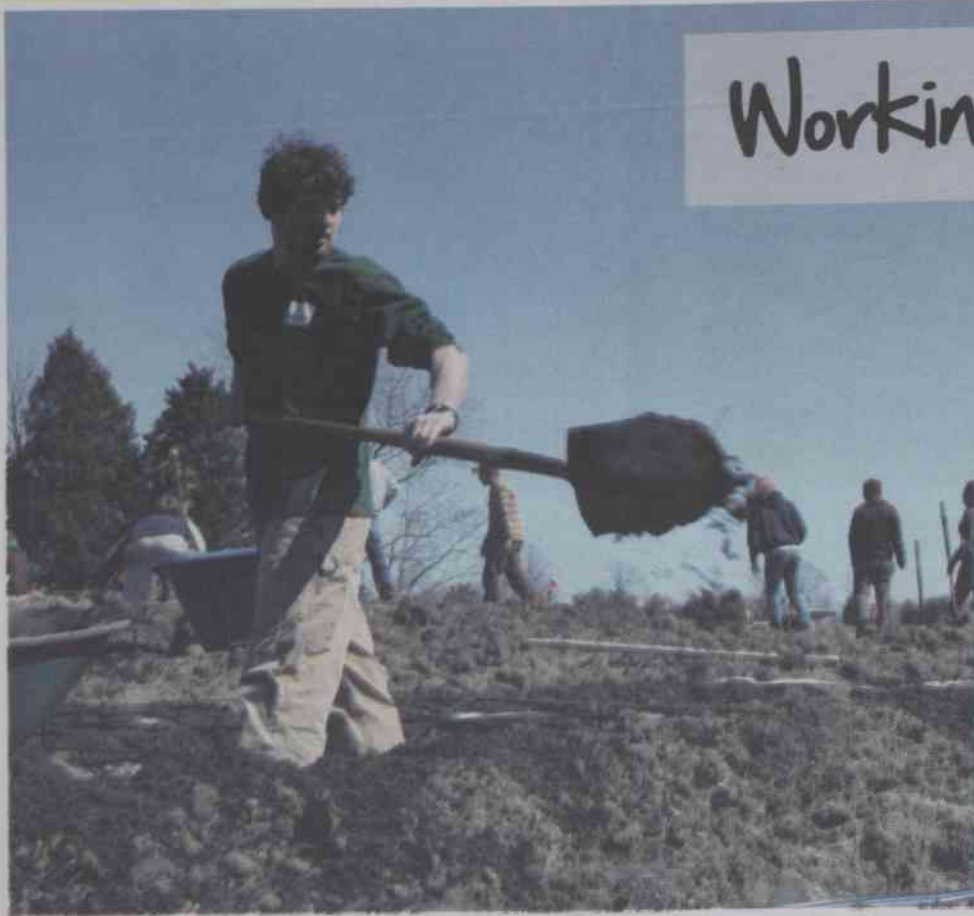


# Style



## Working hard, growing hope

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Peacehaven Farm is a community-oriented nonprofit that hopes to give homes to mentally and physically challenged adults. Located just outside of Whitsett, Peacehaven was established in 2007 by founders Buck and Tim Cochran and Susan Elliot. Elliot's son inspired the project.

Above: Farming is Peacehaven's secondary objective. Buck Cochran, Peacehaven's farm leader, explains the ultimate goal for Peacehaven is to be a sustainable living community for adults living with intellectual and physical disabilities. Right: Isaac Lee, 11, helps to renovate the barn at Peacehaven Farm in Whitsett. Volunteers of all ages came out to help start the growing season.



Far left: Volunteers are essential to Peacehaven. With no full time staff the generosity and commitment of the community is the only way work is completed on the farm. Even those volunteers with little or no farming experience are essential. Above left: North Carolina State University freshman John Tyler traveled all the way from Raleigh to volunteer at Peacehaven. Volunteers did jobs ranging from laying irrigation pipe to gutting and remodeling a barn. Left: Peacehaven is based completely around the generosity and hard work of the community. Members from all walks of life have made an effort to spend a Saturday morning working with the land. Above: These gloves were about the only thing resting at Peacehaven, as volunteers enthusiastically worked to get the farm in shape to start the growing season.

## 5 steps to snagging an internship:

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In the spring, flowers bloom, the temperature rises and summer internship deadlines loom. During this time of the year, even the overachievers of Elon are feeling insecure. Students should remember to be confident and remember that they are the best, and by following a few tips employers will know that too.

### 1. There are no limits

Apply to as many internships as possible. Applications can get monotonous and eventually the routine may get tiring, but students should keep in mind all of the opportunities that are available. There are so many Web sites with internship listings that there is no reason to simply apply for a handful.

While internships during the school year are competitive, they are nothing in comparison to the gauntlet that is summer. Everyone is out and ready to be consumed by their internship, so apply to a minimum of 10 places. You may lose some, but having backups is vital.

### 2. Amass then diversify

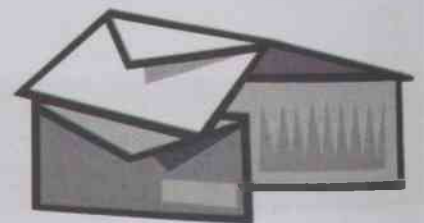
There are so many organizations with internship programs that offer different possibilities. Think big and small. Large, well-known organizations will look great on any resume but are highly competitive. Smaller, more personal options will give students experience and skills through close interactions. Explore them all. This open-mindedness will also help you reach your quota of applications, too.

### 3. Resumes: More than one page

Even though resumes are short, they are definitely not simple. People should not be fooled by the one-page requirement because that one page is summarizing the skills that separate one student from another. Check for errors multiple times. Employees will immediately throw resumes with errors in the trash. Then make sure it is organized, attractive and stands out so that it is not difficult for people to read. Put your most applicable information first. You only have a few seconds to make an impact as employers scan the resume. Use professors, mentors and career services as resources to guide you in making any resume well-rounded.

### 4. Sell, sell, sell

The cover letter is the next most important part of any application. This is an opportunity to show personality and unique qualities. Potential interns should not talk about how much they would love to have the experience and how great of an opportunity it is. Employers know that otherwise they would not have an internship program. Students should research the company and explain what they have to offer them. And if possible, they should relate this to their experiences to make the fact that they are "hard-working" more tangible.



### 5. Be kind

Even if a rejection e-mail comes to the inbox, each interview can be a good learning experience. Making a lasting, positive impact could be beneficial down the road by being offered opportunities or references in the future. Thank them for taking the time for the interview. Especially with smaller organizations, thank you cards have a special impact that can make someone stand out from other applicants.