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Elon group documents Internet Conference

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What does the Internet's future hold: Worldwide governmental controls, a realm of user friendly access or the creation of Internet islands where information is contained to predetermined sects? These scenarios and other issues surrounding the future of the Internet were discussed at the Internet Governance Forum at the Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Throughout the daylong conference a 10-member team from Elon University's Imagining the Internet provided real-time documentation of the events by blogging, tweeting and recording the sessions and workshops.

Two members of the group — senior Kirsten Bennett and alumnus Morgan Little — were chosen by IGF-USA as youth participants to speak during two panels.

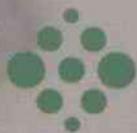
Little was a panelist on the Best Practices Forum: Considerations on Youth Online Safety in an Always-Switched-On World.

"I was surprised because child safety, while something I am aware of and researched, it's not my expertise," Little said. "(I focus) more in media transition to the Internet and journalism related issues. But I appreciated the opportunity and gave it my best effort."

Imagining the Internet director and associate professor of communications Janna Anderson said IGF-USA is pushing for more youth representation and participation at the conferences.

Anderson was named to the steering committee of the IGF-USA in 2009 and has since helped to provide citizen journalism coverage at regional and international IGF conferences.

"I knew I would have students who would be excited about the opportunity



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Protecting People. Reducing Risk.

"The question is not whether we are going to comply. The question is when."

-- James Nold
Stericycle manager

"Stericycle pays a little over \$2,000 in taxes in Graham. And it's obvious they believe that having \$2,000 in the pocket is worth more than the health of the residents in Graham."

-- Sue Dayton
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense
League

"The state and federal government needs to get their act together and let ya'll know what guidelines you have to operate by. And until they do that you can't expect the company to spend money not knowing what to spend money on."

-- Bill Lashley
Alamance County Commissioner

"I talked to my father-in-law coming over here they had a daughter who died at 40 years old who lived right down the road from (Stericycle) from cancer. He said I wonder could that be a cause. And I thought to myself well could it be."

-- Eddie Boswell
Alamance County Commissioner



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A resolution calling for medical waste incinerator Stericycle to comply to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards two years earlier was not adopted by the Alamance County Commissioners in a 4-1 vote; Commissioner Eddie Boswell was the lone vote for the resolution.

Sue Dayton, statewide coordinator with Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, presented the resolution two months prior, however, commissioners wanted to hear from Stericycle officials before putting the resolution to vote.

The resolution stems from the EPA's

regulations that all medical incinerators must meet by 2014. Environments say the 2014 deadline is too long to wait for clean air.

Stericycle officials argued the state and federal government had yet to release guidelines on the most efficient methods of complying with the new EPA regulations and pushing the deadline forward two years could cause the Haw River incinerator to close.

The EPA's new emission guidelines would cut the amount of pollutants and harmful chemicals released by medical waste incinerators by 97 percent, according to environmentalists. Some of the chemicals released by medical

waste incinerators include mercury, Dioxins, lead, cadmium and greenhouse gases.

Selin Hoboy, Stericycle's vice president of legislative and regulatory affairs, said there were no medical waste incinerators able to meet the regulations without some guidelines.

"We simply would like to point out there are a number of difficulties with implementing the new emission limits," Hoboy said. "There is new equipment and processes we have to research since there are no facilities that can meet these requirements alone. We need to

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Former student files suit against Elon School, teachers

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A former student has filed suit against The Elon School and two former teachers for "breach of contract" and "for negligent infliction of emotional distress."

Kathryn "Khaki" Greene and her parents Deborah and Tom filed the suit against the private high school, located across from Johnston Hall and the Truitt Building, on June 15. Greene attended The Elon School her sophomore and junior year and, according to the lawsuit, has since moved to Rhode Island.

The lawsuit names the school and two former teachers, Taylor Saxe and Caitlin McKinney, as defendants.

Saxe was Greene's geometry teacher and soccer coach. McKinney was Greene's English teacher, academic advisor and worked at Greene's parents' restaurant.

The lawsuit claims Saxe was displeased that Greene's driver's education classes coincided with soccer practices. It was at

this point "Saxe engaged in behavior that was hostile" towards Greene. This behavior included not being available for geometry tutoring, not making eye contact with Greene, answering Greene's questions in monosyllables and making "disparaging comments" about Greene to the boys' soccer team. Members of the boys' soccer team allegedly told Greene about Saxe's comments.

Greene mentioned to McKinney "that she felt Saxe did not like her." The lawsuit claims McKinney told Greene this was not the case and Saxe did, indeed, like her.

Greene's parents met with school officials to discuss her experience with Saxe in 2007.

The lawsuit then states an unmarked package was anonymously delivered to Greene's parents' restaurant. The package contained e-mail exchanges



ANNA JOHNSON | Photographer
The Elon School and two former teachers face a civil lawsuit from a former student, Kathryn Greene. The student accuses the Elon School and teachers of negligence and causing emotional harm.

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