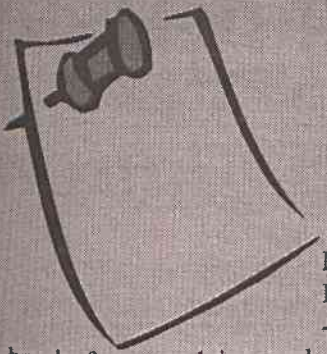


## Organization Briefs



### Methodist Fellowship

— Take a break from studying and join us for Cookie Walk at 10 p.m. on Dec. 8 in McKinnon Hall. There will be free cookies, fruit and other treats for only one can of food or one nonperishable food item that will be donated to Loaves and Fishes.

**North Area** — Holiday Hooray will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday in Harden Dining Hall. Dinner served will represent countries from around the world. Come learn about other cultures and participate in fun activities. Brought to you by North Area staff, North Area council and Harden Dining Hall.

**Residence Life** — Come see Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire at the IMAX theater

in Raleigh. Meet at 2:15 p.m. on Friday at Boney Fountain for the magic to begin. The movie costs \$3. Go to the RSA office in Moseley 213 to sign up.

**SGA** — Join us for food, fun and Christmas pictures with President Lambert! Holiday Reception for students 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Maynard House. Shuttles will be provided from the Moseley parking lot. Attire is dressy casual.

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.

## Crime Watch

All information was compiled from Nov. 20 through Nov. 27. These are charges made by the Elon Campus Police and the Town of Elon Police.

### Nov. 20

Stephen Reed, citation of provisional license

### Nov. 21

Jamaal Williamson, driving while license revoked

### Nov. 22

Rory Chivatal, speeding

### Nov. 23

Melaney Abernathy, expired registration  
Bryan Walker, burglary; injury to personal property

### Nov. 24

John Priest, other

### Nov. 25

James Scott III, speeding; unsafe movement

### Nov. 26

Kyle Belkoski, speeding  
Sonia Blakeney, speeding  
Tamica Daye, speeding  
Nancy Dipalo, speeding  
Kenneth Hodge, speeding  
Heather Holland, speeding  
Jane Sellars, other  
Adam Smith, speeding  
Kenneth Williams, improper equipment; seatbelt violation  
William Vanderburg, no operator license

### Nov. 27

Jessica Davis, speeding  
Allison Dean, running a red light



# Breaking through the Bubble

## 'I stole mail' sign ruled a justified punishment for the crime

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday allowed a California man to be sentenced to spend a day outside a San Francisco post office wearing a signboard stating, "I stole mail. This is my punishment." The justices rejected an appeal by Shawn Gementera, who argued that this was designed to publicly shame and humiliate him. He said it violated the Sentencing Reform Act and the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment. Gementera pleaded guilty to mail theft after the police arrested him and an accomplice in 2001 for stealing letters from several mailboxes in San Francisco. U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker in 2003 sentenced Walker to two months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. The conditions for his release required Gementera to spend four days at a post office observing patrons inquire about lost or stolen mail, to write letters of apology to the victims of his crime, to give three lectures at high schools about his crime and to wear the two-sided sign for one eight-hour day. Gementera appealed the legality of the signboard requirement, but a U.S. appeals court panel, by a 2-1 vote, ruled against him in August. The appeals court said the record in the case showed that the judge imposed the condition for the legitimate purpose of rehabilitation. It said the judge could have imposed a lengthier prison term instead of the signboard condition, and added that crimes and the resulting penalties nearly always cause shame and embarrassment. Gementera's attorneys appealed to the Supreme Court. "The shaming condition amounted to nothing more than the piling on of an additional and quite gratuitous requirement — designed to publicly humiliate (Gementera) — in contravention of federal law," they said. "Punishments aimed at imposing shame and humiliation are inconsistent with a constitutional requirement that punishments, even for heinous crimes, be consistent with human dignity," they said. U.S. Justice Department attorneys said a sentence may serve a legitimate rehabilitative purpose, even if makes the defendant feel uncomfortable or embarrassed in public. The high court turned down Gementera's appeal without any comment or recorded dissent.

## Old prostitutes find work in rural Australia

CANBERRA (Reuters) - Prostitutes as old as 70 continue to work in rural Australia, pushed out of the cities due to strong competition from younger and more attractive sex workers, the author of a study said on Tuesday. Brothels are legal across most of Australia. The research, by John Scott of the University of New England, examined prostitution in rural areas of New South Wales state. He said a sex worker might pass through a country town every couple of months, but would advertise in advance and book up appointments. He said sex workers in rural areas tended to be older, and provide more companionship than city sex workers. "In a business that is based on looks and age a lot of the time, it became increasingly hard for workers as they progressed in age," Scott said. "If they had been in the business for 20 or 30 years, they found themselves increasingly working further away from the metropolitan centers." He said the oldest sex worker he spoke to was 58-years-old, but those interviewed reported working with older women in their 60s and one as old as 70. Scott said rural clients tended to be more polite, and be interested in company as well as sex.

## Man offers kidney, cornea to pay off debts

ZAGREB (Reuters) - A Croatian man has offered to sell his kidney and cornea in an attempt to pay back loans worth 35,000 Euros, a local newspaper reported Thursday. "I know that selling organs is illegal, and I know that by losing a cornea I will go blind in one eye, but I am ready for it," 40-year-old Nenad Vrbanic told daily newspaper Vjesnik. "I see no other way out. By selling these organs I will help myself and someone else," Vrbanic said, who has sold his car and house in a Zagreb suburb. He now lives with his mother in a rural area in the North.