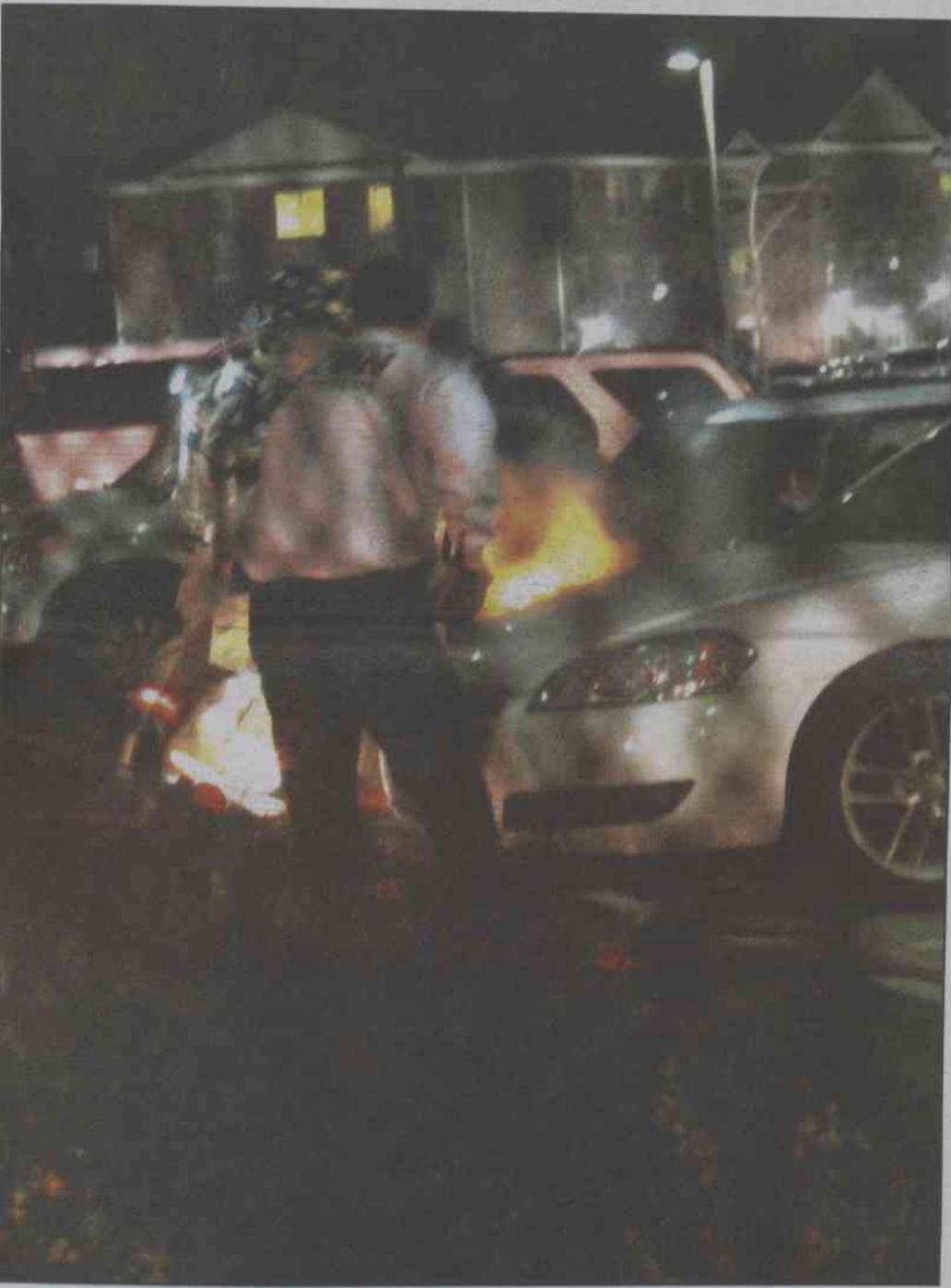


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## Car catches on fire in Oaks parking lot



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The Elon Fire Department was dispatched to a vehicle fire, and arrived in the Oaks parking lot at approximately 6:45 p.m. Monday, Feb 14, after receiving a 911 call. "It was an electrical fire that started under the hood of the car in the engine compartment," said Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police. He said the engine is damaged, but he is unsure to what extent. Gantos identified the car as a blue 2004 minicooper. Visit [elon.edu/pendulum](http://elon.edu/pendulum) for more information as it becomes available.

