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Assistant dean of students resigns *Scott Nelson leaves after allegations of inappropriate conduct*

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News Editor

Scott Nelson, assistant dean of students and director of judicial affairs, unexpectedly resigned effective immediately on Oct. 30.

The resignation came two days after Homecoming festivities, when Nelson was accused of engaging in behavior not condoned by the faculty handbook.

Nelson, who had spent seven years supervising punishments given to students for problem behavior, including drinking violations, resigned after drinking with students during tailgating activities in the Harper Center Lot.

Though it is typically the university's policy not to discuss personal matters of its employees, Nelson gave Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, consent to release a statement about the situation.



Scott Nelson

and students in consuming alcohol in the tailgating area, interacted inappropriately with students and did not shut down the tailgating area during the football game [which was his responsibility]."

The Elon University Staff Manual states that "being intoxicated or under the influence of controlled substances while at work or on University business" is considered an unacceptable activity.

In a statement made by three female students involved in the incident, who

"Early last week, I received several reports concerning Dean Nelson," Jackson said in a prepared statement. "The reports indicated Dean Nelson had participated with some alumni

wished to remain anonymous, and evidence gathered by The Pendulum, the inappropriate behavior also included, "unwelcome sexual advances ... and other physically expressive behavior of a sexual nature," as outlined in the staff manual.

The students' statement read in part: "Nelson's behavior was concerning and upsetting. We want students to know what happened so that in the future, others will come forward if a similar situation occurs."

Nelson admitted to acting unprofessionally during tailgating and takes full responsibility for drinking with students.

"I drank way too much and was way too casual," Nelson said. "I don't remember much, really."

He had little recollection of any specific incidents that may have followed.

"I've never done anything with students that way," Nelson said.

"Maybe I just came across a little too warm. I never wanted anything from a student in that way."

He said he resigned because he knew he couldn't expect students to respect him as a judicial officer if he had violated the regulations his office enforces.

"I apologize to staff, deans and students," Nelson said. "I hope they learn from my poor example. I tried to be a mentor and was the exact opposite."

Nelson spent the weekend in South Carolina with his family.

Whitney Pack has temporarily taken Nelson's responsibilities, and has become chief justice of judicial affairs. A search will be conducted in the future to find a new director of judicial affairs.

Brittany Smith, Justin Hite, Kaitlin Ugolik and Leigh Ann Vanscoy contributed to this story.

Cheaper trip home for students

Parker McCallister
Reporter

In mid-October, Skybus Airline officially struck a deal with Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro.

Skybus is based off European revolutionary RyanAir airline that focuses on "outrageously" low fares, non-stop flights and maximum efficiency.

"The roundtrip ticket from Greensboro to my hometown, St. Augustine, Fla., is only 30 bucks," junior James Glenos said. "It's pretty sweet!"

The airline also offers at least 10 seats on every flight at \$10 per ticket, but they sell out quickly.

On average, Skybus is 65 percent cheaper than other airlines in the United States, according to their Web site. The price of tickets ranges from \$30 to \$330.

"The greatest advantages of Skybus for Elon University and Law School students are the very inexpensive fares to attractive destinations around the country," said Don Kirkman, president/CEO of Piedmont Triad Partnership.

Once Skybus is fully operational there will initially be eight non-stop destinations including Boston, New York, LA, San Francisco, New Orleans, Fort Lauderdale.

In effect, this deal will cause PTI to become the number one fastest growing airport in the country in the



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Skybus Airline targets college students with its low fares and non-stop flights at its new hub at Greensboro's Piedmont Triad International airport.

upcoming 24 months.

As for efficiency, Skybus averages just 21 minutes from the time passengers exit the plane to the time the next load of passengers board the plane.

To achieve maximum efficiency passengers carry on their luggage, unless they want to pay a small fee. They also enter the plane from the ground, not the traditional jetway.

Additionally, Skybus is located in airports that are not at maximum capacity yet. Therefore, parking is easier, delays are very unlikely and efficiency is greater.

Skybus decided to locate one of its two hubs in the Piedmont Triad region because the population in the area is

more than 1.5 million and is projected to continue to have strong growth in the coming years.

The Triad is rich in college students, Skybus's primary customer target, with Elon University, UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University, NC State, UNC-Greensboro, A&T University and Greensboro College located within about 75 miles of the airport.

Through this coordinated effort more than \$1 million was given to Skybus up front and up to \$4 million will be reimbursed by means of tax incentives. PTI will also spend approximately \$10 million on renovations and new facility construction.

Double-sided printing approved

Hannah McConaghy
Reporter

The Student Government Association approved almost unanimously a resolution to add double-sided printing capability to campus printers at its Nov. 1 meeting.

Sophomore class senator Summer Curtiss sponsored the legislation, which aims to reduce paper waste by allowing students using university printers to print on both sides of a sheet of paper, also called duplexing. To achieve this, the school must stomach the cost of duplexers, which is why the change is not immediate.

Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president of technology, spoke to the association in support of the initiative. He said that though he initially opposed the move to double-sided printing, the cost of duplexers has since come down to a level that is more realistic for the school's budget.

By reducing paper use, duplex printing will decrease paper expenses, expected to fall by \$2,500 a year, and waste. Both duplexers and printers have a life span of about three years, so the cost of buying new equipment means the school will ultimately break

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