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Elon reaches out to high school

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Reporter

When a fire broke out in an empty Eastern Guilford High School chemistry classroom in the early afternoon on Nov. 2, many Elon organizations quickly jumped at the chance to help the school's 1,060 displaced students.

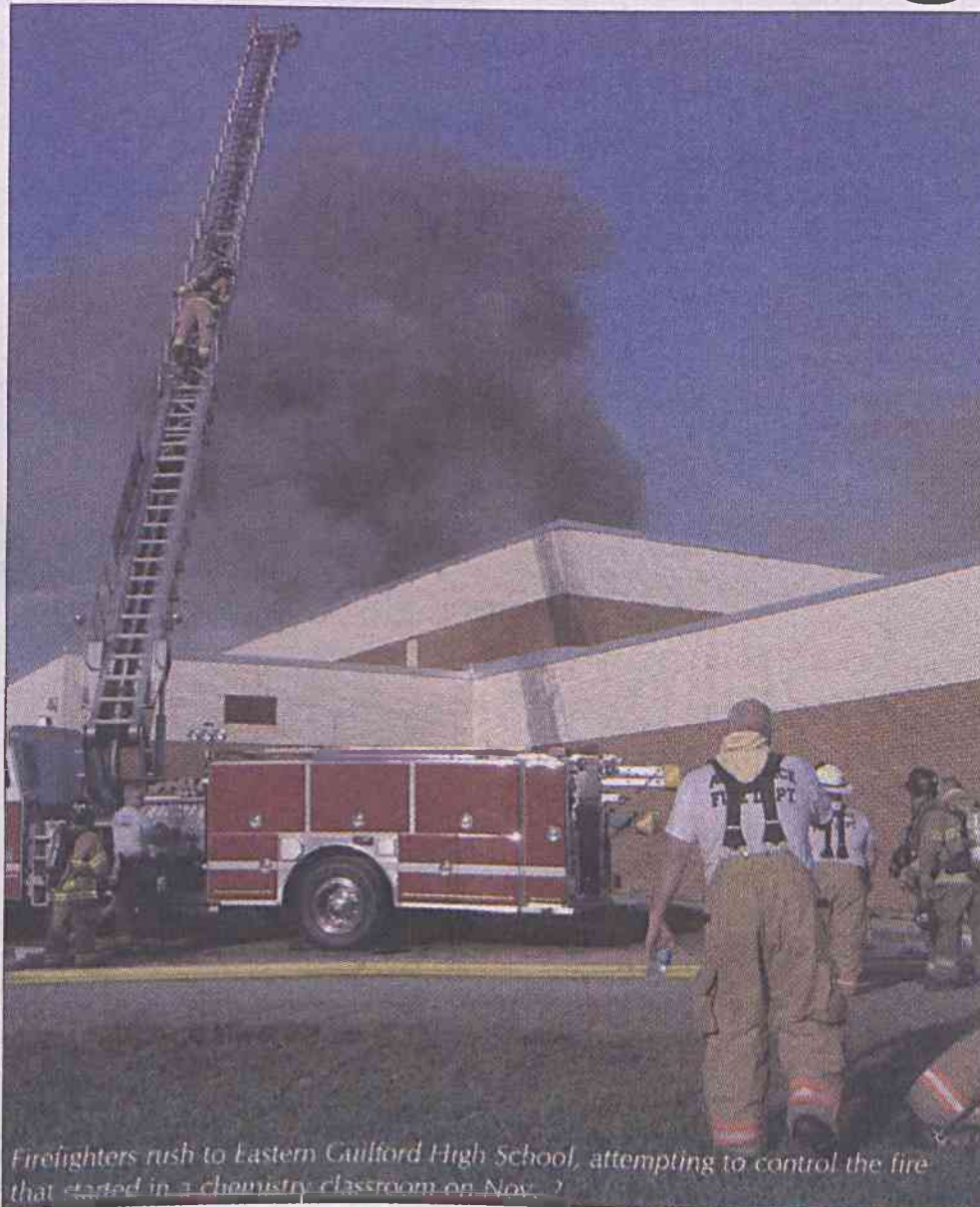
Kathleen Edwards, assistant director for the Kernodle Center, who was informed of the events as they unfolded on Wednesday, began speaking with Dean of Student Life, Smith Jackson, to formulate a plan to implement Nov. 3.

"There's an interesting balance in disaster relief where you want to acknowledge how much the community wants to help but the school has to respond to the immediacy of the emergency," Edwards said. "Since helping their students as soon as possible is the thing that is on their minds, this is one of those [situations] where monetary support [from the community] is huge."

While all Eastern Guilford staff and students were evacuated without injury, the building, which is located only five miles from Elon's campus, was completely demolished from the damage.

Edwards said The Kernodle Center for Service Learning, Elon's Office of School Outreach Programs, Resident Student Association (RSA) and a few Greek societies were a few of the first organizations to express interest in involvement.

"Our idea was to put [aiding] out towards the students to let them do their own efforts," Edwards said. "We're planning on receiving everything and [allocating] it to the appropriate banks; the Guilford school system will distribute it to the appropriate people from there."



Firefighters rush to Eastern Guilford High School, attempting to control the fire that started in a chemistry classroom on Nov. 2.

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RSA's Campus Relations Director, Matthew Loyd, stepped up to organize volunteers to collect donations during the homecoming football game Nov. 4 after

receiving an e-mail from Edwards requesting help.

"It is good for the students to give back to the community, especially since [Eastern

Donate school supplies today!

Pens, pencils, erasers, book bags, notebook paper, highlighters, 3-ring binders, colored pencils, spiral notebooks, tape, graph paper, music staff paper, index cards, dictionary, thesaurus, world languages dictionaries, pencil sharpener, computer paper, three-hole puncher, large planners/binders, calculators, pencil/pen bag, rulers, folders, white out, clear report covers, protractors, sticky notes, desk calendars, push pins, boxes of tissues, paper towels, batteries, clipboards, overhead projector pens, Sharpies, overhead transparencies, portable file boxes, blank hard drive disks, staplers, staples, paper clips, clip boards, colored pens, binder clips, note pads, masking tape, dry erase markers, manila folders, construction paper, large brown envelopes, motivational posters, chalk, paints, paint brushes

Guilford] is only five minutes away," Loyd said. "But it came together so quickly that this is really the first step in rebuilding all of what was lost."

While there is no monetary or physical supply goal currently set, Edwards said more than \$1,200 was collected after Saturday's game.

Edwards said a drop-box was set up at the Moseley Campus Center desk for cash donations, all of which will directly benefit the school for supplies; however,

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