

Tolley plans to stay active in community

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Though he was involved with athletics during the beginning of his career, Tolley began working with various campaigns and giving programs in 1982.

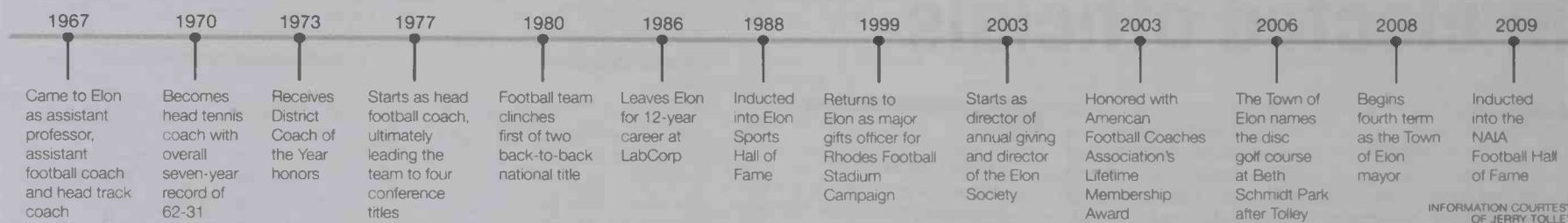
During a more recent six-year period, Tolley increased the membership in the Elon Society from 678 members to 904 members, and increased the Elon Fund from \$975,988 to \$2,285,500, a 134 percent increase.

"There have been all these nice milestones that I've been able to be here when they happen and have some involvement in them," Tolley said.

Jim Piatt, vice president for University Advancement, said Tolley has been "completely invaluable" as part of the University Advancement staff in recent years because of his connections and ability to encourage people to support Elon with financial contributions.

"He's got a lot of different talents and a lot of different skills and he's been able to use a lot of them for Elon's benefit throughout the years," Piatt said. "Tolley's been someone who has been very fondly thought of and is a living legend around campus."

TOLLEY'S TIME



THE ELON SOCIETY

Members contribute at least \$1,500 annually to the giving group to ensure Elon can continue to "offer academic programs in world-class facilities."

Elon Society Director Jerry Tolley said tuition doesn't cover the total costs of the university, so other money is necessary to supplement it's actions.

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Jerry Tolley, waving, was honored Monday night. For 31 years, Tolley has served Elon in a variety of capacities, including Town of Elon mayor, head football coach and director of the Elon Society.

Piatt said the growth of the Elon Society under Tolley's leadership is a real testament to his strengths, and in turn, the university is able to use the money to support more opportunities, such as financial aid packages.

Executive Vice President Gerry Francis has worked with Tolley in both the community and the institution and said Tolley has provided structure to enhance outside commitment to the university and has perfected a cohesive structure to provide support for the

school.

"Tolley's been a leader at the institution, and that's made a difference," Francis said. "He's always had a great ability to bring people together to solve problems."

Piatt said the group will start searching for Tolley's replacement shortly.

"Anytime you have somebody who has served Elon as long as Jerry has, it's just really important to recognize that and to have people who have meant a

lot in the community come together and share their appreciation for somebody who has spent most of his adult life advancing Elon," Piatt said.

Tolley said Elon is a special place to be, and that is why he has continued to work and live in the community.

"One of the benefits of working at Elon is you get a chance to go out and walk through campus and live the campus," Tolley said. "I don't think there ever was a day I didn't want to get up and come to work."

New BioBus route, parking sparks trouble for students

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One of the many frustrations for Elon University students is cars. Students who do not have cars have to find ways to get to local sites in order to do volunteer work, shop or just find a new location to hang out with friends. And students who do have cars constantly have to find a place where they are allowed to park.

Currently, there are two new ideas that may help students with their car problems, whether it's a lack of parking or a lack of transportation.

New BioBus Shuttle Route

Since the cities of Elon and Burlington are not large metropolises, there is not currently a good form of public transportation in place. This has caused problems in the past for students who need to get off campus to do volunteer work.

A new BioBus route will run from Elon to several different agencies in eastern Burlington in order to lessen Elon students' dependence on cars. This should also eliminate some of the traffic caused by Elon students, ultimately reducing the university's carbon footprint.

"The program we did earlier in the year, 'Get on the Bus,' was very successful," said Brain O'Shea, assistant to the vice president for Student Life. "Students said they wanted it to continue, and that students wanted to continue volunteering their time at many of the agencies but could not because they did not have a car."

The route has five stops in the community that drop students off at a location close to at least two different service agencies. There are 50 sites on the route including the American Red Cross, Christmas Cheer, Loaves and Fishes, the Boys and Girls Club, Centro la Comunidad, Allied Churches, Burlington Housing Authority and Eastlawn Elementary.

