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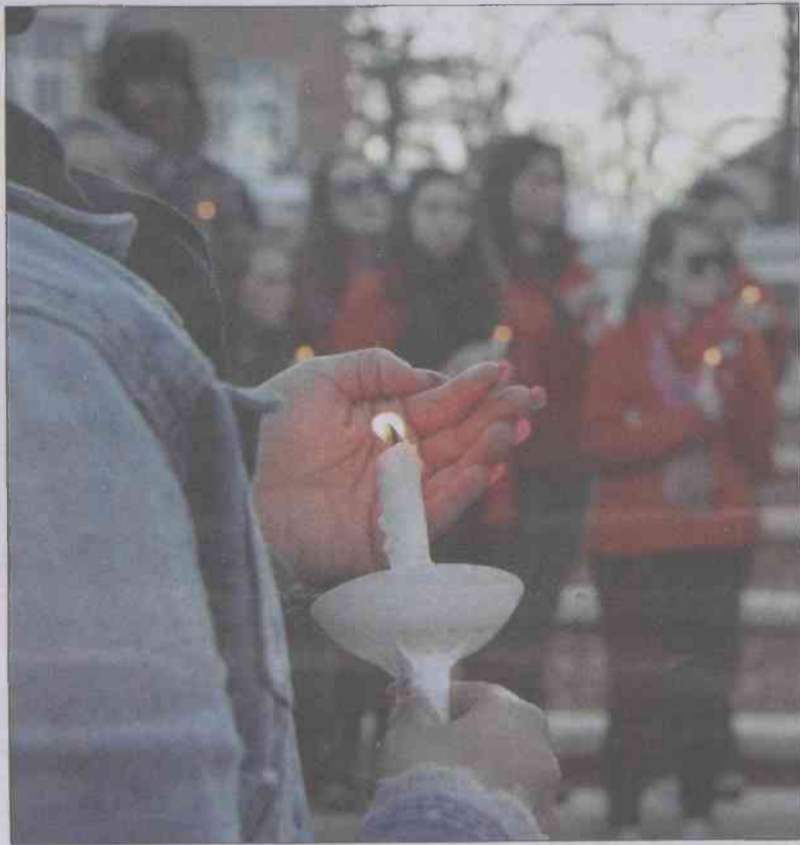
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Celebrating his legacy

Elon University organizations collaborate to honor the memory of MLK



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Students gathered to light candles in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and celebrate diversity during the 2012 Beloved Community Peace Journey and Candlelight Vigil Sunday. The Peace Journey began at Boney Fountain and continued through Elon University's campus, concluding at the Academic Village Plaza, where students shared their thoughts on diversity. "You don't live to be something," said freshman John Anderson.

"You live to be someone." Throughout the walk, students shared quotes from inspirational diversity leaders and sang songs reflective of the Civil Rights Movement. Elon University's Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, LGBTQ Office, Women's and Gender Studies and the Multicultural Center hosted the event.

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Career services changes name, functionality

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The Student Professional Development Center, formerly known as Career Services, is now located in Moseley Center and incorporates new services reflective of student's post-graduation plans. The Center is now open for students.

"This change is based upon a lot of work deciding where we want our students to position themselves and where we want to position them to be during their time here," said Tom Vecchione, executive director of Career Services.

The change in the name of the center signifies its function and purpose for students, he said.

The word "development" signifies the preparation process opposed to a "come-in-and-look-at-my-resume" mentality, Vecchione said.

The name change also reveals alternative routes some students are taking instead of entering the work force immediately after graduation. Many students are thinking of going to graduate school or entering the Peace Corps, Vecchione said.

"Ideally, what we would like to think is that everybody leaves here with a plan of some kind, whether they have a job or are traveling," said Tom Brinkley, executive director of corporate and employer relations. "Not everybody is going to go work on June 1 and be happy for the rest of their life. If they have a plan of what they want to do, we can discuss that and prepare them for that."

Brinkley's job is housed in the Office of Corporate Employer

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Residence Life changes upperclassmen housing policy

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Elon University's Residence Life is developing a new housing policy for juniors and seniors in an effort to fill spaces in The Station at Mill Point, according to Elaine Turner, director of Residence Life. To encourage juniors and seniors to move to the new complex, current residents in the Crest and Oaks will not have the option to stay in their current housing assignments.

"We want to make sure that all spaces are filled, especially in The Station," Turner said.

As of now, the policy and housing selection timeline have not been finalized. The revised housing process will mirror the timelines associated with off-campus apartment complexes, according to Turner.

"We don't want the apartments to have an advantage over us," she said. "We're trying to mirror the timeline that is out there in the apartment communities, so we can fill the beds, in a nutshell."

Current residents in the Oaks and the Crest received an email from

Residence Life informing them they cannot participate in phase one of the housing selection process in order to accommodate freshmen and sophomore students that must comply with the university's two-year residency requirement. Phase one of the housing selection process provides students with the option to stay in their current housing assignment, thus students will not be able to squat and live in their same room next year.

Currently, eligibility for living in the Oaks and the Crest for the 2012-2013 academic school year has not been determined. Turner said that no building will be completely off limits to a classification of students, but students received information contrary to Turner's statement. According to Chris Jamison, Residence Life director for expanded housing, Crest housing will be restricted to sophomores while juniors and seniors can live in the Oaks and The Station at Mill Point.

"The biggest thing I got word of is that Crest will no longer have seniors, and that is the biggest shocker to me because they are trying to push juniors and seniors off to live in The Station,"

said junior Hannah Cohan, a current resident at the Crest.

Cohan attended an information session conducted by Jamison, regarding housing options. While Cohan said she is interested in living at The Station at Mill Point, she was still surprised that Residence Life limited options for senior housing.

Residence Life has organized information sessions and received feedback from focus group attendees. While Turner said students expressed excitement about The

Station at Mill Point, the price has not yet been revealed, which may impact housing decisions.

"What is the price?" Cohan said. "That is what we all wanted to know."

The projected price is similar to that of the Oaks, which costs \$7,320 total for fall, winter and spring housing, according to Turner. She encourages students to be patient until the housing process is complete.

"People seem to be talking about a,b,c and until we come up with a process that can be x,y,z, people are just speculating," Turner said.

In the coming weeks, students will receive emails with links about the housing process and publications and brochures in their campus boxes. Information sessions will be available to students so they can better understand the revised housing process.

Changes in Housing for 2012

- Harper Center will no longer be available after demolition
- Rising juniors and seniors may not return to their current housing location
- The Station at Mill Point will be available for juniors and seniors
- Danieleley A-F will house first-year students
- The Crest will be offered as expanded housing during

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