

# Task force re-evaluates alcohol policy

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Reporter

Based off discussions with the Student Government Association, the Parent's Council, the Board of Trustees and student life will adjust alcohol policies to gain balanced perspective on the future of Elon's alcohol policies.

"We don't want to come down from above without looking at all sides of this issue," said Jeff Clark, professor of mathematics and co-chair of the alcohol task force. "The overall mission of the task force is to promote discussion in the community."

The recommendation came from the 2006 Academic Summit where senior staff members and students drafted proposals.

The task force has recently revised the Alcohol Position Statement to encourage students to not drink until they are of age and to implement programs which "promote their academic success and personal development."

Other issues addressed by the task force include student safety, the impact of alcohol on academics, the fairness of the judicial and sanctioning process and how to best promote low risk choices.

A completed report of the task force's work is expected in December 2007.

"The task force is asking difficult questions," Clark said. "We're not saying we have answers yet, but we want to make sure we look at every angle."

The task force isn't working to turn Elon into a dry campus, instead they want to make sure administration is giving a consistent message to students about personal responsibility, Clark said.

"Alcohol impacts all areas of life so we have to look at it from every spectrum," said Laruen Martin, coordinator of Elon's substance education program.

Sixty-one percent of Elon students drink five or more drinks in one sitting, compared to the 48.5 percent nationally, according to the spring 2005 CORE sur-

vey, which measures alcohol and substance use by university students.

Martin cautions against the appearance of these numbers.

"These averages include only universities that administer the CORE survey," Martin said.

Elon also administers the survey in a classroom setting, which reaches a variety of students, instead of than making it an online survey like other universities, which Martin believes further skews the survey results.

The CORE survey is currently administered to students, and results will be available fall 2007 for further evaluation of the task force.

A low risk drinking committee has operated for two years, but the presidential charge has put the committee on a higher profile, Clark said.

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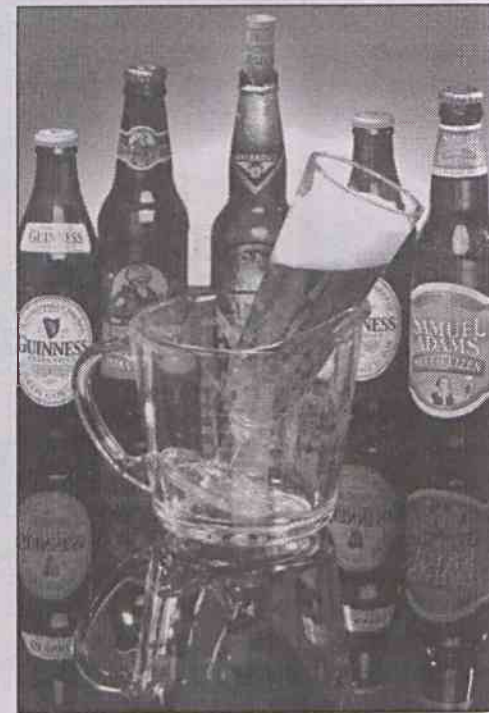


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The task force will focus on underage drinking on campus.

# ODK awards honor outstanding students today

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Students will receive special awards and recognition today at the Omicron Delta Kappa Annual Awards Day Ceremony.

The event will begin at 3:40 p.m. with a reception for award winners on Long Terrace. The ceremony will then proceed to Whitley Auditorium at 4:15 p.m., with the presentation of 12 different all-campus ODK awards.

The ODK awards to be presented include the Perito Award, which acknowledges a student who exemplifies a "love of wisdom," and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, given to a student who demonstrates fine spiritual qualities in daily life and peer relationships.

ODK honors also include endowed scholarships, like the Ella Brunk Smith Award.

Departmental awards will follow directly after the ODK honors, at 5 p.m. in various venues around campus.

The School of Education awards will be given out in Mooney 111. Recognitions include Outstanding Majors in athletic training, exercise/sport science, physical education and leisure & sport management.

In addition to these honors, the Arnold Strauch Award, Janie P. Brown Emerging Professional Award and Leisure and Sport

## What: ODK Award Ceremony

**When:** From 3:40 to 4:15 p.m., ceremony at 4:15 p.m. Today on Long Terrace

**Where:** Whitley Auditorium, department awards follow around campus

Management Endowed Scholarship will be presented.

Love School of Business awards will be presented in the Koury Business School LaRose Digital Theater.

These honors include business concentration awards in marketing, management, finance and MIS, as well as various excellence and achievement awards in accounting and economics. Alpha Kappa Psi, the business fraternity, provides two scholarship awards, one in accounting and one in business.

The School of Communications ceremony will be held in McEwen Studio B. Awards will recognize outstanding seniors in each concentration: broadcast communications, cinema,

## ODK Awards

- Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award
- Ella Brunk Smith Award
- Iris Holt McEwen Community Services Award
- James S. & Marilyn A. Denton Award
- John W. Barney Memorial Award [Top GPA]
- Perito Award
- Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship Award
- Outstanding Academic Service-Learning Student Paper Award
- Student Communications Media Award
- Tritt Center Reconciliation Award
- W.L. Monroe Christian Education & Personality Award
- William Moseley Brown Leadership

corporate communications and journalism.

Scholarships, such as the Priestley, Times-News, James F. Hurley and D'Angelo Family Scholarships, will also be presented.

The Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, will present honors later in the semester at the Elon College Faculty

and Student Excellence Awards ceremony at 4:10 p.m. on May 3 in McCrary Theater.

Elon College recognitions range across a broad variety of majors, including human services, music, computer science, biology, chemistry, engineering, English, geography and international studies.

ODK, featured in today's ceremony, is a national leadership honor society for students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni.

The Elon chapter of ODK, established in 1977, honors juniors and seniors who have displayed particularly noteworthy leadership skills as well as academic excellence.

The Elon ODK Circle is based on the core values of academics, athletics, community service, social/religious activities, campus government, creative and performing arts, multicultural experiments, journalism, speech and mass medium.

ODK accepts applications for membership each fall. Applicants must be juniors and seniors with a GPA in the top 35 percent of their class. Applicants who are granted membership are notified in November and initiated in February.

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