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Elon alumni and current students gathered at Rhodes Stadium for the Homecoming football game against Western Carolina on Saturday.

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Alumni flood campus to celebrate

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Distinguished alumni receive honors during halftime

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When alumni returned to Elon for Homecoming 2008, one of the most interesting things to learn was what they had done with their lives. Five graduates have made large impacts in their chosen professions and brought honor to Elon University. To show its pride, Elon honored them at the football halftime show with Alumni Association Awards.

The Distinguished Alumnus and Alumna of the Year Awards are given to Elon graduates who are prominent in their professions and communities. This year, the award

for Distinguished Alumnus of the Year went to Noel Allen, a member of the class of '69. Bonnie Baxter of the class of '88 received the Distinguished Alumna of the Year award.

The Young Alumnus and Alumna of the Year Awards are given to alumni who have graduated within the past decade, but still possess the same qualities as the Distinguished Alumni of the Year. The Young Alumnus of the Year Award went to Laith al-Majali, an '05 graduate, and the Young Alumna of the Year Award went to London B. Sims of the class of '02.

Joan Summers Drummond, a '52 graduate, was awarded the Alumni Service Award. It is given to an alumnus or alumna who has dedicated service to the community.

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Two students involved in hit and run

Senior charged with DWI, felony hit and run; no serious injuries

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Two Elon students were involved in a hit and run accident early Saturday morning.

Senior Elizabeth Creekmuir was driving on Haggard Avenue around 2:30 a.m. when she was rear-ended.

Creekmuir had slowed her car near Belk Library to offer a ride to Mason Barker, a junior, when her car was hit.

"She asked me if I wanted a ride, and before I even realized who it was, another car slammed into her," Barker said. "The other car revved up, backed up and sped off. I was in complete shock."

Senior James Williams was driving the car that rear-ended Creekmuir's. According to a police report, Williams was apprehended near Colonnades and charged with DWI and felony hit and run.

Creekmuir was not seriously injured, but was taken to the hospital by ambulance as a precaution. She said she has a concussion and whiplash, but was released around 7 a.m.

"I was shaken up," she said.

Creekmuir was driving a rental car at the time of the accident because her car was being repaired. She was recently involved in another accident.

"I was really upset," she said. "I had just been in an accident, and then this happened. I also knew I needed to get up early in the morning because I was the maid of honor in my sister's wedding, and I needed to do things for her."

The rental car was "pretty damaged," Creekmuir said, but wasn't totaled.

Creekmuir said a police car sped by shortly after the incident, and Barker flagged it down to ask for assistance. The policeman left, but

sent other officers to the scene, along with an ambulance.

"He [the officer] said he would be right back," she said. "I don't know if he was trying to catch the person who hit me or was on another call, but another police officer showed up right after that."

Barker said the officer's response time was quick.

"A cop must have been nearby and heard or saw the accident when it happened," Barker said. "They were there pretty soon after to get our information and to check on Elizabeth."

Creekmuir said she has spoken with Williams and that he has been cooperative with police.

"He [Williams] sent me a really kind apology letter," she said.

Williams declined to comment for this story.

Elon honors Fleischmann one year after disappearance

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When Elon alum Kyle Fleischmann went missing on Nov. 9, 2007, many of his family members and friends never thought they would be gathering together a year from that day with almost all of their questions unanswered.

The cause for convening was the 2006 graduate's disappearance after a night out in Charlotte. But those who met to remember Fleischmann worked to create more awareness about his situation and raise funds for his charity, the Kyle Fleischmann Foundation.

Senior Ryan Stimmel is the President of Kappa Alpha Order, Fleischmann's fraternity while at Elon. KA was one of several groups to sponsor events last weekend in Fleischmann's honor.

"We're continuing to keep him fresh in people's minds," Stimmel said. "By no means have we forgotten, but we'll keep making an effort in the hopes that someone out there will notice and come forward with information that could lead us to information about finding out what happened to Kyle."

At the young alumni party at Lighthouse on Friday, a table was set up to pass out information, collect donations and hand out Kyle Fleischmann Foundation wristbands.

On Saturday morning, a vigil sponsored by Elon's religious life met at the National Pan-Hellenic Council garden. More than 30 brothers and alumni attended and used the event as a forum to reflect on their relationships and time spent with Fleischmann, Stimmel said.

Before, during and after the football game against Western Carolina, more information regarding his situation was passed out and more donations were collected.

While there was no specific goal set, the group raised more than \$500 for the Kyle Fleischmann Foundation this past weekend.

"We didn't have any idea what to expect from people or what kind of reception we were going to receive," Stimmel said. "It was amazing how many people came up and remembered the same thing from last year and how many people remembered his story. They are obviously sad it wasn't resolved, but they were glad to see we're still out there a year later trying to find some resolution to his situation."

Stimmel said KA will continue to work with the foundation and assist with any event they may be sponsoring. A golf tournament was held in his honor in Charlotte on Saturday, and KA sponsored a hole on the course.

Fleischmann's father, Dick, attended the tournament Saturday in his son's honor. He told Phoenix14News he still misses his son.

"We take it day by day. It's very

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