

Pride Week ends with T-shirt demonstration

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Reporter

Pride Week, a celebration of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender [GLBT] community at Elon, closes today with a social film screening and a T-shirt demonstration.

The film, "Coming Out, Coming In" will be shown today from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall. It documents the struggles of gay and lesbian Christians trying to balance their faith with their sexual orientation. Gergann Eubanks, producer of the film, will be present at the screening and discussion.

Students who RSVP'd will receive a free lunch. The date to RSVP has passed.

Pride Week began as a final project for the Isabella Leadership program, planned

and initiated by Jon Chapman, a class of 2007 Leadership Fellow. The week's events have included lunches, speakers and a peaceful sit out.

Mike Wilke, the founder of the Commercial Closet Organization, visited Elon and spoke to about 40 students Monday night about advertising to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Wilke showed what he referred to as a string of about 40 "commercials." This collection of video clips, selling everything "from jeans to juice" explored different representations of GLBT in the community.

The clips ranged from good examples of advertising, such as Ikea's "redecorate your life" commercial, to examples of commercials that were detrimental, such

as the Calvin Klein Jeans ad made to look like the start of a gay child porn video.

Students signed their names on large, white sheets with "Gay? Fine by Elon," written on them at College Coffee on Tuesday. The sheets were later hung up in Moseley Center.

The Moseley Commuter Lounge housed a lunch discussion about lesbian issues called, "Lesbians and Lunch" from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Leigh-Anne Royster, coordinator for personal health programs and community well-being, moderated a panel discussion about gay men who spent their college years at Elon. The panel, called, "Growing Up Gay at Elon," was held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in McKinnon.

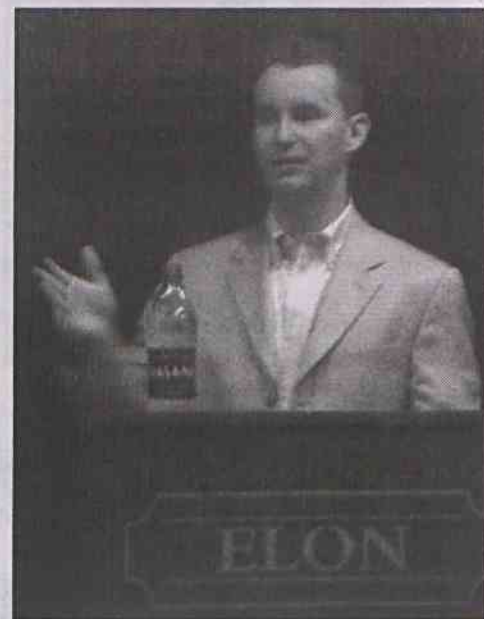
Wednesday marked a peaceful protest against the Love School of Business's welcome of Tom Monaghan as an ethical business model.

Monaghan is noted for his donations to many anti-gay organizations and speaking out against the gay community.

Chapman says that the "faculty and staff are showing a lot of support" for this protest.

"We know we're not going to change him," Chapman said. "Our goal is to start a discussion on what is ethical. 'Ethical' needs to be defined by the community of Elon, not just the business school."

Protest members planned to wear their "Gay? Fine by me" shirts and sit in the



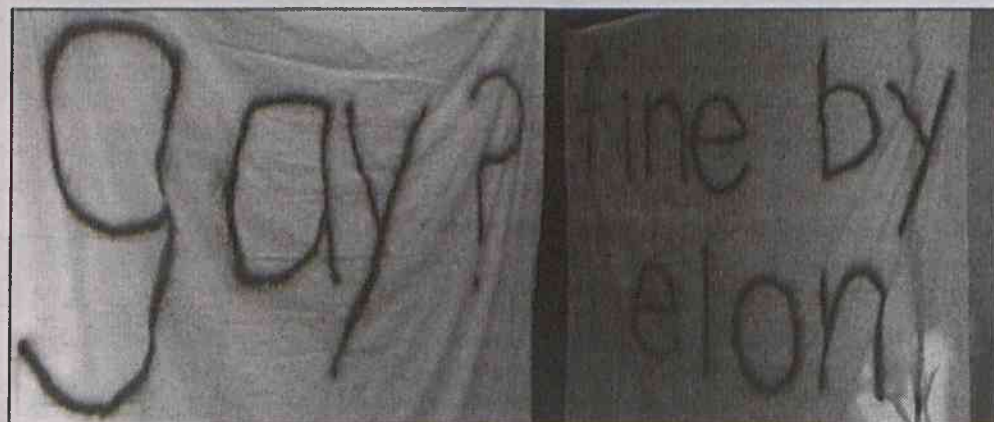
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Mike Wilke spoke about the representation of GLBT individuals in television advertising Monday night.

middle of the LaRose Digital Theater during Monaghan's presentation.

The next GLBT event is the national "Day of Silence" on April 18. Elon students will take vows of silence to represent members of the GLBT community who feel like they have no voice.

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Academic Facilities Plan approved for next fall

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Submitted to President Leo Lambert in December, the Academic Facilities Plan will take affect this summer just in time for the new school year.

Dr. Gerald Francis, provost and vice president for academic affairs, devised the plan with 10 other members of the Long Range Planning Committee.

"Arts and Sciences will get the most new space in this plan," Francis said. "But when completed, it will also help Education and Communications."

The two new pavilions in the Academic Village, the Spence Pavilion of Philosophy and Religious Studies and the Belk Pavilion of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, will open in the fall of 2007. The philosophy department's current house [next to Holland House across from McMichael] will most likely be torn down soon, opening up the whole quad. Religious studies will move out of

Alamance to the Academic Village.

CATL will leave the Holland House, allowing leisure sport management, Project Pericles and admissions to be based there.

"Religion above us is vacating space," Francis said, referring to the second and third floors of Alamance. Major renovation will take place, including the installation of an elevator. Francis said that human services and part of the English department will then move in. Completion of the Lindner Rotunda is projected for fall, 2009. Francis described it as a "really nice facility with a big dome."

This building will be placed right before the edge of the Academic Village parking lot and will eventually house history, sociology and some interdisciplinary programs. At that stage of completion, Francis said that sociology will come out of a small house and history will come out of Powell, allowing for the renovation of its second and third floors.

Though still unclear as to what will go into Powell at that time, Francis predicts that it could be some sciences, leaving



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The two new pavilions in the Academic Village will host philosophy, religion and teaching offices and classrooms.

more space in McMichael for the lab-based sciences which require extra room.

The "white building" by Belk Library, actually called the White House, is intended to house environmental studies, which will move Financial Planning to a house behind religious studies' current location.

"We met with many departments and

programs to seek their input, so when we developed our final plan, we had good buy-in," Francis said. "Everyone was not completely satisfied, but there have been no major concerns."

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