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## SEEKING AN **ABORTION** IN THE BIBLE BELT

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Leslie Gydos terminated her first pregnancy over 21 years ago in what she recalls as “a trip through a war zone.” Now, after decades of soul-searching, Gydos lives in Burlington, North Carolina, with her husband and twins, who, for her, represent that God has forgiven her for “murdering” her first child.

The Burlington native spent two years studying at Elon University before transferring to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she received a degree in Psychology. She never viewed herself as religious person until she found herself begging God for the will to live after getting an abortion in 1996.

Over the past few weeks, women’s rights activists have voiced their concerns about Donald Trump’s nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to fill the Supreme Court seat. Pro-choice activists are worried that Kavanaugh’s nomination could lead to an overturning of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion nationwide.

Throughout his hearing last week, Kavanaugh did

not make his position on Roe v. Wade clear but did make headlines with his reference to birth control as an abortion-inducing drug when discussing the 2015 Priests for Life vs. Department of Health and Human Services case. The case involved the pro-life organization and its opposition to the Obamacare mandate that said employers needed to provide health insurance for their employees that included options for birth control.

In 2016, according to The North Carolina State Center for Health statistics, 6,943 females ages 20-24 received abortions — 78 of whom were from Alamance County. Alamance County does not have an abortion clinic within its parameters, forcing women such as Gydos to travel to Greensboro where the closest clinic is located.

**From seeking abortion to pro-life**

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IN THE LONG RUN — IN  
THE WOMAN’S MIND —  
IT’S NOT THE EASY WAY  
OUT.

**LESLIE GYDOS**  
PRO-LIFE ADVOCATE

Gydos’ partner during her first pregnancy showed little interest in starting a family and settling down.

“I felt that I was going to be trapping him in a way, into something that he didn’t want,” Gydos said. “With my lack of conviction that this baby was a life, I was open to the concept of abortion at the time.”

It was around 12 weeks into the pregnancy that she made the decision to go to the clinic.

Until the day of her procedure, Gydos said she did not consider what was inside her to be a baby. That day, she screamed through the entire procedure.

A 2015 study conducted by The University of California San Francisco School of Medicine

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## Elon football downs Furman in home opener

Elon dominates on both sides of ball to get largest win in Division I era

**Emmanuel Morgan**

Executive Director | @emmanuelmorgan

Senior defensive back Greg Liggs Jr. started his 21st birthday early, scooping rice into packages with his fellow Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. brothers Saturday morning for Rise Against Hunger, a hunger relief organization, as part of a community service project.

A few hours later, he continued scooping — this time it was on the football field, igniting his Elon University teammates who were starving to beat a familiar opponent.

And they did so handedly, beating No. 21 Furman University (0-2) 45-7 in front of a packed crowd in Rhodes Stadium.

To date, it’s the largest margin of victory in No. 15 Elon’s NCAA Division I era against a ranked opponent.

On just the second play of the game, defensive back McAllister Ingram strip-sacked Furman quarterback Darren Grainger, forcing the ball to bounce on the left side of the field. Liggs immediately recovered the fumble and darted to the end zone for an 18-yard touchdown. It was a frustrating start for the Paladins, who only produced 262 total yards of offense.

“We did a lot of re-



Elon Defensive back Greg Liggs Jr. and linebacker Devonte Chandler attempt to strip the ball from Furman wide receiver Dejuan Bell Sept. 8.

ally good things today, and I think that showed on the scoreboard, but the biggest thing is that we took a big step forward as a team in getting that decisive win,” said sophomore quarterback Davis Cheek, the 2017 Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Year. “We’re going to go back and assess it, fix what we can and then move on to the next opponent.”

Producing a blowout is uncharted territory for Elon (1-1), especially considering last season. Senior running back Malcolm Summers even admitted it, chuckling when he said it “felt good to be up by a lot of points.”

Elon’s largest margin of victory in 2017 was eight points — a 25-17 win against the College of William and Mary. Its remaining six victories were decided by six points or less — five of them were

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Community kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month with a festival



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Neil Payne is learning how to win again at Elon

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SEPT. 12

**Elon Common Reading Program to host author Kristen Green**  
Postponed  
Alumni Gym

SEPT. 15

**NC College Voter Summit**  
9:30 a.m.  
Moseley Student Center

SEPT. 17

**Washington Internship Institute Info Session**  
6 p.m.  
Moseley SPDC

**Voices of Discovery Science Speaker Series - Helen Huang**  
7 p.m.  
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Elon University did not hire three counselors to Koury Center as previously reported by Elon News Network on Page 4 of the Sept. 5 edition of The Pendulum, but rather three counselors were hired to Counseling Services located on South Campus. Elon News Network regrets the error.

