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VIOLATED: A LOOK THROUGH THE EYES OF INDECENT EXPOSURE VICTIMS

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It was a typical Monday night at about 9:30 p.m. when Elon University junior Linda* returned to her Williamson Avenue house. In her usual after-gym routine, she jumped in the shower in her first-floor bathroom, completely unaware of the shock the next few minutes would bring.

Robe on and hair towel in hand, Linda saw an unfamiliar man open the bathroom door. She paused in surprise, thinking it might be her landlord.

"I kind of looked at him questioningly, and then I heard what he was saying," Linda said. "He was kind of talking dirty and calling me 'baby' and kind of cooing. I looked down, and he was masturbating. My first instinct was just flight."

The next thing she knew, Linda was sprinting across her front yard and into her neighbors' open door to find the house empty. She barely remembers pushing past the man standing in the doorway.

"I ran around screaming their names, and it just kind of clicked that they weren't there," Linda said. "I went into the last room, and I turned back, and there was a deadbolt, so I deadbolted the door. I was freaking out for a solid 20 minutes not even knowing what to do."

With no cell phone and only a dead laptop in the room she'd locked herself in, the only thing Linda could think to do was stay quiet. As she fled, she'd seen the intruder following her, and she was terrified he'd followed her into the house.

"I was just scared to leave that room and afraid to leave that house by myself if he was outside," she said. "I was so terrified of what he was going to do to me."

Meanwhile, Linda's roommate had locked herself in her upstairs bedroom after hearing a scream. They had a similar incident this summer, so she didn't want to take any chances. She called the police only for them to find the house empty and assume it was a false alarm. It wasn't until her neighbors came home that they "put two and two together" and called the police again.

But this incident wasn't to be the first or the last. It was just one in a series of

E-MAIL ALERTS FROM SMITH JACKSON

February 15, 2010, 8:16 p.m.

"At approximately 6:15 p.m. tonight a female student called c-com (911) to report that while walking home from campus she had seen a white male masturbating as he drove by her in champagne colored Honda in the area of Kerr Street and Lawrence Avenue."

February 16, 2010, 11:09 a.m.

"Last night the Town Police responded to a 911 call at approximately 11:30 p.m. from two female Elon students who reported an intruder in their residence adjacent to the campus on Williamson Avenue."

February 16, 2010, 10:43 p.m.

"At approximately 7:45 p.m. tonight a female student reported to the town police that she had been followed by a male in a beige 3-door car while jogging in the Millpoint/Truitt Drive area."

February 20, 2010, 7:12 p.m.

"Campus Security was notified by a female Elon student just before 5 p.m. today that last night (Friday around 6:30 p.m.) that she was walking in the Food Lion parking lot on South Church when a man in a Honda started following her."

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Health care bill changes student loan process

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Students will no longer have the option to choose a private lender for their student loans under the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, which was passed in March. Any college loans taken out after July 1, 2010 will no longer be through private banks with the Federal Family Education Loan Program, but through the government with the Direct Loan Program.

"We have everything in place, and we don't anticipate any problems," said Patrick Murphy, the director of Financial Planning at Elon University. "The unknown is we don't know how the federal government will handle it now that they have taken more than 100 percent of the loans, but otherwise it is business as usual."

Students applying for Stafford loans will have to fill out new promissory notes for next year's loans, Murphy said. A promissory note is the promise to pay the agreed upon amount for a loan. He said he already added Elon to the Direct Loan system last year in anticipation of the change in legislation.

"We got ready early so as not to have any difference," Murphy said. "There are many schools out there scrambling trying to figure out how to make this work. I did not want to be in the position."

He said there should not be any change in students' loans other than who is lending them the money. Murphy said he is concerned with the amount of customer service the government will be able to offer students as a lender.

In all the discussion about the health care portion of the bill, Associate Professor of Economics Greg Lilly said he did not hear much at all about changes being made to the student loan system.

"It is kind of odd, I guess that Congress kind of slipped in the student loan thing in with the huge health care bill," Lilly said. "From what I can understand, they did it because it makes deficit reduction look a little bit better."

Lilly said he thinks there will be some cost savings by eliminating private banks from the equation. He

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Elon weighs options in starting multifaith center

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A committee of Elon University students, faculty and staff are working toward the building of a new facility on campus where everyone can learn about, practice and celebrate their religion.

As part of Elon's strategic plan, The Elon Commitment, a new multifaith center is in the works and will be constructed within the next 10 years.

The committee was co-chaired by Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, and Todd Coleman, assistant professor of music and chair of the religious and spiritual life committee.

"This year, President Lambert charged a new committee to come up with a good solution (on how to proceed with the multifaith center)," Coleman said. Previously, the university had looked into sharing space with a local church but decided this was not the best solution because of the unique needs of Elon's campus.

Coleman said Elon's religious community includes people from a wide range of faiths, and the center will need to be able to meet the needs of all

of them.

Members of the architectural subcommittee spent time visiting other colleges' multifaith centers, including those at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"We saw everything from chapels to a large chaplain's office," Associate Professor of Communications Anthony Hatcher said. "We found no one model that fit Elon University."

This means that Elon is starting from the beginning in terms of design, layout and building use.

Coleman said a great deal of consideration is being put into every aspect of the planning process.

"We want to make sure the spaces will be utilized," he said. "We don't want a trophy building."

Hatcher said their visits taught them about the various needs of a multifaith center, including a large amount of storage for various religious idols, kosher areas for preparing food and space for Islamic worshippers to perform ritual washing.

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