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## 'Katrina Week' keeps hope alive at Elon

*Students, faculty say people are still suffering long into the aftermath*

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Reporter

Today's panel discussion and talk from the Milner family, from Bay St. Louis, Miss., is the central focus for Katrina Week, a week where the Elon Community can reflect on their experiences dealing with the storm and its recovery efforts.

Students and faculty from the spring break trip will discuss their experiences during the panel discussion, which is designed to help inspire other students to want to help the cause and for those who have already volunteered to remember.

The discussion is in McEwen 011 at 6 p.m. "People tend to focus a lot on what happened during the storm," senior Colleen Clark said. "It is easy to forget about the aftermath. There are still tons of people suffering."

Donations are still being taken and students can also donate meal plans. The organizers do not have a specific fundraising goal because this week is mostly about awareness.

It is undecided where the donations will go, but the organizers plan to give them to a private group or family, so the benefits can be immediate and do not have to go through a national non-profit.

According to junior Ariel White, those who have already volunteered hope to convey the power of participating in service trips and how much students really can help, no matter how little.

"The week is going to give the commu-

nity a little bit of what it's like to go down and see the devastation," White said.

The students who have already been down to Mississippi hope this week will help inspire others to want to help. Alexa Darby, assistant professor of Psychology, co-taught the Winter Term class and is going back to Mississippi over Memorial Day with a few faculty members and students. This is just the first of future trips.

"The devastation is like nothing I have ever seen," said Darby. "Each time I go I am amazed by the strength and resilience of the people of Bay St. Louis and Waveland. Please continue to support the rebuilding efforts."

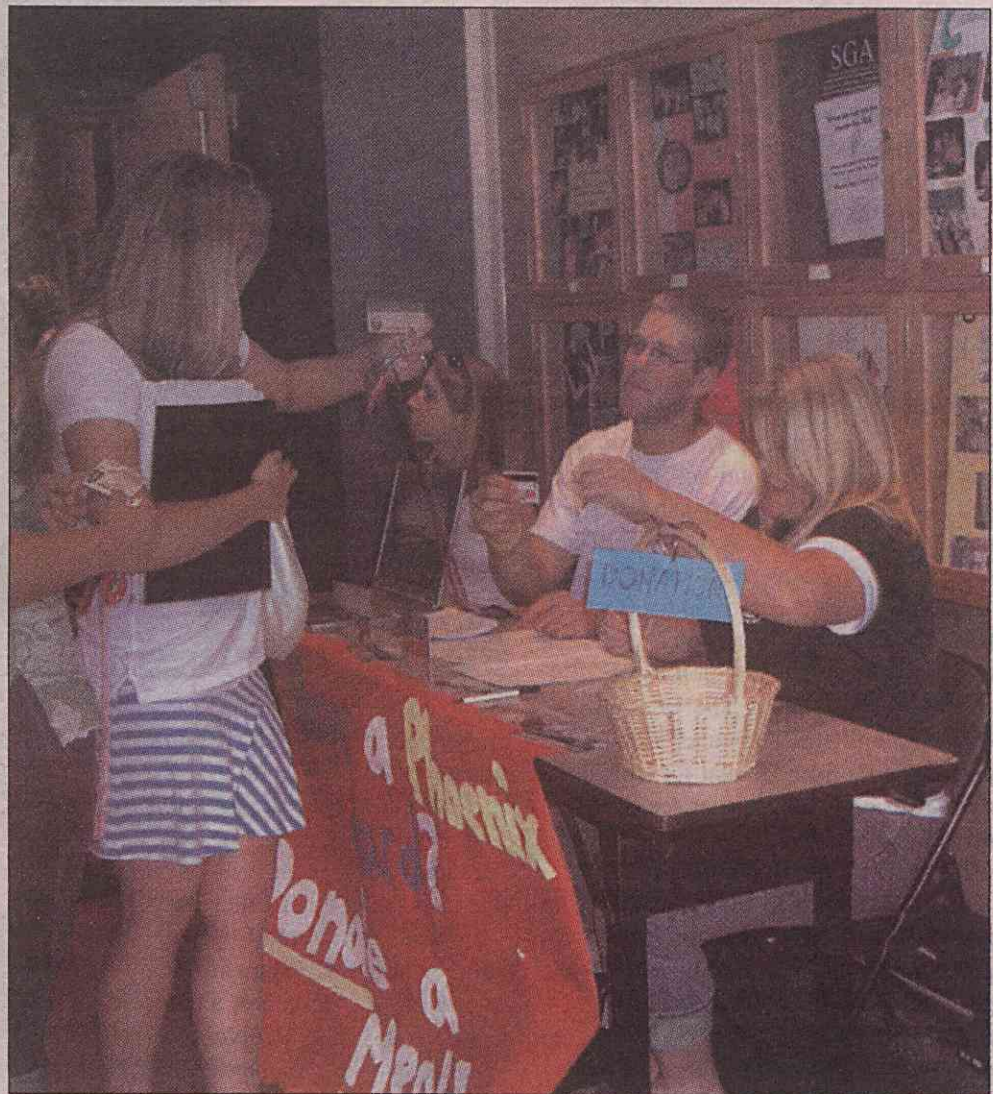
There is a photo exhibit on display in the Writing Center. Photos taken by students and faculty from all three trips are being displayed to help the Elon community realize what it was like to be down in Mississippi helping clean up the debris.

A documentary about the area before the storm was hit was shown on Wednesday. This, along with the photo exhibit, helps to give a before and after look at the area. After the movie, a prayer vigil was held.

The main organizers wanted a way to bring students and faculty from all three trips together to talk about their experiences and share them with the community.

Katrina Week was a way for this to happen as well as raise awareness for on-going relief efforts.

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Senior Drew Garland and sophomore Meghan Toomey asked people to give meal plans and donations to help families who suffered in the Katrina disaster.

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