GAMES

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Los Angeles player
  - 4 Dancer Charisse
  - 7 1938 "The War of the Worlds" radio broadcaster
  - 10 Chewed-over material
  - 13 The Obama years, e.g.
  - 14 Cube that rolls
  - 15 "The Murders in the \_\_\_ Morgue"
  - 16 Harlem Globetrotters promoter
  - 17 Feel out of sorts
  - 18 Official reproach
  - 20 Diamond, for one
  - 21 Not of the clergy
  - 23 Peaceful '60s protest
  - 24 Sandwich with tzatziki sauce
  - 25 Vermeer, notably
  - 28 Cold response?
  - 31 Actor Pesci
  - 32 \_\_\_ Free: caffeine-free soda
  - 36 They're bound to sell
  - 37 CIO partner
  - 38 Hides from animals
  - 39 Remove, as a knot
  - 40 10% of MDX
  - 41 Poky one
  - 42 London gallery
  - 43 Unisex fragrance
  - 45 Strings for Orpheus
  - 46 "Just like that!" sound
  - 47 High temperature
  - 48 Abbr. in job titles
  - 49 2001 Pixar hit, and a hint to the start of 19-, 22- and 24-Down
  - 52 Spanish surrealist
  - 53 Poker variety
  - 55 Formally ask for
  - 58 Ignore the alarm clock
  - 61 Come before
  - 62 Ceramic casserole dish
  - 63 Ancient land in the Fertile Crescent
  - 64 Still going on

By C.C. Burnikel

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- DOWN**
- 1 Authentic
  - 2 Diva's moment
  - 3 West African country
  - 4 Atlanta-based health agcy.
  - 5 Traffic directive
  - 6 Guess apparel
  - 7 Luxury voyage vessel
  - 8 Seriously overcooked
  - 9 "Capisce?"
  - 10 Shrewd
  - 11 Car service app
  - 12 Floor sample
  - 19 1989 Al Pacino thriller
  - 22 Website's list of browser data rules
  - 24 Magic ring-wielding superhero
  - 26 Get beaten
  - 27 "House" actor Omar
  - 28 Borders on Doyle
  - 29 Sir Arthur \_\_\_
  - 30 Spicy Mexican wraps
  - 33 Serves as matchmaker

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 55 Healthful getaway
- 56 Despot portrayed by Forest
- 57 Drink from a kettle
- 58 "The Simpsons" disco guy
- 59 Cariou of "Blue Bloods"
- 60 Actor Beatty

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - ELON ATHLETICS GOES DIVISION I



The crowd is waving as the women's volleyball team huddle during an Aggies time out during the Schar Center's first game on Aug. 28, 2018.

Elon University athletics, then known as the Fightin' Christians, complete their transition into Division I athletics when they joined the Big South conference. With the exception of football, whose team would compete at the Division I-AA level, Elon College opened its options up to playing national powerhouses. Since then, the now Phoenix have played national powerhouses such as in-state rivals University of North Carolina, Duke University, and Wake Forest. Since joining the Division I scene 19 years ago,

Elon has moved into and out of the Southern Conference (2003-2014) and have transitioned fully into the Colonial Athletic Association. Men's soccer, lacrosse, women's basketball and baseball have all made NCAA tournament appearances since moving to Division I. Elon's jump to Division I has also allowed Elon to recruit a higher caliber of athletes than they used to be able to. Division I allows for athletic scholarships, as opposed to Divisions II or III where the school must allocate academic scholarships to their athletes.

NEWS BRIEFS

Proposed constitutional amendments a mystery to N.C. voters

The most recent Elon Poll results revealed N.C. voters are unfamiliar with the six proposed amendments to the state's constitution that will be on the ballot in November.

The ballot will include simple, one-sentence descriptions of the amendments, and voters will be able to select simply "Yes" or "No." According to the Elon Poll results, there is a difference between voters' support when presented the descriptions and longer explanations of the amendments.

