

C-SPAN bus visits Elon tomorrow

Students will have the chance to tour the bus Friday morning

Jenna Hill
Reporter

Elon's School of Communications will host C-SPAN's Campaign 2008 bus tomorrow as part of the "Road to the White House" tour.

The 45-foot bus will be on display from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the McEwen parking lot. School of Communications classes will tour the bus for live presentations on how the 2008 presidential campaign will be covered.

Don Grady, associate professor of communications, said it's very exciting to have the bus come to campus.

"This is a great opportunity for students, faculty and others to see how C-SPAN covers elections," Grady said.

"They do actually use that bus as a remote site to broadcast," said Darrell Heinrich, director of public and government affairs for Time-Warner in Greensboro. "The C-SPAN bus goes around the country every year and they doctor up the bus for special themes. This year is the 2008 election."

"They sit everybody down on the inside and tell them what's what," Heinrich said of the 20-minute tour, guided by C-SPAN workers and can accommodate up to 18 people at a time.

Students who do not have a class with a scheduled tour should stop by and C-SPAN workers will try to fit them in.

"[C-SPAN] is anxious to accommodate as many people as possible and so are we," Grady said.

There might be an opportunity to give additional students time inside the bus during the 10 minutes scheduled between tours. Otherwise, the best times to come, even if you don't have a class scheduled for a tour, are at 8 a.m. and noon.

"If you are there at 8 a.m., the first class isn't set to arrive until 8:15," Heinrich said.

The last class is done by noon, so stop by then before the bus gets packed up at 12:15 p.m.

Faculty, staff and student media are invited for a tour at 8:45 a.m.

"I'm really excited," said Kevin Kline, a sophomore communications major. "As a communications major and a Poly-Sci

C-SPAN at Elon

What: Tours of C-SPAN's Campaign 2008 bus

When: 8 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Where: McEwen parking lot

minor, visiting the C-SPAN bus will be a fun experience to see what it's like covering a presidential campaign."

"We're thrilled we're the first stop on the C-SPAN bus tour for this political season," Grady said. "This isn't just a tour bus, it's a working bus."

The bus will also visit Western Alamance High School from 1 to 3 p.m. on Feb. 23. If students are unable to take a tour at Elon in the morning, they can stop by the high school right at 3 p.m. for another opportunity for a tour.

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Students face felony charges

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Elon junior John Cassady and UNC-Greensboro senior Clinton Blackburn surrendered to Elon Town Police at 10 a.m. Monday and face felony charges after an assault on Lee Mynhardt.

Cassady, 20, and Blackburn, 22, have both been charged with counts of Assault inflicting serious bodily injury, a Class F felony.

The Elon Police Department has been investigating Mynhardt's assault for the past three weeks. Officers have found that Mynhardt was present at a party at 211 N. Lee St., Cassady's home, on the night of Feb. 2 and into the early morning hours of Feb. 3.

At some point in the evening, an altercation began between Mynhardt, Cassady and Blackburn, which resulted in Mynhardt suffering spinal injuries after being "slammed" on his head. The Burlington Times-News reported Tuesday that the police investigation found "Mynhardt had been thrown head first to the floor" during the fight.

Both students posted \$5,000 bonds and had court appearances at the Alamance District Court in Graham scheduled for last Tuesday.

North Carolina law states that the penalties for Class F felonies could range from a three to 59 month sentence. Captain Sam Russell of Elon Police noted that these months do not have to be actively served, but can instead consist of community service, house arrest or intensive probation. Judges will take things like Cassady and Blackburn's records and backgrounds into consideration.

Fox News reported Monday that doctors have stated that Mynhardt's paralysis is most likely permanent.

SGA sent a card and an Elon blanket to Mynhardt, and paid for his family to eat out in Chapel Hill last week.

Cards or donations can be sent to Dr. Smith Jackson's office in Alamance 109.

Elon Judicial Affairs is conducting their own investigation into possible social honor code violations. Judicial Affairs has interviewed 11 students and plans to speak with several more in the days and weeks to come.

Cassady was contacted for questioning but refused to comment.

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Students support 'going green'

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Reporter

The Environmental Council hosted their first open forum at 3 p.m. Tuesday in McMichael to discuss with students and faculty members the Elon Sustainability Master Plan, devised by the council.

The preamble to the proposal states one of its goals as "to teach our students all that is known about what results might be obtained by human interactions with the earth's ecosystems so that our mission of producing 'global citizens and informed leaders motivated by the common good' is accomplished."

Council chair Gerald Whittington, vice president for business, finance and technology, led the forum, gathering thoughts and ideas on whether the proposal missed any important items and any reactions to the priority listings. Although many students are unaware that Elon is preparing a plan to become more environmentally friendly, approximately 45 students and faculty members were present to voice their input on the proposal.

Students from campus organizations sported green clothing to emphasize their support for Elon to "Go Green" by reducing carbon emissions and promoting green energy.



Chelsey Anglin/ Photographer
Students and faculty members met Tuesday afternoon to discuss Elon's sustainability plan.

Campus Climate Challenge President Christine Irvine was happy with the turnout and said she hopes for an even greater and more diverse turnout for the final meeting on March 7.

"It's important that the administration know that students are embracing the plan because we realize that our generation will be the ones that will manage the effects of today's policies," Irvine said.

What does a "sustainable future" mean for Elon? The council's proposal defines

The next forum meeting is at 3 p.m. on March 7 in Whitley Auditorium.

sustainability as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Plans for implementing a sustainable future include incorporating Energy Star appliances in residence halls, requiring 50 percent of the wood used for construction be obtained from responsible wood suppliers and using environmentally friendly cleaning supplies.

While many community members are happy that Elon is thinking about the future, others would like to see Elon become a forerunner in environmental protection rather than simply catching up with policies that other universities and corporations have already implemented.

Dr. Anthony Weston, professor of philosophy, said he would like to see a movement in the curriculum to embrace sustainability, like it has already done with the international studies program.

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