

Camp tackles Mexico's drug war

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Roderic Camp spoke on the inability of Mexican armed forces to control the drug cartels in the country Thursday night in LaRose Digital Theater, posing the question "can Mexico win its war on drugs?"

Camp outlined possible improvements to Mexico's government and said he believes that using the military is the best method to effectively put an end to the drug war in the country.

"The biggest consequence for Mexico as a country will be the augmented possibility of increased U.S. military involvement," Camp said.

He said he believes Mexico has a geopolitical security problem, which needs to be addressed.

Camp had few concrete solutions to the war on drugs. He mentioned that the legalization of marijuana may be a possible solution.

"I think it's a strategy worth testing," he said. "We could try (legalization) for a year and then evaluate its effectiveness and consequences."

Reducing the demand for drugs will help to alleviate the negative effects on Mexico, Camp said.

Camp visited Elon University in support of Elon's General Studies Program, the Department of Foreign Languages, the Liberal Arts Forum, Elon's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and the Honor Society of Phi Beta Kappa.

He is the current professor of government as well as the Philip M. McKenna Professor of the Pacific Rim at Claremont-McKenna College in Claremont, Calif.

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George Washington University
bachelor's degree, international affairs
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University of Arizona
doctorate degree, comparative politics & history

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- Central College in Iowa
- Department of Political Science at Tulane University
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Students experience simulated homelessness

At 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 students began setting up cardboard boxes as simulated homes on the West Lawn outside Moseley as a part of the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Sleep-Out.

During the sleep-out students talked about homelessness and homelessness awareness. Groups of students were given different topics

to discuss. Students were split into varying levels of homelessness.

Students talked amongst themselves and as the night wore on the tone grew more serious and focused. Some students shared personal experiences and expressed gratitude for the sleep-out.

About 30 students from all grades attended the simulated

sleep-out. They slept in their constructed boxes all night.

Temperatures dipped into the thirties. Students bundled up in layers and brought blankets and stuffed animals.

There was a station set up offering soup, hot chocolate and other hot beverages. The area was well-lit and security attended the event.

Calendar: Dec. 1-Dec. 7

DEC. 1

*World AIDS Day: Free HIV testing at Elon, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Moseley
*Wednesday Night Catholic, 7:30 p.m. Holt Chapel
*Department of Music presents The Music of Steely Dan, 7:30 p.m. McCrary Theatre

DEC. 2

*Autism Speaks U Informational Meeting, 4:15 p.m. Commuter Lounge
*Holiday Celebration with Luminaries, 6:30 p.m. Scott Plaza
*Midnight Meals with Rip_Chord & Sigma Kappa, 11 p.m. Irazu

DEC. 3

*Catholic Mass on Fridays, 12:10 p.m. Holt Chapel
*Elon University Gospel Choir annual fall concert, 7 p.m. McKinnon Hall
*Elon University Electric Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. McCrary Theatre
*SUBlive presents VersaEmerge, 10 p.m. Taphouse

DEC. 4

*SUBCinema presents: Dinner for Schmucks, 8 p.m. Irazu

DEC. 5

*Sunday Worship: An Ecumenical Protestant Service, 11 a.m. Holt Chapel
*Elon-All Star Competition, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Jordan Gym
*Moravian Christmas Love Feast and Candle Service, 5 p.m. Elon Community Church
*Department of Music presents A Celebration of Light, 7:30 p.m. Whitley Auditorium

DEC. 6

*Small Work Invitational closing reception, 12:15 p.m. Arts West Gallery
*Interest meeting for Fake Break Ski Trip to W.V., 6 p.m. Koury Commons

DEC. 7

*Winter Term Bowling League Captains Meeting, 5 p.m. Koury 139
*Fall Semester classes end

For more dates and information about campus events, visit the calendar on the Elon website.

NEWS BRIEFS

Holiday events around campus

Elon luminaries will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 on Scott Plaza around Forville Fountain. The Moravian Christmas Love Feast and Candle Service will be held 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Elon Community Church. A Hanukkah Party will be held from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 in Oaks 212. Camerata, Elon's choral ensemble, is scheduled to perform an a cappella concert in celebration of the holiday spirit 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 in Whitley Auditorium.

Students can select new movies for Belk

Students can suggest movie and television shows for Belk Library to purchase through SGA. Every year SGA sets aside money collected through student activity fees. Students can go to <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/library/forms/suggestmaterials.xhtml> and put SGA in the author field to suggest particular titles.

Professor presents two papers at Society of Biblical Literature meeting

Lynn Huber, associate professor of religious studies, spoke and presented two papers at the Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Atlanta Nov. 27-28. Huber's first paper focused how two self-taught artists interpret Revelation's image of the Bride of Christ. The second paper looks at reading the book of revelation from LGBT perspectives.

Law students host mock trial for local elementary school children

Members of the Black Law Students Association at Elon Law performed a mock trial to local elementary school during the Thanksgiving break.

Law students Pamela Boeka, William Fennel, Karima Grady, Gwendolyn Lewis, Hasina Lewis and Ashley Smith performed the Big Bad Wolf vs. Curly Pig. The children were able to act as jurors.

Vandalism cases continue on campus

Following an event where Smithsonian-owned posters were destroyed at Elon Nov. 15, dummies that were put out by the Elon Volunteers group were also damaged and stolen during the same weekend, according to senior Linda Kurtz, who works with the organization. The dummies were part of a Hunger and Homelessness Week awareness effort and advertised for various events bringing light to the issue, and she said they had been pulled apart and destroyed. This is not the first year the dummies were put out, so she said she was disappointed they didn't make it through this year.

"I really feel like there has been a lot more of this kind of crime going on at Elon this year," she said. "What's the point of taking a sweatshirt that's stuffed with some newspaper?"

Elon students sweep innovation challenge

Beating out students from five other schools to win the Elon's own Innovation Challenge, Elon students won the top three spots of the competition hosted by SEED, an organization aimed entrepreneurial learning. Students from Elon University, Barton College, UNC Charlotte, UNC Chapel Hill, Pfeiffer University and Davidson College took part in the contest. The contest asked participants to solve a common problem and present the solution in a short video posted on YouTube. First place went to "The Paper Boy," second place to "Hot Stuff" and third place to "Privacy." More than 120 students were involved.

Junior named outstanding fraternity brother

Junior Evan Glover of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was recently named the district outstanding fraternity brother of the year by his organization. He was recognized for involvement in the organization, academic standing, campus involvement and leadership, and Elon is one of 32 chapters that make up the district. The regional contest this spring will have Glover competing against district winners from the Southern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., which includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Florida.

Alumni donate following school's recent Bud Light-mocking video campaign

More than 100 alumni have responded to the call in Elon's newest video urging alumni to donate. The video featured the school's last three presidents, Leo Lambert, Fred Young and Earl Danielew. The video, called "Alumni of Genius," plays off recent Bud Light commercials called "Real Men of Genius," and it features the three presidents as sports commentators. The majority of the gifts came from young alumni.