The six amendments address the following issues: the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, the rights of crime victims, bipartisan State Board of Ethics and Elections Enforcement, selection for judicial vacancies, a cap on the income tax rate and a requirement to present a valid ID card when voting.

Elon Poll results specifically revealed that for the amendments regarding voter ID and the income tax rate, voters were less supportive of the amendments after reading more detailed information that will not be on the ballot in November.

Fifty-six percent of voters supported the income tax rate amendment when first questioned, but after learning more about the proposed amendment, 45 percent supported the motion.

U.S. New Rankings praise Elon

In the U.S. News and World Report's annual "America's Best Colleges" report, Elon University held on to the No. 1 spot in numerous categories and earned the coveted spot on a few new lists, too.

"Best Regional University," "Most Innovative School" and "Best Undergraduate Teaching" were just a few of the titles Elon was awarded.

Elon was also recognized in all eight student success programs: study abroad, undergraduate research/creative projects, internships/co-ops, learning communities, service learning, writing in the disciplines, first-year experiences and senior capstone.

Elon among 30 best colleges for LGBTQIA students

Campus Pride has ranked Elon University among the 30 most welcoming colleges in the country for LGBTQIA students.

According to the Burlington Times News, this is a big improvement for the university, which was ranked No. 370 in 2013.

Campus Pride is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the safety of LGBTQIA students on college campuses. According to their website, "The primary objective of Campus Pride is to develop necessary resources, programs and services to support LGBT and ally students on college campuses across the United States."

Elon received five out of five possible points in the following categories: sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, LGBTQIA support and institutional commitment, LGBTQIA student life, LGBTQIA campus safety and LGBTQIA recruitment and retention. The college received 4.5 points in LGBTQIA policy inclusion, LGBTQIA academic life, LGBTQIA housing and residence life. The college's lowest score, four out of five points, was in the category of LGBTQIA counseling and health.

Martial Arts Club Members practice sparring in a class on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018.

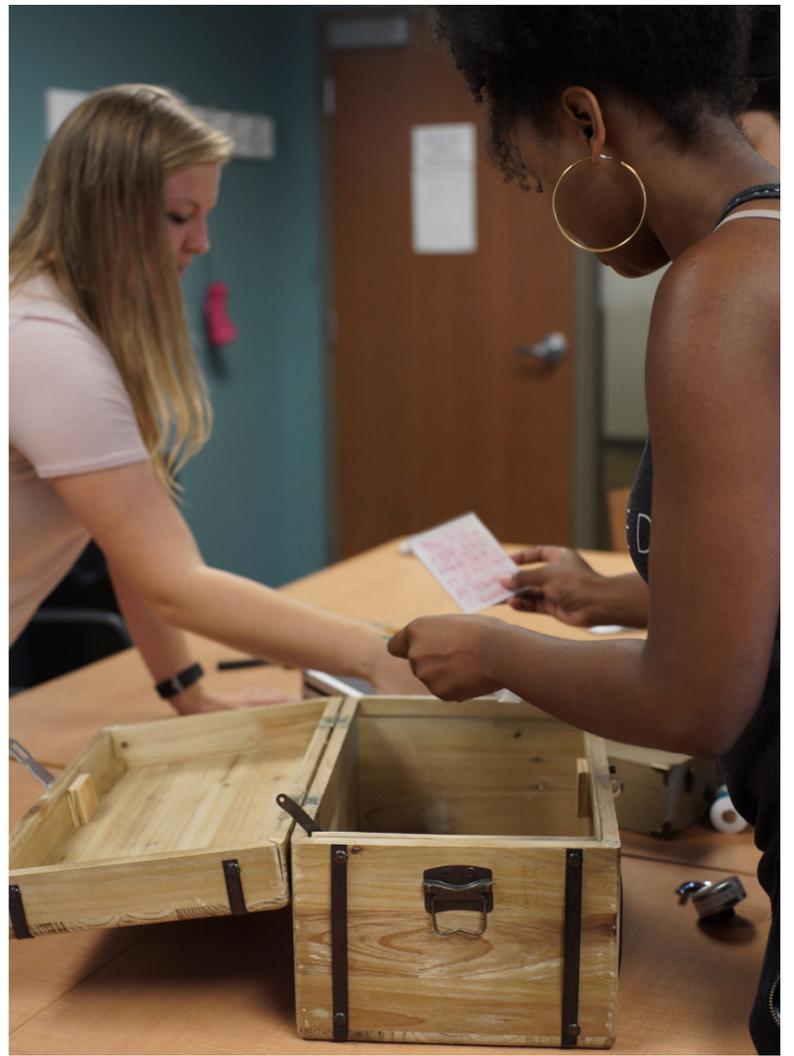


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ABBY GIBBS | PHOTO EDITOR

Fans cheer during the first football game of the season when the Phoenix took on Furman University Sept. 8



