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Students teaching students

Winter Term workshops provide forums for students to share their interests, talents and hobbies with Elon campus

Timothy Rink

Reporter

Lela Faye Rich, academic support associate dean, makes it very clear that there is only one rule for the Burst the Bubble Workshops this Winter Term: "No Professors Allowed." At least one administrator was told they couldn't enroll in one of the workshops.

Students teaching students may will be a first at Elon. These classes will be free of charge and will meet whenever the "professor" decides. No homework, no grades, no attendance policy and no credit.

The program is the result of work done this summer by Rich and the committee she formed to tackle the issue. Students on the board are Christopher Weitzen, Eden Esters, Kristin Smith, Hilaire Pickett and SGA president Michael Bumbry. Rich worked with Registrar and Assistant to the Provost Mark Albertson to deal with the registration of the classes. Other people involved include Associate Provost Nancy Midgette and faculty member Russ Gill.

Students are teaching courses in DJing, Texas Hold 'Em poker, miming, Massive Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games (MMORPGs), beading, Photoshop and cooking.

Senior Ben Wright is teaching the class on DJing. Wright is excited to teach the class because he wants to gain experience.

"I want a career teaching on the university level eventually," Wright said, "so I felt



Jessica Frizen/ Photographer
Sophomore Chad Zimmerman will teach a Texas Hold 'Em poker workshop this Winter Term.

this would be a good place to get my feet wet."

He also believes it is important for people to get out and share their experience with their fellow students.

"I feel that a skill privatized is a skill wasted," Wright said.

The courses that have already been confirmed will be listed in the Winter Term booklet and students will register for them online when selecting a Winter Term class.

Students must be taking a class for credit over Winter Term in order to enroll.

Teachers of the workshops will set a cap on the number of students allowed to attend and the times that the class will meet.

"A class can meet for an hour a week or for two or three," Rich said.

Everything about the class is up to the teacher.

Elon is helping fund the minor things needed such as beads, card decks and some food, but most of the classes should be low or no cost to teach.

The program can be done because of the nature of Winter Term. Rich points out that a lot of students study abroad and there are fewer classes going on, giving the university free classrooms and students free time. Even with all the students off campus pursuing other things, there are still 3,200 students on campus, says Rich.

Rich said there were a number of good classes that didn't get in before the deadline because the publishing department had to move the date up a week. These ideas may come to fruition, however, as the committee has decided to issue a separate booklet with the Winter Term book. This will push back publishing deadlines and allow more students to complete their paperwork.

If you are interested in teaching a workshop, send an e-mail to burstthebubble@elon.edu.

Contact Timothy Rink at pendulum@elon.edu or 278-7247.

Nine assaults occur in first month



Mark Mizell

Reporter

From Aug. 29 to Sept. 19, a total of nine assaults, four of them made public, occurred on Elon's campus.

The first, on Aug. 29, involved a female student walking home alone late at night on the tram path between McMichael parking lot and the Danieley Center.

Her assailant pushed her to the ground, ripped her clothing, and struck her several times. She was able to defend herself and get away quickly.

The second attack came just over a week later on Sept. 6 when a student was jogging in the early evening along Westover Drive.

A man pulled up in a mid-sized pickup truck to ask for directions. The driver exited the vehicle, punched the student and attempted to rob him.

When he realized the student did not have any valuables, he got back into his vehicle and drove away.

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