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Performing arts students show off acting chops in 'Macbeth'



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The Department of Performing Arts' production of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" has been challenging both its actors and audience for weeks. The drama, currently running in the Black Box Theatre through Feb. 4, forces heavy themes into the spotlight, including how far one will go to achieve greatness. "I think the play still poses some interesting, and perhaps uncomfortable, questions about the limits we do and don't place upon ourselves as we exercise the power that each one of us possesses in this world," said director Kirby Wahl in a previous interview.

To see more photos, visit <http://bit.ly/EPmacbeth>.

Elon begins Multi-faith Center construction

Current disturbances do not lessen excitement about pavilion

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Construction of the Numen Lumen Pavilion brings increased noise levels and obstacles for pedestrians in East Area, but despite the current inconveniences, students said they look forward to the opportunities associated with the Multi-faith Center.

The construction creates an obstacle for students walking through the area, said sophomore Beth Beless, resident assistant in the International Pavilion. According to Beless, she and her residents have been affected by the construction.

"It mainly affects the pavilions because East Area has no dining halls," Beless said. "So most people, especially in the IP, have to walk in the mud because there is no sidewalk. The construction blocks the paths, and it is a hassle having to walk around it because it cuts off the direct routes to Moseley, Colonnades and Koury."

Nevertheless, Angel Garcia, assistant director of East Area, said he has not heard from any student with complaints.

"I believe the students are understanding," Garcia said. "We cannot just bring a building and just place it to avoid the noise. They understand that it's part of the process and I think they'll look forward to the Multi-faith Center being part of our area."

East Area residents received two emails from Residence Life one week

prior to the start of construction to inform them construction was starting and to encourage them to reach out to Residence Life if there are any problems. East Area faculty and staff received a similar email from the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life.

Although freshman Carolina resident Caroline Bondurant noted some disturbance near her dorm, the construction does not pose an exceptional inconvenience, she said.

"My room faces the direction of construction," Bondurant said. "It can be kind of loud and the building shakes a little bit when I'm trying to sleep in. (The construction) is kind of in the way, but it's not like it's totally out of my way (to go around the fence)."

Garcia said he acknowledges the absence of this sidewalk and recognizes that this may inconvenience students.

"So far, the construction site took away one of the sidewalks that students used, but that's for students' safety," Garcia said. "Other than that, I think that the company has done a good job at outlining and protecting the construction site and students, for that matter, and the only sacrifice that I'm aware of is that sidewalk."

To Garcia, the sacrifice is worth the benefits the Numen Lumen Pavilion presents.

"(The Numen Lumen Pavilion) is the completion of the academic

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New police chief for Town of Elon serves home, alma mater

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When Cliff Parker assumes the responsibilities of Town of Elon police chief March 5, he is beginning more than a new job. He is returning home.



CLIFF PARKER

"I love Elon University and the community, and thought it was a great opportunity to come back and serve the community and get the chance to become chief," he said. Parker applied for the position after LaVell Lovette, the former police chief, announced her retirement. Mike Dula, town manager for the Town of Elon, and an interview committee selected Parker as the new Town of Elon police chief. Parker will be sworn in following his retirement as special agent at the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation on March 1.

The Town of Elon received between 70 and 80 applications, but Parker's previous experience and connection to the town determined the interview committee's final selection, according to Dula.

"I think it's just part of the package of his experience," Dula said. "He is familiar with the university and has had contact with it over the years and has a lot of knowledge of the role of the community and the university and how they work together."

Parker graduated from Elon in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts in history and a minor in physical education. Parker met his wife, Karon, at Elon University and they currently live in the town.

Parker worked for the Burlington Police Department for three and a half years before beginning his career with the North Carolina SBI, where he worked as an investigator and special agent in charge of numerous counties, including Alamance.

"Having 29 years in law enforcement has been preparation for where I am now," Parker said. "I've lived and worked in the community the majority of my career."

His service with the SBI provided Parker with the opportunity to work with a variety of law enforcement agencies, he said.

Although his previous experience exposed him to the Town of Elon Police Department, Parker has been meeting with Dula and the department to better prepare for his position as police chief. Parker has reviewed the budget, discussed structure for staffing and inspected the status of equipment, vehicles and training, Dula said.

Parker said he has already established a good relationship with the police departments in Alamance County, and believes he can rely on the department heads' experience and advice.

"My goal is the same as the university and the folks of the Town of Elon," Parker said. "We just want to work together to help folks experience the best quality of life that we can."

Craig Andrews, police captain, is interim police chief until Parker assumes responsibilities in March.