OLIVER FISCHER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore Jewel Tillman (right) reads out a clue to help her group complete the escape room in time.



Runningback Malcolm Summers carries the ball past Furman cornerback Quandarius Weems during the first home football game of the season.

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# SGA announces class of 2022 Officers

The freshman class officers offer perspective on what they hope to happen after being elected.

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## President



I PLAN TO FIGHT FOR A CAMPUS WHERE INTERSECTIONALITY ... ADVOCACY AND AUTHENTICITY ARE ... CHARACTERISTICS WE PROUDLY UPHOLD.

LAURYN ADAMS

**D**URING FRESHMAN orientation Lauryn Adams enjoyed the diversity and inclusion sessions she learned throughout the week. When she stepped out of the auditorium and orientation was over, she felt all those ideas of diversity were no longer there. These ideas led her to use diversity and inclusion as her platform to run and become the president of the class of 2022. "I have plans to take those steps to actually bringing those ideas to fruition instead of sitting and pondering about them," Adams said. Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, she was inspired to join the student government association when she first toured Elon. Her cousin, junior Olivia Murray, who was the former president of the class of 2020, also inspired her to run. "I want to work with a lot of other students not just be involved in SGA," Adams said. "But letting that be a bridge to other networks around campus and to hear the voices of other people and have a better sense of collaboration that will make a stronger sense of community."

## Vice President



I WILL PURSUE ACTIONS THAT WILL BENEFIT NOT ONLY OUR CLASS, BUT ELON'S STUDENT BODY.

MASON CURTIS

**F**RESHMAN MASON CURTIS FIRST heard about SGA from senior and student body president Kenneth Brown Jr.

As a part of the Odyssey program, Curtis heard from Brown about his experiences in the organization and what it provides its members.

"It struck me as something I wanted to do and to play a role in connecting the student body," Curtis said.

Curtis is from Atlanta, Georgia, and he has always valued leadership. Though he did not get involved in student government at his high school, he says he wanted to do it at Elon. What motivated him to run for Vice President was to improve the ways the freshman class communicated with each other. "I want to have easier ways to meet each other," Curtis said. "And kinda grow cohesively together, and I want to hear from them and what they want."

## Secretary



I HOPE TO PROVIDE ... UNPARALLELED MINUTES TO ENSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASS ARE UPDATED.

AUSTIN MOORE

**W**hen freshman Austin Moore heard the speech the student body president Kenneth Brown gave at convocation, she says she felt motivated to run in the class of 2022 elections. When she received the email about running shortly after, she figured she would apply and run.

"I thought it was perfect because it always seems like something that is so distant," Moore said. "But when we got the email I was like this is something I can actually do." Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, Moore has previous experience in being a secretary and she ultimately decided to run to get to know more people in her grade and be part of an organization she would enjoy. "I feel that a lot of times in student government it's an us and them thing," Moore said. "I want it to be a bridge between student body and student government."

## Senator



WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, AND THE WORK STARTS RIGHT HERE.

IRELAND HORAN

## Senator



I VALUE THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND CONNECTIONS MADE BETWEEN FELLOW STUDENTS.

JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS

## Senator



I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS A VOICE AT ELON AND IS ABLE TO SPEAK UP.

HAILEY JURGENS

# Students encouraged to vote in upcoming midterms elections

Elon Votes! provides resources necessary for students to vote

**Sam Hess**

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Senior Caroline Redd did not have an interest in politics until she arrived at Elon University. She saw the outcomes of elections around her and realized the importance of voting and its effect on her home community in Georgia. Because of this, Redd decided to vote via absentee ballot in order to make her voice heard in her home state.

