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Suspects arrested for campus credit card theft

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Elon Campus Police arrested two people who were both chargedwith three counts of financial credit cardtheft and one count of misdemeanor larceny. A third suspect is being sought for the thefts that occurred at Elon.

Jeremiah Johanan Salter, 30, of Winston-Salem and Ayana Hairston Jones, 27, of Axton, Va., were arrested in Rockingham County and placed in the Alamance County Jail on Feb. 10. Salter was confinedunder a \$35,000 secured bond and Jones was under \$15,000.

According to Chuck Gantos, Director of Campus Safety and Police, there was substantial evidence for their arrest on two cases. One was a stolen cell phone on the

secondfloor of Koury Center on Feb. 1 and the other was four stolen credit cards, which also occurred in Koury. Gantos says they are the potential suspects for other cases dating back to 2005, including the stolen credit cards from the SGA office on Dec. 1.

Maggie Piggot, executive secretary of SGA, realizedafter a meeting on Dec. 1 that four of her credit cards were stolen and contacted Campus Security and the credit card companies. There is evidence for these cases, but it has not been documented yet. After interviewing the suspects, more information will be available.

"They are professionals," Gantos said. "After stealing the credit cards, they go to a store to buy cash cards and then leave the area. They then buy more and throw away the

cards after they've been cancelled."

Gantos added that two of three charged have been arrested for similar crimes.

SGA has now taken their security to higher levels. "The office is on 24 hour lock down," said SGA Executive Treasurer Cameron Davis. He said the office is only unlocked when students are there and all checks are now being handled by the Office of Student Development.

Students and staff are reminded to use caution when using credit cards. Never give out a credit number and do not leave belongings like wallets or purses unattended.

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"Urinetown" portrays social conditions in a light-hearted way.

CORRECTION:

As reported accurately in a story on the front page of last week's edition, an incident involving the apparent drugging of a female Elon student at a local bar led to suspicions that some male patrons had intentions of date rape. No such incident occurred. The headline for the story was inaccurate. The editors regret the error.