

Lighthouse adds trivia night, aims to increase attendance

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Reporter

In an effort to provide students a safe, fun option, Lighthouse has created trivia night for students looking for something to do on a Wednesday.

Trivia night consists of teams of students who answer random questions and compete for various prizes. The questions come from an Internet trivia game with questions in topics ranging from sports to history. Current prizes include free movie tickets to Carousel Cinemas at Alamance Crossing, but Lighthouse employee Brad Dickens said they are trying to get other prizes such as T-shirts as a way to up the stakes.

"We want to make trivia night a Wednesday night staple," said Bobby Dunlap, assistant director of student activities. "We wanted to make something that stands out for students."

Lighthouse manager Andy Morris said he would like students, especially underclassmen, to come participate in Lighthouse trivia night and see everything Lighthouse has to offer, such as several high-quality television screens and live music.

"Trivia night is great because a little competition is always fun," Lighthouse employee Kelly Drayton said. "It's a really fun experience."

Lighthouse is striving to increase its number of visitors after Elon University purchased the tavern in 2008. Since then, Morris said attendance decreased significantly.

"There is a certain perception that, since Elon now owns Lighthouse, the university is there watching over you," Dunlap said. "That is simply not the case."

With new management this year, the

Lighthouse staff made an effort to take student input into account.

"We wanted to keep Lighthouse consistent from the way it was in the past, but also make it a healthier environment for students," Dunlap said.

In an effort to further enhance the tavern, Lighthouse is now open to the public. Previously, Lighthouse was only accessible to Elon students. Now anyone can enter, as long as they bring a driver's license.

Lighthouse plans to further expand by adding other activities. Currently, the staff is discussing the possibility of hosting an arm wrestling tournament, corn hole, darts, Guitar Hero Night and a Wii Tournament. Morris said Lighthouse is open to suggestions, and is in the process of making a suggestion box for students to give the tavern ideas.

In addition to the weekly trivia night, Thursday karaoke night returns to Lighthouse. According to Morris, karaoke has been made more attractive by a wider variety of microphones and music from which students can pick.

"I have been to karaoke night a few times with my friends," junior Emily Wise said. "Every time I go, I always have a good time."

For Friday night entertainment, Lighthouse hosts live music acts. A Battle of the Bands concert will also be held in the future. Dunlap urges students to pay attention to advertisements and announcements about upcoming events on E-net.

"We hope students come out to Lighthouse," Drayton said. "It has everything you need to have a good time."

LIGHTHOUSE WILL FEATURE A MECHANICAL BULL THURSDAY

Art group attempts to sketch out Elon's future

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Reporter

One of Elon's newest student organizations, Art Guild, is looking to make a big splash this year.

Founded last year, Art Guild is a symposium for all student artists, regardless of intended major. Junior Erin Day, the Guild's president and an art history major, stresses that Art Guild is not just for the "creative" types.

According to Day, even though she isn't a traditional artist, she has gained invaluable curatorial skills through her position in the Guild. Students from any discipline who simply want to display their work are welcome and encouraged to attend.

"Our hope is that Art Guild will function as a creative community, not just for the visual arts," Day said.

At the first Art Guild meeting of the school year, a number of the organization's long- and short-term goals were laid out.

In the future, the Guild hopes to provide artistic workshops for students and faculty. Ideally, topics such as drawing and painting may be covered, but other creative ventures, such as jewelry

making, may also be a part of the workshops.

Another long-term project the Guild is looking into is the possibility of bringing the nationally-recognized arts honor fraternity, Kappa Pi, to the university.

Art Guild will host many events throughout the school year.

Coming up soon is "Are You Afraid of the Dark?," a student art exhibition featuring the themes of darkness, Halloween and fear.

The deadline for submissions is 8 p.m. Oct. 26, with installations occurring around Oct. 29.

Later in the school year, Art Guild will sponsor "Art in the Park," the goal of which is to unite the surrounding community with Elon University.

Through a charitable donation, students and residents may participate in a group art project.

With so many activities in the works, Art Guild hopes to involve student artists all across the campus. The organization strives to find a way to engage artists and provide them with a sense of creative community.