"Originally I thought, 'That's just another thing I'm going to have to do,'" Redd said. "But it's not as complicated as I thought it was going to be. It's just so exciting to see all these things you wish would happen for your state actually becoming a reality."

Upperclassmen like Redd will participate in their second federal election as the midterm elections get closer. Freshmen and sophomore students will have their first opportunity to vote in a federal election with the midterms on Nov. 6, 2018. These are held every four years to elect new members to Congress. This will help determine which political party will control the House and Senate for the next four years.

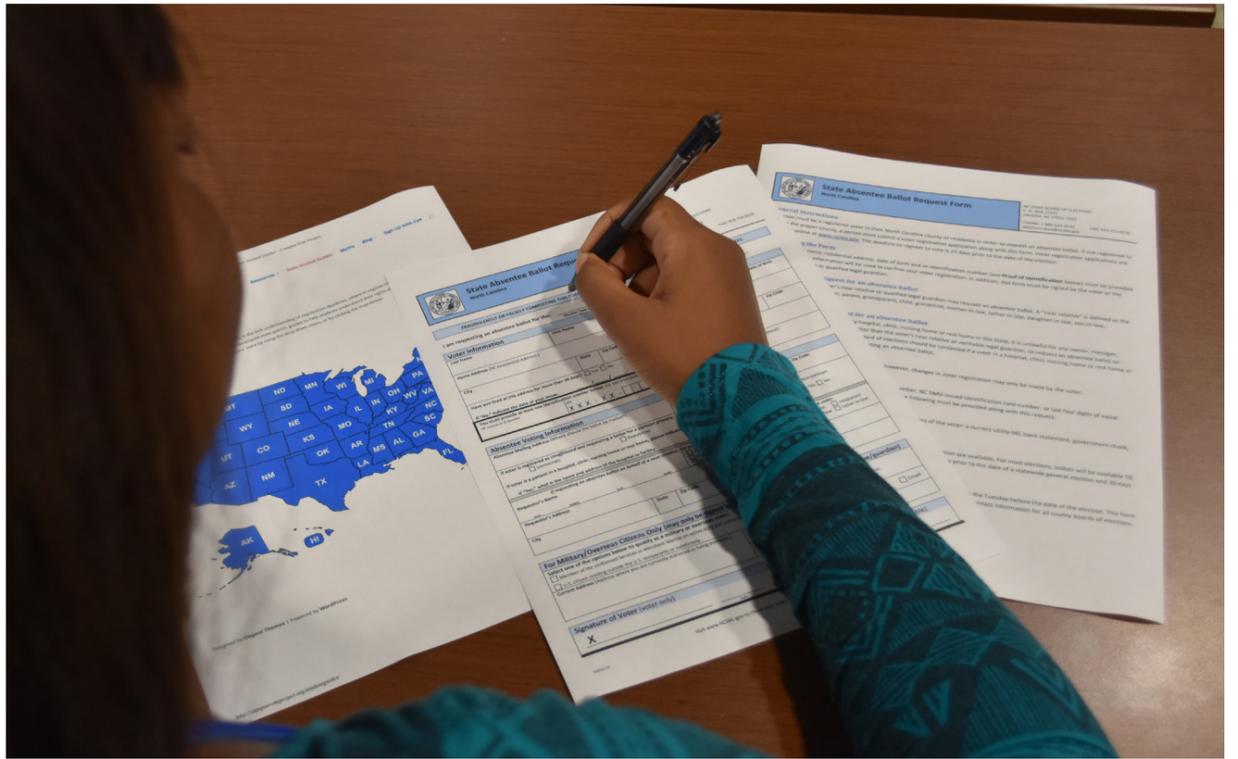
The Elon student body is 82 percent out of state. Elon University's organization Elon Votes provides a resource on campus to help students either register in North Carolina or register for absentee ballots. Ellie Snyder, Elon Votes coordinator, says the organization has spent the first weeks of the year ensuring as many students as possible are registered and prepared to cast their ballot in the upcoming midterms.

"We deserve to be represented," Snyder said. "And we deserve to have our voice heard, and voting is the best way to do that."

Elon Votes will have a booth set up at every College Coffee in the month of September, and Snyder says they hope people will want to volunteer at these booths as well as join the organization.

