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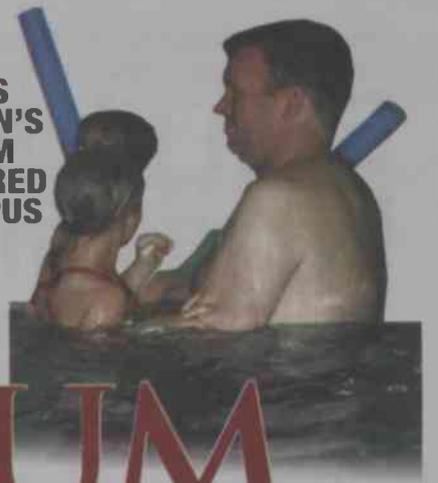
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a week of celebrations

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Elon University held its annual CELEBRATE! Week April 25 to May 1, hosting events across campus throughout the week. CELEBRATE! started in 2006 as a recognition of "student achievement in academics and the arts," according to the 2010 guide.

Above, senior Kevin Manship and freshman Katie Moran act in "Jake's Women," a play put on by the Department of Performing arts during CELEBRATE! Week.

Some of the headlining events included the annual Student Undergraduate Research Forum April 26, the Awards Day Ceremony sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa, the 15th anniversary induction ceremony of the Phi Kappa Phi chapter and student academic showcases.

The week also included artistic performances and exhibits that showcased the work of students. Some major events were a student art exhibit, readings by creative writing students, Tapped Out!, "Love's Labour's Lost," the unveiling of the literary and art journal "Colonnades," the Black Box Festival and the Outdoor Dance Concert.

Also featured were a film festival and music performances. Some of the music exhibits included an a cappella performance of Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon," a world percussion ensemble and the Electric Ensemble Spring Show: The Music of Woodstock.

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Mynhardt drops felony charges in case against former students

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A felony assault charge filed against John Cassady, a former Elon University student, was dropped by the Alamance County District Attorney's Office April 29. The original charge stemmed from an incident that occurred in 2007 that left then-student John Lee Mynhardt paralyzed from the neck down. A felony assault charge against Clinton Blackburn, a former University of North Carolina Greensboro student also involved, was dropped as well.

The District Attorney's Office dropped the charges because "the victim did not wish to prosecute."

While the criminal case is closed, the 2008 negligence civil suit filed by Mynhardt is still under way. Blackburn and Cassady are both named as defendants, as is Elon University, Lambda Chi Alpha Inc., Delta Pi Chapter at Elon University and former Elon students Charles Caldwell, David Williamson Wells, Linwood Long, Brian McElroy, Robert Olson and William Hartness.

The case file states Mynhardt entered a party at 211 N. Lee Ave., a residence rented by Cassady, Wells and McElroy. Mynhardt's complaint describes it as, "an ostensibly open, social party in the 211 N. Lee Ave. house, whereby uninvited guests were allowed to enter and alcoholic beverages were served."

The report reads Mynhardt and then-Elon student Mary Kelly entered a bathroom in the house and "defendants Cassady and/or Blackburn forcibly opened the door of the bathroom for the purpose of ejecting (Mynhardt) from the fraternity party."

Blackburn and Cassady then forced Mynhardt out a side kitchen door and "at some point while (Mynhardt) was being negligently ejected out the door by defendants Cassady and Blackburn, either they fell or (Mynhardt) was thrown to the kitchen floor."

It was after this that Mynhardt

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Student, professor travel to Haiti for disaster relief

Liv Dubendorf
Reporter

Collapsed and destroyed buildings, housing the entombed, forgotten regions of people in need of help, makeshift dwellings draped in blue tarps and rows of tents in which people make their homes — Elon University student Danton Kerz and Professor Prudence Layne said they witnessed devastation during a service trip to Anse-a-Veau, Haiti.

Sophomore Kerz is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and International Association of Emergency Managers. Layne is an associate professor of English and a member of

the Caribbean-American Medical and Scientific Association. Accompanying nine CAMSA members, the two traveled to Haiti from March 26-29.

Kerz became involved in the trip during a meeting for student groups wanting to assist in the reconstruction of Haiti. He said Layne was planning on going down there on a relief and medical aid trip. He spoke to her after the meeting, telling her he would like to become involved.

They went "down to Haiti for a short trip with a group of doctors based out of New York," Kerz said.

The short-term goal of this trip was "to talk the people and leaders in the community about what kinds

of partnerships they were seeking, what they felt was most urgent and needed in the short and long term, and to determine how best I could use my talents to honor those requests," Layne said.

She said the group's itinerary included visits to schools and working in a health facility preparing and updating medical records.

"The major challenge was the journey on roads in poor condition for about seven hours from the capital," Layne said. "The drive was a minor inconvenience."

The community was left in disrepair after the colossal 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit the developing nation in

January.

There were "too many people afflicted with illnesses that are preventable or easily treated if only the resources (financial and medical) were available," Layne said.

In the service trip, the group hoped to improve the situation in Anse-a-Veau.

"I was expecting to see utter destruction, lack of infrastructure, and many people needing help, both immediate and basic. I had friends who were down there right after the earthquake, so I knew what I was going

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