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## UP IN SMOKE

*In the midst of national conversation regarding smoking on college campuses, Elon students challenge, defend idea of ban*

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November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, and many North Carolina colleges and universities have recently launched campaigns against smoking on campus.

At Elon University, smoking is banned within 30 feet of any building on campus or in Rhodes Stadium. Students and faculty must keep the campus clean by throwing away their smoking waste in designated areas.

But despite the tobacco awareness and regulations at Elon and elsewhere in the state, North Carolina still ranks highly among states with the highest concentration of tobacco users, according to the North Carolina Alliance for Health.

This discrepancy prompted Elon's Colleges Against Cancer club to team up with SPARKS Nov. 5 for "Smoke Out for a Cure" in Speakers Corner to raise awareness of the dangers of smoking.

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## Carson still tops in latest Elon Poll

Staff Reports

Recent Elon University Poll results reveal Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson has a double-digit lead over Donald Trump — his nearest competitor — in North Carolina. The results, released Nov. 5, also show Carson has a lead over Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.



Ben Carson

"Nearly a third of registered Republican voters here said they plan on voting for Carson, more than 10 points ahead of Donald Trump, his closest primary competitor," said Kenneth Fernandez, assistant professor of political science and policy studies and director of the Elon University Poll, in a news release.

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## Campus Police debuts traffic safety campaign

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To help enforce motor and pedestrian laws, Elon University Campus Safety and Police will begin a weeklong traffic safety education and enforcement campaign Nov. 11.

This is the second year the department has conducted a campaign related to implementing motor vehicle safety.

"We do this in efforts to raise the awareness of pedestrian safety, especially now that it is getting darker earlier," said Dennis Franks, director of Campus Safety and Police. "It is also an effort to reduce risky or aggressive driving on and around campus."

Franks said the department will be focusing on unsafe and aggressive driving, and there will be repercussions — warnings and citations — for violators. He said pedestrian violations include failing to obey pedestrian signals and failing to walk on sidewalks when possible.

In addition to enforcing laws, Franks said Elon police officers will hand out pedestrian safety flyers in locations across campus.

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