"A lot of our events are going to be promoting people to fill out absentee ballots and vote absentee," Snyder said. "In October, one of our events will be filling out absentee ballots because that process can sometimes be a little tricky."

Besides helping with absentee ballots, Snyder said the organization also helps with providing information and resources on North Carolina voter registration access, voting in Alamance County and even giving overviews of the candidates in upcoming elections so students can form valid opinions and under-



MEG MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## ELON POPULATION

# 82%

of Elon's student body is from out of state. Elon Votes provides a resource to these students to either register to vote in North Carolina or register for absentee ballots.

stand what their votes mean.

Freshman Jack Corby came to Elon as a student registered in Virginia and received help from Elon Votes

regarding midterm elections.

"Elon Votes helped me pick which option was right for me and made the process very easy," Corby said. "The best thing about Elon Votes is how simple and straightforward it is."

U.S. citizens have the ability to register around the age of 18 within their state of residency, but Elon students come from diverse geographic backgrounds. Choosing to register in North Carolina is an option, but one has to have lived in the state for at least one year before being

able to claim residency, according to the North Carolina State Board of Elections website. In that case, absentee ballots are a viable option for college students voting outside of the state they are registered in without actually having to attend the polling site of their home state.

Elon Votes is housed in the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement in Moseley 230. Absentee ballot applications must be delivered by 5 p.m. the Tuesday before Election Day.

**Senior Sidney Hager works on filling out an absentee ballot form in anticipation of the midterm elections Nov. 6, 2018.**

# Elon kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month with festival

The Elon community will host a monthlong celebration of heritage beginning Sept. 19

**Sam Casamento**

Event Coverage Co-Coordinator | @samcasamento

Hispanics are the largest ethnic or race minority in the United States, making up around 17 percent of the population. Hispanic Heritage month celebrates the long history of Latinx and Hispanic Americans in North America and their heritage.

To start off the celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, Latin American music, performances and food trucks will fill Lakeside Plaza next Tuesday. This is the first year of the Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Festival and according to Diana Prieto Viñas, assistant director of the Spanish Center, it will be taking place of the Independence Day celebration that was normally held this month.

"This year we wanted to do something different so that's why we decided to do more of a kick-off," Prieto Viñas said.

Prieto Viñas told Elon News Network that a new performance was just added on Tuesday. Elon senior Luis Laos Farfán and his mother, MariSella Laos, will perform a "Tondero" dance, a typical Peruvian dance and rhythm from the northern part of the country. They will also demonstrate the basic steps of "Marinera," another folk dance that blends different cultures of Peru.

In addition to music, performances and dance lessons, the festi-



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IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO COME TOGETHER ...

**DIANA PRIETO VIÑAS**  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE  
SPANISH CENTER

MEG MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Diana Prieto Viñas, the assistant director of the Spanish Center, hopes to educate the community on not only culture, but also authentic food as well.**

val will have a variety of traditional Hispanic food. Unlike most of the previous events held for Hispanic Heritage month, a majority of the food will be cooked by Elon Dining.

"Instead of us just cooking, they are going to be cooking," she said. "We gave them home recipes from different students from different Latin countries so they could be real and authentic recipes."

Elon Dining also met with two Mexican students to discuss coming up with an authentic taco bar. "It is important to just come to the event and not only learn about the language and the Spanish Center, but also about the cultures by trying the food, knowing how it tastes and eating authentic Latin American food," Prieto Viñas said.

With a variety of clubs and organizations sponsoring and partic-

ipating in the event, like the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education, Elon Dining, the Global Neighborhood, Elon African Society, Elon Ballroom Dance Club, the Caribbean Student Association, and the Latinx/Hispanic Union, Prieto Viñas hopes this event can reach more than just the Latin American community.

"The thing is that we are not only inviting the Elon community, but also the surrounding schools and people in Burlington and Alamance County. I think it is a great opportunity for all of us to come together, make connections, get to know other people and have fun."

The Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Festival begins at 5 p.m. on Sept. 18 at Lakeside Plaza and is free for everyone. All guests will be able to sample food, dance and watch performances.



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# Elon to implement new midterm grading system

Midterm grades will now assess student progress as Satisfactory or At Risk

**Victoria Traxler**

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With the craze of the new school year dying down, there is one new policy being implemented that students may have overlooked: midterm grades are changing.

