students, faculty and staff pray at Chapel in Whitley Auditorium held on Thursday to remember the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

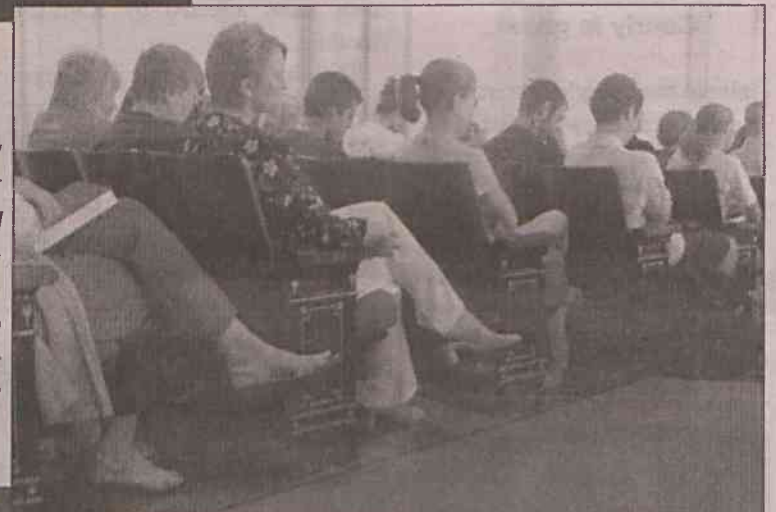


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Members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity pose at their table at Saturday's football game where they helped to raise money for the Red Cross. Lowe's Home Improvement agreed to match the dollar amount the fraternity raised at the football game. Together, the two organizations were able to raise more than \$8,000 for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

