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New start for class of 2011

Incoming students moved in on Friday and immediately began freshman orientation. Check out highlights from move-in and convocation on p. 4.



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Campus takes measures to ensure safety

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Campus security added four new police officers and various new measures this summer to make the campus community a safer place.

This semester the role of campus police will be more visible after their assessment of the security needs of campus last fall. Police will be around during the day, patrolling the campus community by bike, on foot or in the "It" car, an electric car from Canada introduced in accordance with the university's sustainability plan.

"The campus and community are changing," said Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police. "There's the new bypass and [the area] is becoming more urban; all of this has an impact on security on campus. We're trying to stay ahead of the curve and [know] what to do to adjust accordingly."

The football stadium, law school and tram paths have new recording security cameras with signs at the locations to deter crime. These cameras will be phased in to all of the parking lots on campus and monitored on computer screens in the campus security office.

With a new 800 Trunking communication system, Elon police and security now have the capability to contact the Burlington, Greensboro and High Point police departments, the Guilford County Sheriff's department, highway patrol, the DMV, ALE and state and national emergency channels.

Previously, Elon police had one radio, shared the frequency with the town police department and communication was restricted to one channel.

"This won't make a lot of difference on a day-to-day basis, but in times of emergencies it will be a huge asset," Gantos said.

A new siren system is in the works that will warn the campus of anything from severe weather warnings to evacuation with tones and voice messages. Gantos said the siren system should be running within the next 10 weeks depending on manufacturing and installation time.

All students received an e-mail last Friday regarding how to sign up for cell phone emergency text messaging to warn subscribers about homeland security advisories, severe weather warnings, fires, etc., similar to the siren system. Students and faculty



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The "It" car is campus security's new all-electric police vehicle.

members can subscribe to the service at www.elon.edu/e-alert.

Campus safety will offer classes such as self-defense and women's safety and will speak with campus organizations throughout the year.

If you would like to make arrangements to take a self-defense class, contact Lt. Vicki Moehlman at campus security, extension 5555.

Future security plans include phasing in raised sidewalks and gates on some of the parking lots to restrict access after certain times. In response to speculation about a fence or a tunnel near the railroad tracks between north and south campus, Gantos said campus safety is not working on that project but it is in the university's plan.

Gore's 'inconvenient truth' cancels Fall Convocation

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Fall convocation will not take place this year due to a scheduling conflict with Al Gore, author of the common reading, "An Inconvenient Truth."

Elon extended an invitation to Gore late last fall to speak at this fall's convocation. Gore's office responded, saying that he wanted to do it but couldn't give a date. Convocation organizers waited for a response until May when they had to withdraw the invitation.

"He's been all over the world at conferences on global warming," said George Troxler, dean of Cultural and Special Programs. "I can see why he can't set a date."

Troxler said that Elon has not always had a fall convocation.

"We are more committed to having a spring honors convocation on an annual basis as a way of giving special recognition to our graduating class and current President's and Dean's list students," he said. An honors convocation is being scheduled for the spring.

Elon has been able to secure dates

in the past with Queen Noor of Jordan, President Lech Walesa of Poland, Banazir Bhutto of Pakistan, Pulitzer Prize winners Thomas Friedman, Anna Quindlen and Edmund Morris, and former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"The nice thing about convocations is when we are able to get a Colin Powell or a Jane Goodall," says Troxler. "We call it a convocation when we get someone like [them]. The speaker has to justify the event."

The university looked for other possible speakers but did not extend another invitation.

"It takes a lot of effort on everyone's part. It's expensive, the class schedule is adjusted, we make it a special event," Troxler said.

The Voices of Discovery Science Speaker Series will have less well-known speakers on the subject of sustainability and global warming.

Elizabeth Losos, president and CEO of the Organization of Tropical Studies, will speak on September 24 about "Understanding Global Change through the Costa Rican Experience."

"If [Gore] suddenly became available, I think the president would consider having him on short notice."

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