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New assistant dean of students announced

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Jodean Schmiederer has been appointed to the position of assistant dean of students. Smith Jackson, vice president for student life and dean of students, made the announcement Monday morning.

Schmiederer has overall responsibility for the Moseley Campus Center, Greek Life, Student Judicial Affairs, student activities, summer conferences and Family Weekend.

"Really what I'm most interested in is meeting the students," she said. "I enjoy being around people at this point in their lives when they're making big decisions and becoming who they want to be."

Schmiederer is replacing Scott Nelson, former assistant dean of students and director of judicial affairs. Nelson resigned on Oct. 30 after being accused of engaging in behavior not condoned by the faculty handbook.

With 15 years of experience in student affairs positions, Schmiederer most recently comes from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, where she served as director of the office of student life and student ombudsman.

Schmiederer's first job in the



Jodean Schmiederer

education system was in the advising office of Palm Beach Community College, which she said she loved.

"I realized I always liked school," she said. She earned a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction: College Student Affairs from the University of South Florida.

Her husband Mike moved to North Carolina Sept. 1, after being offered a job at LabCorps. Since school was just starting, it was difficult for Schmiederer to pick up and leave, so she arrived in November with their sons Garrett, 5 and Jake, 13.

She started at Elon on Monday, May 5, and her first duties in office included looking at the weekend's incident reports and updates on continuing cases.

Her next official duty was a luncheon Tuesday with members of Student Union Board. The rest of the week's highlights include meetings with SGA leaders, attending the Greek awards and going to the Sister Hazel concert Friday.

The application process for the position began in November, Jackson said. The position was advertised nationally, and approximately 85 applications were submitted.

A campus committee made up of faculty, students and administrators went through the applications and conducted telephone interviews with about 15 finalists.

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Kindness is the daily special at Allied Churches



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Local soup kitchen volunteers help feed the hungry

The Good Shepherd Community Kitchen, an Allied Churches program, provides hot lunches to low-income Burlington residents and guests of the Allied Churches Emergency Night Shelter. Above, associate chef Ted Kellam guides his volunteers through the morning's preparations. "Our volunteers have so much fun learning how to just throw everything together and making a big meal out of it," Kellam said. For more on the Good Shepherd Kitchen, see page 12.

Law school gets provisional accreditation

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The Elon University School of Law has received provisional approval for accreditation by the American Bar Association. A final decision will be made June 6-8 by the ABA's Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

The recommendation for approval was made during the committee's meeting April 18 in Portland, Ore.

Provisional approval entitles Elon law students the right to take the bar admission examinations anywhere in the United States. They also are granted the rights and privileges given to students at fully ABA-approved schools.

Full ABA approval can be granted after new law schools have spent two years under provisional approval.



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Elonthon raises \$120,195.23

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This year's Elonthon raised \$120,195.23 for Duke Children's Hospital.

The announcement was made at College Coffee May 6, which was attended by several representatives from the hospital, including Elon's hospital director and liaison, Rose Porges. Some miracle families also were invited to attend.

The money raised will go toward several clinics and centers within the hospital, and will also provide the children with things to make their stay as comfortable as possible.

"Money also goes to simple things such as coloring books and crayons, video games and other toys to keep the kids happy and occupied," said Laura Bouvin, executive director of Elonthon. "Many of the children are in the hospital for months and Duke does an amazing job of making the hospital seem like home."

Elon has a base with about 22 families from Duke, "many of which have been discharged from Duke and live normal, healthy lives now," Bouvin said.

Because they have been discharged, the money raised at Elonthon may not directly affect some Elon miracle families.

"Beyond raising money, Elonthon's main goal is to bring awareness to campus and get students to participate in something bigger than themselves," Bouvin said. Elonthon has not stopped changing, and Bouvin said the event is in a fast-growing phase that she and the other executive committee members are trying to keep up with.

"We have a lot of ideas on how to change and improve the event, but there is only so much change you can make each year," she said.

A big change this year was allowing any dancer to do a six-hour shift.

Last year, only dancers affiliated with an organization could do six hours.

"We thought the number of 24-hour dancers would decrease," Bouvin said, "but surprisingly, we had a consistent number of 24-hour dancers and maintained the number of total dancers."