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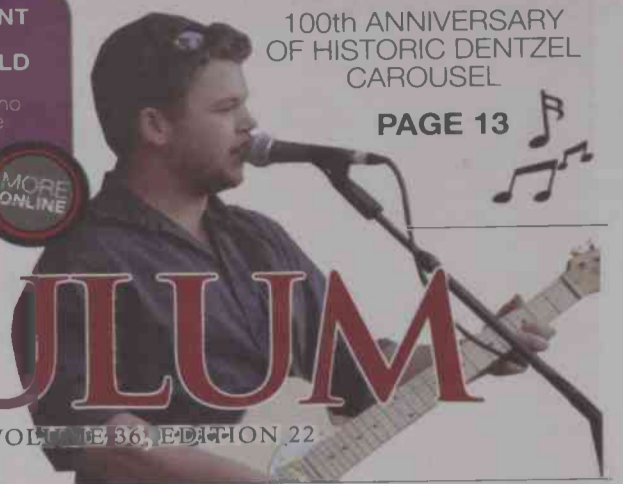
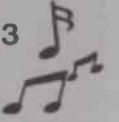
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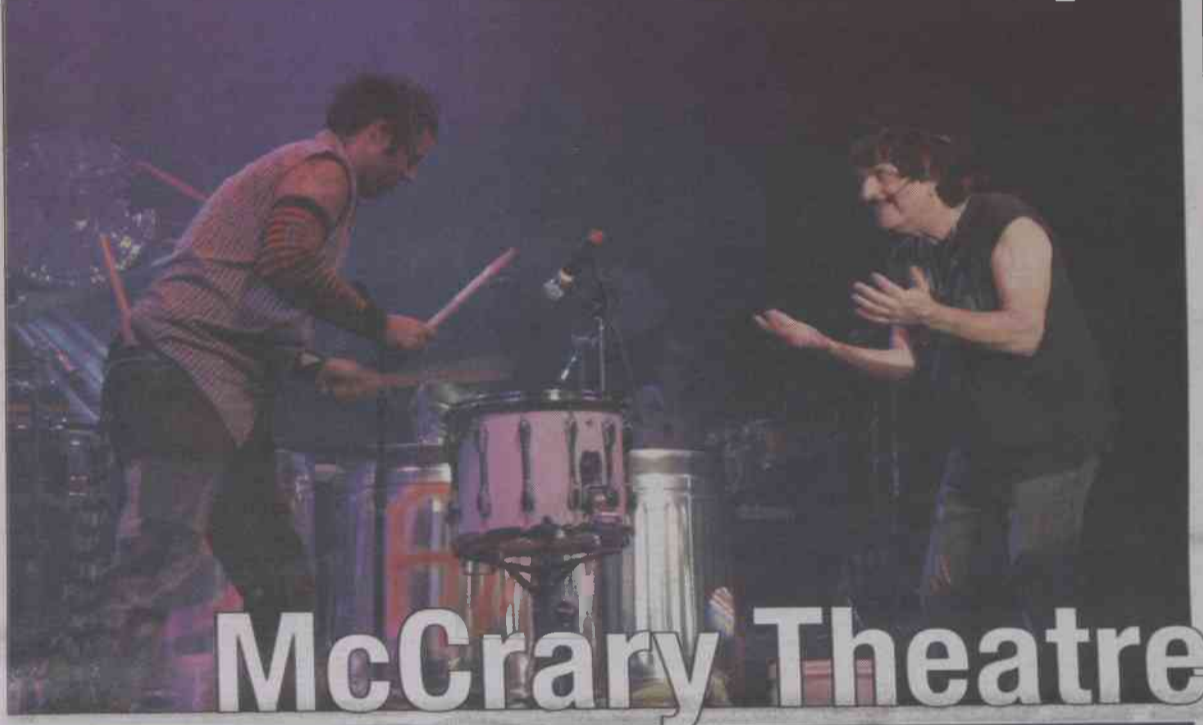


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McCrary Theatre



PHOTOS TAKEN BY COREY GROOM AND TRACY RAETZ

More than simply a component of a song, on Sept. 16 drums and drumming were the centers of attention in McCrary Theatre.