## Campus Kitchen welcomes first volunteers to prepare meals for community

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After a preparatory trial period last semester and an official opening at College Coffee last Tuesday, Campus Kitchen at Elon University will prepare its first meal Wednesday, Feb. 16 to be delivered to Allied Churches of Alamance County Thursday. After Wednesday's shift, which will be led by members of the service learning communities, other students and community members will have the chance to sign up to volunteer.

Holly Anderson, Campus Kitchen program coordinator, said people looking to get involved have already contacted her. On a weekly basis, up to six volunteers are needed for the two available shifts - four for cooking meals and two for delivering them to Allied Churches.

According to its website, Allied Churches is "an emergency shelter, soup kitchen, resource center and Christian assistance network."

Before the opening, Anderson said a student executive board was hired. Positions include student director, cooking coordinator, delivery coordinator and public relations director.

Junior Lauren Wilmer serves as cooking shift leader and said she is responsible for ensuring food is not only prepared correctly, but includes all major food groups.

"I organize volunteers, make sure the kitchen is a safe environment so volunteers can cook meals that will then be delivered to off-campus locations in the community," she said. "As we expand more and more, we will be involved in delivering to other locations."

Sophomore Weston Sankey, the delivery shift leader, is responsible for coordinating volunteer delivery shifts.

"I deal with the logistics of getting foods from here to Allied Churches," he said. "We've been going on for a couple months now and it's been going well, we're excited to get more volunteers."

Both Wilmer and Sankey will work with volunteers to ensure food is prepared and delivered correctly, while keeping in touch with student director Amber Mathis, who also coordinates with all potential volunteers.

While working in the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement the summer after her freshman year, Mathis first discovered the Campus Kitchens Project, a national organization that targets hunger relief and recreates leftover food into balanced meals for the community.

Before the opening at College Coffee,

Mathis was nervous about the student response, but was pleased with the "excellent turnout."

"Everyone was there, I got to introduce the program and by the end, I was in sensory overload," she said. "I loved that we had (President Leo) Lambert taking the first scoop rather than a traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony."

Lambert was joined by his wife Laurie, as well as Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life, and Steven House, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

"Mrs. Lambert has been involved from day one and championed the effort,"

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## NAACP rally raises opposition to neighborhood schooling, 'social injustice'

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RALEIGH, N.C. — In response to Wake County School Board's proposed return to neighborhood schooling, more than 100 organizations marched through the streets of Raleigh to advocate for equal educational opportunities for Wake County students and promote the value of diversity in public schools.

After 10 years without neighborhood

schooling, the new school board officials intend to reinstall the system that divides students according to place of residence and, in turn, dividing schools along socioeconomic lines. Socioeconomic status and race are linked together, according to speakers at the rally's concluding ceremony.

"We gather here today to demand that every child has a right to high quality, well-funded, diverse constitutional education," said Rev. William Barber,

NAACP North Carolina state conference president. "Educate our children, lift our children. Invest in our children."

The crowd swarmed with energy as the thousands of marchers repeatedly chanted, "Forward together, not one step back," while holding signs and linking arms. Mothers, students and those in the black community were among the thousands who attended to oppose a return to the former system.

"I really like my school the way it is,"

said Max Gowan, 14. "I have friends that come from very diverse backgrounds."

Gowan said he believes diversity in schools better prepares him for real world experiences and enables children of various backgrounds to have the same educational opportunities.

While student participants associated diversity in the school system with

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