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THE PENDULUM



'HERE I GO'

Elon prepares for the retirement of 15 faculty

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Shirt tucked, sleeves rolled and khakis ironed, Thomas Henricks checked his watch to make sure he wouldn't be late to his first class at Elon University. After climbing to the third floor of the Powell Building, he paused before entering room 302. "Here I go," he thought.

Halfway through his first sociology class, Henricks scanned the room and thought, "Is it going well?" He could overhear a boy by the door doing a poor job whis-

pering to his friend.

"This son-of-a-bitch is going to keep us the whole time."

Forty-one years and several sociology classes later, Henricks' final year at Elon is coming to an end. He is preparing to retire with the one of the largest groups of retiring faculty and administrators in recent Elon history.

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5K run supports Molly Offstein's road to recovery

First "Show Us Your Shoes" run raises money for Offstein, who was hit by a car last year

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The Jackson 5 song "ABC" boomed around the intramural fields as Andy Derryberry, the oldest participant at the "Show Us Your Shoes" run, crossed the finish line.

The 66-year-old runner took a small sip of water as he massaged the residual limb attached to his prosthetic leg. Derryberry's right leg was amputated after he was hit by an SUV while riding his motorcycle.

This accident connected him to Molly Offstein's story. Offstein is a cross country runner who was hit by car while on a run last spring as a freshman at Elon University.

"I know a little bit about trauma, so I have that kinship with Molly," Derryberry said. "Her whole story is just the kind of thing that I felt would be a really good thing to participate in."

This connection is what made Derryberry drive 500 miles from his home in Nashville, Tennessee, to run a 5K in honor of a



Runners charge through the start line of the first "Show Us Your Shoes" 5K hosted in support for Molly Offstein on April 29.

complete stranger on April 29.

Planning the run

From start to finish, the entire event was organized by students in a 400-level event management class for their final project.

Once the idea of planning a philanthropic run to support Offstein was pitched to the group of students, everyone agreed instantly they should do it.

Senior Sydney Busa, an Elon



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SYDNEY BUSA
SENIOR, EVENT ORGANIZER

volleyball player, was part of the team that organized the event.

"It hit home for a lot of us. We are all student athletes," Busa said. "While we may not have known Molly personally, she was part of our family, ... and just knowing we are still here and supporting her could go a long way."

Putting together the event took several months of planning, during which the student organizers secured sponsorships

PARTICIPANTS

115

runners showed up at the starting line to participate in the first "Show Us Your Shoes" 5K run.

from both Adidas and Gate City.

Once the date of the run was scheduled for the end of April, the student group began a huge marketing push to garner as much interest in the event as possible.

To market the event, flyers were posted all over Elon's campus. Every athletic team was contacted, as well as other organizations. The event was also posted on the "Show Us Your Shoes" Facebook group, a page created by Offstein's mother to update people on her daughter's condition.

Derryberry is one of almost 8,000 members from across the country who have used the Facebook group to post photos and videos expressing their support for the recovering runner.

It was through this Facebook group that Derryberry heard

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