A sold-out show featured drumming icon Carmine Appice and six fellow musicians — five drummers and a guitarist — who transformed the space into a chair-rattling, bone-quaking box of sound.

The show included many drum solos, guitar riffs and a guest appearance from the Fire of the Carolinas drumline. Emblazoned with fluorescent tape and glowing in blacklights, the performers imbued the stage with considerable energy.

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Student arrested on rape charge

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

An Elon University freshman was arrested and charged with one count of second-degree rape Sept. 17. The student, Nicholas Pacella, was taken to the Alamance County Jail and held under \$100,000 secured bond.

Pacella posted bond Monday morning, Sept. 20. The arrest derived from an alleged rape that took place sometime between 1 and 2:15 a.m. Sept. 12 in Smith Residence Hall, according to a Campus Safety and Police incident report. A student, other than the victim, reported the incident, said Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police.

The victim knew the suspect before the incident and alcohol is believed to have been a factor, according to the incident report.

According to North Carolina statutory law and Elon University's Honor Code, a person cannot give legal consent for sexual activity after consuming alcohol.

A notice was not sent to the student body in this particular incident, or with any sexual assault case where the victim does not give explicit permission, said Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life.

"We do want to notify the campus of sexual assaults because we want people to know this does happen and there are resources," Jackson said. "But never at the expense of the victim."

After this type of event, the student is the main priority, Jackson said.

"The first thing is a focus on the student," he said. "To see if they want to go to the hospital, do they want the police involved, do they want us to make a report on their behalf, do they want us to go through judicial."

Victims of sexual violence are given a number of routes to pursue the matter further, said Leigh-Anne Royster, coordinator for personal health programs and community well-being.

Students can choose to file a report through both the North Carolina legal system and Elon University's Judicial Affairs, only one of those legislative bodies or neither.

"The criminal justice process is very different from the campus judicial process," Royster said. "My office works really hard to empower the student's process and make sure they are in control of where they go."

Whitney Gregory, director of Judicial Affairs, said she could not comment on whether this incident has been filed with the university. Since Pacella was arrested by Campus Safety and Police, the case is being pursued in criminal court.

According to the Campus Safety and Police website, the last forcible sex act occurred in 2007. But these statistics are not always reflective of the actual campus climate, Royster said.

"So what you read in those federal statistics for campuses is mostly the unusual incident which actually gets charged in a criminal setting and prosecuted by the state," she said.

In an average year, Royster sees anywhere from 30 to 50 students seeking resources surrounding sexual violence or sexual assault. Last year, one of her highest, she saw 52 students.

Pacella declined to comment. Pacella was identified early in the investigation as a suspect, Gantos said. Based on the evidence and information from the District Attorney's office, there was enough information to make the arrest.

Coming off organization status suspension, fraternity looks to re-establish itself by November

Anna Johnson
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Pending the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity meets the expectations of its national organization and Elon University, the group will regain organization recognition Nov. 1. The university stripped Pi Kappa Phi of its organization status after an investigation in late April. The investigation followed an

incident where a potential member was taken to the hospital for excessive alcohol intake.

The fraternity was found responsible for violating the Elon Honor Code and the Greek Life Risk Management Policies, said Shana Plasters, director of Greek Life. The organization's activities and operations were halted March 13, 2010 in order to begin the investigation, said Brian O'Shea, the Pi Kappa Phi adviser and assistant to

the vice president for Student Life and dean of students.

President Leo Lambert has publicly said at a meeting about hazing with student leaders and a meeting with faculty and staff that Elon almost had two student deaths because of alcohol poisoning last spring. One of those students was involved in the incident that resulted in Pi Kappa Phi's suspended organization status, according to Smith Jackson, dean of

student life.

"We had situations in the spring that were really concerning," Jackson said. "We need to treat this as if somebody died."

Senior Ian Maxwell, vice president of Pi Kappa Phi, wrote in an e-mail that the fraternity would not like to release

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