"The Kernodle Center saw a need for students to have transportation to various volunteer sites," said sophomore Amber Mathis, Kernodle Center student leader. Many students are taking Academic Service-Learning courses, and it only makes sense to help provide transportation if they are requiring students to do service in order to pass a class. The bus is a "service loop" however city merchants are also hoping to gain greater foot traffic from students as a result.

This biobuses will run Monday through Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The

new route is having a pilot run starting in February 2010 and will last the remainder of the semester. After this point, the route is going to be reevaluated to see how many people utilized the route, what days were most utilized and what times seemed to be most effective. If the pilot run is successful then Elon will start looking for funding for the route from the community.

New SGA Parking Committee

All around Elon University's campus are signs that tell you who can park in which parking lots, how long you can park, and what hours you can park. Unfortunately, for students these signs often prohibit them from an ideal parking situation.

As a result of the number of students concerned by the issue SGA has created a Parking Ad Hoc Committee. This committee is made up of Sam Warren, Taylor Martin, Darien Flowers and Jasmine Nickerson.

"This committee is to address all the issues students have about parking," said Sam Warren, Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair. "There are some big issues with parking. One is the lack of parking in east area and the unfair fees for students in east area who have to pay the standard \$160.00 even though they have less parking. Other issues are that there is no parking at night for students who at the library, in the back of Oaks there are no visitor parking spots, and the 20 minute parking by Moseley is inadequate."

Currently the Committee is meeting with representative from each area to document all of the parking concerns. They are also planning two upcoming student forums with students where all students will be invited to express their concerns. And the Committee plans to meet with Chuck Gantos, Director of Campus Safety and Police.

The Committee is looking to add at least a 20 minute parking spot in the parking lot behind Hook, Brannock, Barney and in the parking lot behind West so students who otherwise have to park in overflow parking can unload groceries. The Committee is also looking to make spots in the Moseley parking lot that are 40 minutes or an hour so students who live off campus can park and eat lunch in Octagon or attend their office hour in upstairs Moseley.

"There have also been discussions about adding a parking garage," said Warren. "We are looking into if this idea will become a reality, and where a good spot for a parking garage would be. We just want to make sure parking is as convenient for students as possible."

Burlington Police Department to use future survey for necessary feedback, critiques

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More than 19,000 Burlington residents will receive a postcard this week urging them to participate in a survey that will provide feedback and critiques of the current services offered by the Burlington Police Department.

The survey, sent by the Burlington Police Department and an Elon University Public Administration Senior Seminar class, has more than 30 questions including: Do residents feel safe? Are drugs a major concern in Burlington? How is the communications system used by the police department? And do you feel the police discriminate based on race or gender?

Assistant Chief Greg Seel said the police station usually sends out this sort of survey every two years in order to learn what areas in the department are stronger and what parts need improvement.

"We want to gauge and get feedback on how well we perform," Seel said. "We are looking at our communications and how we deliver our services."

The results will not be released until Dec. 22, but Seel said he suspects good reports.

"We feel confident the results will say we do a good job," Seel said. "But regardless of how high the results are, we are constantly looking for ways to improve."

George S. Hill is the president of the South Beverly Hills neighborhood association, a local neighborhood in the eastern part of Burlington. He said he has already taken the survey and feels the channel of communication between the community and police station is vital.

"We formed this group (South Beverly Hills neighborhood association) because we felt this was our way to have a voice in the government," Hill said. "This (survey) is very important, and

the only way the police will be able to move forward and know our perception of them."

Hill said he believes the police station will get less than favorable reports from the black community. He said one way to improve the disparity is to increase the number of black and Hispanic police officers.

But he said he believes the police department is on the right track, and that under the current police chief they are addressing these issues.

Burlington Mayor Ronnie Wall said the City Council will look at the results once they are announced.

"This is us trying to improve what we are doing," Wall said. "It is very important to get feedback, whether positive or negative, and make improvements."

Wall said this was a chance to gain "honest feedback" and effectively look at how well the Burlington Police Department is doing as a whole.

Betty Morgan, associate professor of political science, has been working with the Burlington Police Department for more than eight years and has helped conduct four surveys.

"The survey data is used for several purposes," Morgan said. "Accreditation is on the police department's part, and it is an effort by the police to ensure Burlington residents are satisfied with service and make sure they can better meet their needs."

She said this survey focuses on the communication with residents and the navigation of the Burlington Police Department Web site.

"What we have found over the years what (the police department) perceive to be issues may or may not be issues to the public," Morgan said. "It has raised sensitivity to periodically checking in."

The project is paid for by the Elon University Center for Public Affairs and cost close to \$2,100.