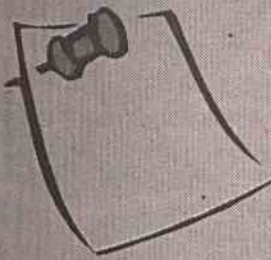


Organization Briefs



Iron Tree Blooming — Anyone feel stressed out about midterms? Meditate with the Tibetan Lamas visit-

ing Elon at 4 p.m. today in Alamance 205. It'll be a great opportunity to relax and experience a religious custom from a different religion. Hope to see you there.

Sweet Signatures — Acappellooza is coming up at 2 p.m. on Oct. 22, at the Honors Pavilion Amphitheater and again at 8 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium. Twisted Measure, Sweet Signatures and four or five other a cappella groups will be performing.

The Pendulum runs organizational briefs free of charge as a service to the Elon community. The Pendulum asks that briefs be informative of upcoming events and meetings for your organization. Briefs should be no longer than 40 words. All briefs should be turned in by 5 p.m. Monday.

Methodist Fellowship — Come join Methodist Fellowship from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday in front of Boney Fountain for a trip to Loaves and Fishes to do some service work for a great cause. Bring your car too so we can carpool!

Sigma Kappa — Sigma Kappa sorority will host its annual "Kick in the Grass"

soccer tournament for the fraternities on campus. The event raises money for Alzheimer's Association. The tournament will be at 3 p.m. on Oct. 21 on the Danieleley intramural fields. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Crime Watch

All information was compiled from Oct. 3 through Oct. 9. These are charges made by the Elon Campus Police and the Town of Elon Police.

Oct. 3

Kristy Hall, driving with revoked license
Ryan Kitchell, speeding
Sarah McGlinchey, speeding
Hannah Moody, seat belt violation
Terry Rippey, speeding
Amy Southard, speeding
Allison Wellemeyer, speeding

Oct. 8

Joanna Sharkey, DWI; stop sign violation

Oct. 9

Clark Riemer, stop light violation

Oct. 5

Paul Corbi, resisting arrest; drug violations; motor vehicle theft
Jeffrey Hewitt, communicating threats

Oct. 6

Bradley Bunting, motor vehicle theft; possessing/concealing weapons
John Huneycutt, fighting
Matthew Lewis, fighting
Frank Richmond, simple physical assault



Breaking through the Bubble

Psychic seeks \$25 million reward for Saddam

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (Reuters) — A Brazilian court will consider a psychic's claim that the U.S. government owes him a \$25 million reward for information he says he provided on the hiding place of ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Brazil's second-highest court, the Superior Court of Justice, decided Thursday the Brazilian justice system could rule on the matter and told a court in the psychic's home state of Minas Gerais to judge the case. The lower court had earlier told Jucelino Nobrega da Luz it could not take up his claim and it would have to be judged in the United States, but the higher tribunal ruled otherwise.

The Minas Gerais court will work with the claim," said a spokesman for the Superior Court of Justice. "Jucelino da Luz alleges that the U.S. armed forces only found Saddam based on his letters that provided his exact location, the very hole where he was hiding in Iraq. So he filed a court case to claim the reward."

The U.S. government offered the award for Saddam in July 2003 after the U.S.-led forces occupied the country. He was captured in December of the same year. The court said Da Luz sent letters to the U.S. government from September 2001, describing Saddam's future hiding place — a tiny cellar at a farmhouse near Tikrit.

He never received a reply, "His lawyers attest that the author has an uncommon gift of having visions of things that will come to pass. ... Via dreams, he sees situations, facts that will happen in the future," a court statement said. In case the court upholds the claim, it will be sent via diplomatic channels to the U.S. State Department.

Now you never need to stop drinking ...

BERLIN (Reuters) — Fans of non-stop drinking may soon be able to cut down on time wasted ordering refills, thanks to a beer coaster that can tell when a glass is empty. The

coaster, fitted with sensors, measures the weight of the beer and sends a signal behind the bar when it's time for a refill. Anxious drinkers can also attract the attention of staff by waving the plastic mat, thanks to a motion sensor.

It was invented by students Matthias Hahnen and Robert Doerr for a project at the University of Saarbruecken in southwest Germany. The device has attracted the attention of beer vendors in North America, including a leading Canadian brewer, according to Michael Schmitz, one of the supervisors of the project. "They wanted to know if they could use it or make it themselves," Schmitz said. "The prototype cost about 84 euros to make one but if mass produced, it could be done for around 10 euros."

Santa Claus gets code of conduct

LONDON (Reuters) — It's the Santa Clause and its aim is to root out substandard Santas. Jolly, bearded Father Christmas has been ordered to clean up his act or be forced to hang up his trademark red suit.

"We are trying to eradicate shoddy Santas," James Lovell of the Ministry of Fun agency told Reuters the day after a secret summit of Santas drew up guidelines for girth, beard length, attire, footwear and general demeanor. "Santa is a magical and cuddly man, not a fat, smelly slob," said Lovell, whose agency fills 500 Santa positions a year. "I even saw a Santa last year wearing trainers (sneakers)."

From this December, Santas — who only substitute for the real thing when he is busy elsewhere — must be neatly presented, have a bushy white beard no more than six inches long and a girth of no greater than 48 inches and no less than 46 inches. "He must not smell of drink or body odor and his 'Ho! Ho! Ho!' must resonate deeply," Lovell said.