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## Students volunteer on Make a Difference Day

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Reporter

As freshman Sarah Foy gardened on Saturday morning, she expressed the importance of community service.

"It's really great what everyone is doing today," Foy said. "We have a responsibility to help out the community surrounding Elon."

Foy was just one of more than 105 volunteers who participated in Make a Difference Day on Oct. 28. More than 12 Elon organizations took part in the day, including SGA (who woke up early to make lunches for all the volunteers), the Service Learning Community, sororities, Leadership Fellows and the baseball team.

Elon President Leo Lambert spoke to volunteers early Saturday morning, and even volunteered at an area high school.

Dean Jeff Stein also spoke to those participating. With his family, he volunteered at Loaves and Fishes, a Raleigh-based organization that helps high-risk children.

EV! sponsored the day, and sent groups to 10 different agencies, including the American Red Cross, the Boys and Girls Club, the Burlington Housing Authority and Cummings High School. Students undertook various activities including cleaning, sorting, filing and gardening.

The volunteers were part of a nationwide effort to encourage individuals to participate in community service. Make a Difference Day takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October, and has had sweeping success. Millions participated in the day created by USA WEEKEND magazine. More than three million Americans participated in last year's Make a Difference Day.

Last year, Elon held a Make a Difference week. Though more opportunities to volunteer last year existed, co-coordinator sophomore Kjersti Smedley found this year's single day event to be superior.

"We got a lot more people to come out for this day than they did for a whole week," Smedley said.

She cited better organization and advertising for the change.

The day helped those participating better understand the importance of volunteering.

"Dean Stein spoke this morning about how volunteering is like paying your dues for living in the world," Foy said. "Going to our different sites and seeing how much we helped really puts this into perspective."

Smedley recognized the work that Elon's volunteers were accomplishing.

"They're doing more work than one person could do in a week or two weeks," she said.

Smedley and co-coordinators Katy Brantson and Jessica Churbock, both sophomores, found that the day exceeded their goals.

"We definitely felt it was a huge success," Smedley said. "The project went as smoothly as it possibly could have."

Participants agreed. "I think that today we all worked efficiently like a chocolate chip cookie, each of us reaching out for the small chips among the big cookie of society," freshman Megan Schneider said. "In all seriousness, each of us put forth a great effort in bettering just a small part of Alamance today and it was definitely worth all the smiles!"

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Kate Ferris / Photo Editor

Students Matthew Christian (left) and Cindy Goodson (right) do some gardening at Blakey Hall. Several students and organizations volunteered around the community.

### Water Outage

A break in the water line occurred in front of Belk Library on Monday creating a widespread water outage.

Physical Plant fixed the problem by the evening, but the break required further attention. Physical Plant scheduled a planned water outage from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday in order to repair the problem.

Pictured Right: Workers attempt to fix the water line problem and rope off effected areas Wednesday afternoon.



Nathan Rode / Photographer

### FEATURES

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Two seniors chosen for Chevy's ad challenge.



### ENTERTAINMENT

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'The Prestige' is a drama that may deserve multiple viewings.

### Correction

In last week's edition of *The Pendulum*, a brief story ran about the Elon seniors gathering to watch Monday Night Football. The story incorrectly reported that the Student Government Association sponsored the event. The SGA helped organize the event but it was sponsored by Elon Alumni Relations. We apologize for any confusion or misinterpretation.

