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Students charged in undercover drug operation

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News Editors

Last week, the Town of Elon police arrested 15 people on charges of drug violations and illegal alcohol possession, 12 of whom are Elon University students.

Elon police conducted searches and arrested one Elon student May 1, six students May 6, three May 7 and two May 8 for various charges, including possession of controlled substances, drug paraphernalia and illegal alcohol possession.

According to an Elon Police Department press release, arrests made on May 6, 7 and 8 were in response to an undercover drug operation that began on May 1 when members of the Elon Police Department as well as members from the campus safety and police executed search warrants in numerous on- and off-campus locations.

According to Alamance County Courthouse arrest warrants and bond records, Elon sophomore Meredith Haggerty was arrested May 1 after police found her in possession of 29.2 grams of cocaine and a 2004 BMW, which the county claimed Haggerty used to keep and sell cocaine.

She was placed under a \$20,000 secured bond and charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, manufacturing cocaine and two counts of maintaining a vehicle and dwelling for keeping and selling drugs.

"Over the course of the past couple months, we've been

hearing about certain names on campus," said Town of Elon Police Lt. Cyndi Ring. "Once we arrested Haggerty, some more of those names came up again."

Many of the arrests took place in Danieleley Center apartments and Sheridan Place.

"We had information that the people who resided at those residences had drugs and/or were selling drugs," Ring said.

According to Ring, once the information was gathered, the police department put together a search warrant which went in front of a magistrate, who confirmed there was probable cause to investigate these claims.

"The possibility does exist that we could make more searches and more arrests," she said.

The following students were charged:

Junior William Elliot was charged with possession of cocaine and was placed under a \$1,000 bond.

Senior William Ferrell was placed under a \$500 bond after being arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia of two bong, smoking pipes and rolling papers.

Senior Zachary Glazer was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia of two bong, smoking pipes and rolling papers. Glazer was placed under a \$500 secured bond.

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SOCON CHAMPS



Senior Pat Irvine takes a swing in a game earlier this season. He hit the game-winning home run against Western Carolina to secure the No. 1 seed in last week's Southern Conference Tournament. The Phoenix won the game 13-11 in 11 innings.

Conor O'Neill
Reporter

Last weekend, the Phoenix baseball team traveled to Western Carolina in need of only one win in three games to capture its second straight regular season conference championship and third in the last four years.

Senior outfielder Pat Irvine hit a two-run home run in the top of the 11th inning to win the game, 13-11.

Irvine's home run makes the Phoenix the No. 1 seeded team in next week's Southern Conference Tournament. The team will attempt to continue a

winning tradition at the tournament, as it will also be going for its third tournament championship in four years.

"One of the reasons I came to Elon is because of their strong baseball tradition, and to be part of the class that's taken it to the next level is something we take pride in," Irvine said.

This season, Irvine has been a major part of Elon's potent offense with a .408 batting average and 17 home runs.

Last season, the team captured the regular season title with a record of 19-8.

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Royster case raises questions on confidentiality of sexual abuse victims

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The arrest of an Elon employee on April 29 and the case's dismissal last week have brought confidentiality laws to the forefront of campus discussion.

Leigh-Anne Royster, coordinator for personal health programs and community well-being, was arrested on charges of resisting a public officer.

According to the arrest warrant, Town of Elon Police Detective Kelly Blackwelder arrested Royster for "refusing to provide (an) officer with vital information related to a sexual assault that had occurred within Elon Police Department jurisdiction."

According to a press release from

the Town of Elon Police, "The Elon Police Department needed to determine the identity of the alleged perpetrator in order to initiate criminal proceedings. It was these circumstances that culminated in the filing of a charge against Royster."

Royster said she did not reveal the information to the police because the victim spoke to her about the assault confidentially.

"I was upholding Elon's, and my own personal, policy of confidentiality regarding students who have experienced sexual violence," Royster said.

According to a statement released by the university a few days after Royster's arrest, the university said it believes Royster was following established protocols and acting in the best interest

of the victim.

Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for student life and associate dean of students, said the administration is currently in dialogue with the town about Elon's protocols.

The Student Handbook states the university holds reported incidents of sexual assault in the highest confidence and the victim will retain control over whether his or her identity will be released.

The Handbook also states, "the names of accused students will not be released as directed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974."

Royster's position at Elon relates to sexual assault response and prevention. Her primary job in terms of response is to explain to students who have experienced

sexual or relationship violence what his or her options are, and, to help them decide which course of action to take.

Royster said she was shocked and confused when the police arrested her outside of Moseley Center upon her arrival at work April 29 and placed her under a \$500 bond.

She said the police handed her the warrant, but did not talk to her directly.

According to the Town of Elon Police press release, the department's energy is currently focused on working with the university to develop procedures that will protect the identity of sexual assault victims while providing the police with the information they need

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