"It is sometimes difficult for me to connect with other

students who are interested in the same things I am, but Art Guild really helps," said vice president Joanna Patterson.

Interested students may attend weekly Art Guild meetings. They are held at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Arts West room 126.

ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE DARK?

WHAT APPLIES?

Any work will be accepted into the show, as long as it fits a scary, dark or horror theme.

DEADLINE

Pieces must be submitted by 8 p.m. on Oct. 26. Submissions will be accepted in person from 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 26 in the lobby of Arts West.

If you wish to submit a piece beforehand, contact exhibition coordinator Travis Butler, tbutler3@elon.edu.

Any questions may be directed to Travis Butler or William Rusch, wrusch@elon.edu.

LUXURY REVIEW



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N.C. Certified Massage Therapist Stacie Harris offers incredible massages at Bliss Salon and Body Retreat.

Find 'Bliss' along Church Street

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Defining Burlington isn't hard: a small, suburban has-been furniture resale and manufacturing hub that is home to an extreme poverty gap. There's a brand new shopping mall just miles from the town's largest source of community outreach, Loaves and Fishes.

Although the amount of commercial space has appeared to double in size from what it was four years ago, it's hard to compare this place to home. Sure, we've got every stereotypical fast food chain that one would find along a cross-country road trip, but where's that "homey" feel? Where's the comfort in the small coffee shops? The cute boutiques? The niche-based stores that fuel so much of our buying pleasure and power?

Students, no matter how new they are to this campus, have come to the realization that this feeling of comfort cannot be found in our little speck of North Carolina.

Well, stop right there, oh material-malnourished one, and look no further for a treat than Bliss Salon and Body Retreat.

Located at 3403-A S. Church St. in the West End Shopping Centre, this full-service salon and day spa is just what one needs when the din of Burlington becomes too much.

The ambiance alone is worth giving Bliss a try. Sleek hardwood floors, cool sage walls and decadent accents create the friendly atmosphere that owner Mike Young works diligently to create.

Young and a few others branched their own business from an area salon and created the blissful space last May. He says the team works like a family and offers more than their services but their spirits as well. The location offers three areas of peaceful, personal pleasure — no, not that kind. The lobby is friendly and inviting, just like the receptionist.

There's a salon in the back with seven chairs and 13 stylists on call who specialize in cuts, coloring, perms and straightening, blow-outs and styling. Cuts start at \$37 for women and \$20 for men. Color your weave from \$45-\$75.

Just interested in a simple pampering? Bliss offers traditional spa manicures and pedicures with hot stone treatments. Two large black leather reclining chairs each equipped with their own little whirlpool finish off the luxury experience. Spa manicures are \$30 and pedicures are \$35 with artificial gel and acrylic full-sets available from \$50-\$65.

If prices don't seem to match your budget, treat yourself to a one-time-only escape. For first time patrons, Bliss will take \$20 off your massage or facial. That makes an hour-long, full body massage just \$45 without tip or a 30 minute mini-retreat a feasible \$25.

Stacie Harris is a certified North Carolina massage therapist and runs the show in Bliss' single, private massage retreat. Trust me, a this knotted, stressed workaholic who's tested Harris' skills. She's worth every penny. Go in for an hour and come out in a comfort coma. This woman knows what it takes to make her clients feel rejuvenated.

During a session, Harris exhibits a completely appropriate level of chit-chat. Want her to be quiet? She will. But if you want to hear more about her interesting life story — she's from a farm in Iowa, married to a stock car builder in Burlington and plans to name her fourth child who is on the way, her husband's family name, Nimrod — she's happy to oblige.

The girl knows her stuff, too. She's trained in all sorts of massage therapy, so just ask for any specific treatment and she'll do her best to treat you right.

Now I can't specifically vouch for their skin treatments, but my roommate got her eyebrows waxed for just \$15 by Esthetician Becky Gilbert, and she raved about it. Painless. Calming. Overall a great experience.

Specials geared just for Elon students are in the works, so call Bliss at (336) 538-4960 and they'll be happy to answer your questions.

Bliss Salon and Body Retreat deserves all the stars it can get. When in need of a beauty or spiritual fix, head to Bliss.