

Make-a-Difference Week looking for volunteers

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Reporter

It is common knowledge that the Elon community cares about service. What might not be common knowledge is that getting involved is very easy. To emphasize this point the Kernodle Center is sponsoring Make-A-Difference Week, Oct. 21 – Oct. 27.

Make-A-Difference Week is an initiative inspired by Make-A-Difference Day which is a national day of community service.

The Kernodle Center is sponsoring this weeklong event for the first time. Co-Coordinator Kendra Nickel said the goal of the week is “to get the entire Elon Community involved in service for a week. “We’re really trying to bring the community together through service,” Nickel said.

Each day of the week there is a different service project. Make-A-Difference Week starts on Friday, Oct. 21 with the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament.

On Oct. 22 is the JDRF Diabetes Walk and on Oct. 23 is the biggest event of the week, the Benefit Concert for The Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club is in need of a new playground and 100 percent of all funds raised at the benefit will go toward a new playground for the children.

The concert will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. outside of Moseley Center. There will be

free food, drinks and door prizes. There will also be performances by the Gospel Choir, Sweet Signatures, Elon’s Finest and the Liturgical Dance Team.

Door prizes will be donated from local vendors. One prize students can win is an opportunity for three friends to appear on ESTV’s show “Win Stuff.” On top of the donations collected through raffle tickets there will also be tables set up taking donations for The Boys and Girls Club playground.

If you can’t attend on Sunday or would like to be involved, events continue until Oct. 27. Oct. 24 is Tie Dye T-shirt Day for the kids at The Boys and Girls Club. Oct. 25 a group of students will be going to The Kernodle Senior Center and helping the staff there.

On Oct. 26 the Halloween Kids Carnival for Graham Recreation and Parks will take place. The final activity of the week is helping at Elon Homes for Children.

Over 75 Elon students are expected to volunteer during Make-A-Difference Week. If you’d like to get involved, or have any questions about the schedule, contact either one of the co-coordinators, Carmen Bloom or Kendra Nickel.

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Co-coordinator Kendra Nickel holds up the binder that has the schedule of events for Make-a-Difference Week.

Schedule of Events

- Oct. 21 – Special Olympics Bowling Tournament
- Oct. 22 – Diabetes Walk
- Oct. 23 – Boys and Girls Club Benefit Concert
- Oct. 24 – Tie Dye T-shirt day
- Oct. 25 – Senior Center visit
- Oct. 26 – Halloween Kids Carnival
- Oct. 27 – Activity at Elon Homes for Children

President’s ‘white paper’ flies around Elon this fall

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President Leo Lambert wants to work on “arriving, deepening and sustaining” the Elon atmosphere that has grown as NewCentury@Elon surpasses its halfway point for decade goals.

In Lambert’s “white paper,” which was sent to faculty, staff, alumni, executive board, trustees and advisory boards, Lambert highlighted the future goals of the university. This fall, he also intends on having meetings with SGA and groups of donors.

Lambert held a school-wide faculty meeting last Friday. Faculty split up into groups and discussed two major questions.

“If you visit Elon in 2020, what values and attributes of today’s Elon would you want to have been preserved? Also, what would you hope to find in 2020 that is not at Elon today? How would you make that happen?”

Also, in a few days, a Web site will go up that allows everyone to read the document and posts comments from different groups.

He said that Elon must work on two primary goals: working on things that Elon already

does really well and launching a major fundraising campaign in the next two years to raise the endowment fund.

Kerstin Sorensen, assistant professor of political science, said she focused on the deepening part of the white paper.

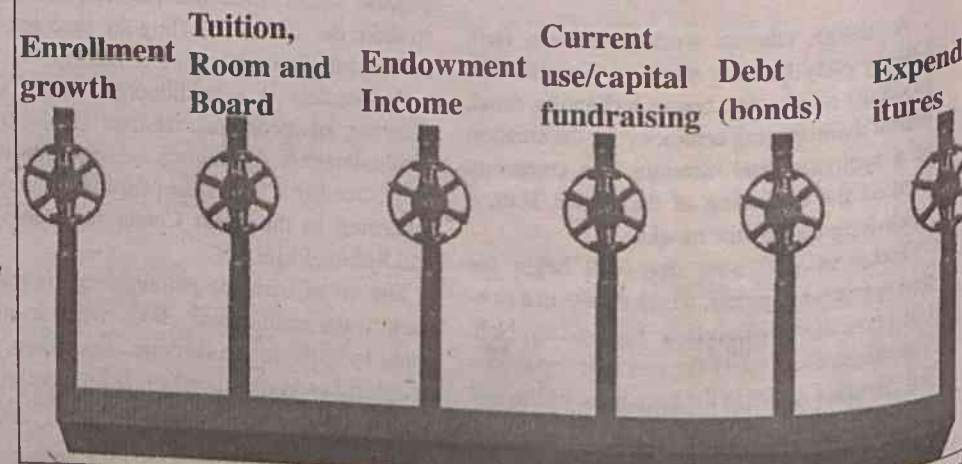
She wants to work on strengthening the intellectual climate at Elon and “making the student body more diverse, ensuring that while students enjoy a multitude of opportunities offered here at Elon, academics is their first priority.”

As for the endowment goals, Lambert said “We need to create a case statement to convey to alumni, parents and friends how urgent it is that Elon increases its endowment.”

The address is titled “On Arriving, Deepening, and Sustaining: Key Questions about Elon University’s Future.”

He highlighted six valves that need to stay balanced: Enrollment growth, tuition, room and board, endowment income, current use and capital fundraising, debt and expenditures.

“Most of the results we’ve received have come through things like a larger faculty and staff, larger student (body) and more library resources,” Lambert said.



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Each valve represents different portions of Elon’s budget. According to President Lambert, in order for Elon to continue to grow, Elon needs to find a balance between the valves.

He said, in order to turn down enrollment growth, the endowment needs to increase.

“It’s the hardest to do; it’s easier to raise money for a building because people like to see tangible things (for their money).”

Russell Gill, English professor, would like

to see an improvement of language offerings on campus and the growth of living and learning communities.

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