

Printing out a new paper management system

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The Elon community used over 10 million sheets of paper on campus last year, a 35 percent increase from the year before.

Because of the jump in paper usage, administrators will install a print management program at the end of fall term and begin to gather data in the spring.

"The program is meant to make people think (about how much paper they use)," said Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president of Technology.

In the spring, Fulkerson said he wants to see how much waste is reduced by simply monitoring the number of sheets each student uses. He wants to see how paper usage varies by major or class.

"I've been in Club Belk," Matt Clark, associate professor of biology said. "I see students printing off their favorite Play Station character. If you narrow it down to work and notes, there wouldn't be a paper problem."

In the fall of 2006, charges for printing will start. Print jobs under three pages will not go through print management. All other printouts will be included in students' 500 pages per semester they receive as part of tuition. After the 500 pages, students may be charged six cents per black and white printout and 50 cents for color printing.

The printers will be part of a wireless system called Pharos Uniprint, which is com-



Caitlyn Glascock, a sophomore broadcasting communications major, prints out media history notes. For class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday she prints out slides. Her teacher "moves so fast through the slides that it would be really hard to write the notes."

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patible with Blackboard. The system allows students to send print jobs from any location on campus, including dorm rooms.

Once a print job is sent to the printer, the student can swipe his or her Phoenix card onto a keypad similar to an ATM and select which job should be printed.

The print job will be saved for 12 hours.

For example, a student can send a job at midnight and pick it up on the way to class the next day at the library by swiping his or her card, Kate Hickey, Belk Library director, said.

Town of Elon residents will be able to buy a guest card and deposit money on the card, similar to a debit card.

Administrators have had discussions with faculty committees, deans, SGA, other colleges and universities, the library staff, the committee on recycling and other student groups through the five years that they have been researching print management.

Tita Ramirez, department of English lecturer, said her college writing class and creative writing class have certain assignments that may affect the 500 pages per semester limit, but doesn't think it will affect her teaching style. Toward the end of the semester, her creative writing classes will be writing about four stories a week, at five to 10 pages a story, but they don't have long handouts at the beginning of the semester.

She also said she will use library reserves more often for reading assignments so that students don't need to print out their reading. She said that her classes don't have many handouts now so she doesn't think her class will feel strained by the print management restrictions.

Clark said he would continue using PowerPoint presentations. He encourages students to use laptops in class and write any other notes down.

"I'm a bit restricted to Elon because of the small class size," Clark said. "(But) if students are getting off track I am going to say something."

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How do other schools handle paper waste?

Wake Forest – Receive a printer upon entrance into school. 50 pages free then 5 cents.

NC State – 200 pages free; 10 cents per copy afterwards

ECU – 10 cents per sheet in the library, computer labs don't charge

Duke – Printing is free at the Perkins Library. There is no page limit.

Paleontologist demystifies evolution of dinosaur feathers

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Reporter

Could it be possible that the modern day parakeet is actually the distant cousin of a dinosaur? That's what Mark A. Norell and his colleagues are trying to discover.

Although paleontology is not a field of study discussed much at Elon and is not even offered as a major, Norell, an award-winning paleontologist, is coming to speak on campus at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27 in McCrary Theater as part of the Voices of Discovery program sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Norell's speech, titled "Dinosaur Feathers: How Fossils Inform Us about the Evolution of Birds," will focus on his recent and past disc-

coveries and theories regarding the connection between birds and the dinosaurs of the Cretaceous period, 144 to 65 million years ago.

"Paleontology and evolution are fascinating subjects," said Nancy Harris, Voices of Discovery committee member and assistant dean of the college of Arts and Sciences. "Most of our speakers are biology speakers; they're into genetics or molecular biology but we've wanted someone in evolution and the field of paleontology."

According to his biography, Norell is recognized for his discovery of the bird-like Mononykus dinosaur, as well as his unearthing of the richest Cretaceous fossil depository in the world. He is also acclaimed for his discov-

ery of a dinosaur nesting on eggs like a bird. He has traveled the world over, often visiting obscure and sparsely inhabited areas such as the Gobi Desert, the Chilean Andes, the Sahara and Mongolia in search of fossils and more clues into the world of dinosaurs and their diversity through time.

Norell is currently the chairman and curator of the Division of Paleontology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York and has made many published contributions in the subjects of paleontology and evolution.

A recent NY Times article followed Norell and other paleontologist on an expedition to Ukhaa Tolgod, Mongolia, the sight of the richest and most diverse sight for mammal and

dinosaur remains from the Cretaceous period. It was this same place where scientists unearthed a fossilized embryo curled up inside its broken shell, something that had never before been seen, and something incredibly valuable to determining the link between modern day birds and dinosaurs.

For first year students, attending events such as this one is mandatory. Freshman Megan Lee said, "I'm required to go to these events for class, but this one sounds pretty interesting. I've never really studied dinosaurs or fossils in school, so this is something really new and different."

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