Rodney Parks, the University Registrar and other members of the Academic Standings Committee implemented a new midterm grading policy for this academic year.

"We're adding a new grade for the midterm grading process that would, for faculty, indicate if they perceive a student to be at risk in the course," Parks said.

Students will no longer receive midterm grades ranging from A to F but rather will be marked as either Satisfactory or At Risk. If a faculty member has concerns about a student's health and welfare, academic performance or any other issue, they may report them as At Risk.

Being marked At Risk will then notify the student's academic adviser and Whitney Gregory, the assistant dean of students, who can then contact the student's professor to better understand the situation and provide



Alamaance Building houses the office of the Registrar, which manages the academic and enrollment records.

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assistance.

"At Risk might be purely academic," Parks said. "In that case, the institution will reach out and say, 'Hey, have you visited our new learning center? Can we help you get a tutor? How can we help you get back on track?'"

Parks believes the old system of midterm grading was antiquated and not up to the standards of institutions of similar size and caliber to Elon University.

Management learning systems such as Moodle have replaced the

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**RODNEY PARKS**  
UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

need for midterm reports as students can continuously view their academic standing.

Additionally, a disproportionate amount of faculty entered in one grade for multiple categories, marking things Incomplete or leaving grades as non-recorded as a result of not having enough assignments to complete a midterm grade report.

"Now that we're getting to the point where we're seeing a lot of faculty use Moodle and we have other systems that can capture

students who are at risk, such as the E-Warning system, we felt like it was a redundant system to then ask them to enter a midterm grade," Parks said.

Junior Conner McCarthy also found the midterm grading system to be flawed.

"I've had a lot of classes where we haven't had a grade in yet or there's only been one grade," McCarthy said. "I never thought that it accurately portrays your grade in the class. I've had large differences in my grades between the midterm and the final grade in a course."

McCarthy thinks ways of re-connecting with faculty could be even more frequent in order to ensure students are being updated at the times when grades are more important.

"I think it would be more effective if the professor was able to choose the way they want to tell students about their grades," McCarthy said. "It could even be bi-quarterly, something more frequent or having a sit-down with every student and letting them know how they're doing some way in the semester."

Parks believes that office hours, physical copies of assignments being handed back to students and the system of E-Warnings, which gives faculty the ability to indicate concern of a student, will keep students informed on their grades.

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# Controversy over Supreme Court nominee explained

Professor Jessica Gisclair delves into topics surrounding Trump's Supreme Court pick

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Jessica Gisclair, an associate professor of communications, breaks down President Trump's second Supreme Court Justice nominee, Brett Kavanaugh.



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**Q: What do you think was the main draw for President Trump in nominating Kavanaugh? Are there particular issues Trump hopes Kavanaugh will side with him on?**

**A:** The one issue President Trump may hope Kavanaugh sides with him on is gun rights and the gun issue in the United States. President Trump wants to make sure that we do not change the current gun legislation, especially because it serves the base of his entire campaign.

**Q: What do you think his nomination means for the structure and future of the Supreme Court?**

**A:** Kavanaugh's nomination means the court will lean right. We don't know this for sure though because Kavanaugh could be a surprise and end up being more moderate on certain issues, which we have seen a lot in the past. Some justices who lean one way end up in the middle depending on the issue at hand, so a liberal justice nominee could be moderate as well.

**Q: How do you think Kavanaugh's opinion on Roe v. Wade will affect the future of abortion and birth control rights for women?**

**A:** Supreme Court justices are really not supposed to be political, but in today's society, they are. Abortion is a right of choice for all women, and that choice could be in jeopardy with this nomination given what we know. Despite Kavanaugh being pro-life, he still has to apply the facts to any case and should not let his belief play into his decision if he is a fair judge. It's difficult to know the outcome because an attempt to overturn Roe v. Wade could go either way. It is an extremely contentious issue in the country that is heavily reflected on both the liberal and conservative sides. For a justice, it's a very difficult position to be in. The issue in question is at what point during a pregnancy are women allowed to have a legal abortion. It is also a woman's right to choose. People are concerned that taking away this choice



Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh testifies at his confirmation hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill Sept. 4, 2018, in Washington, D.C. PHOTO COURTESY OF TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

might become a slippery slope for other controversial topics.

**Q: How does Kavanaugh's high value of precedent play into his interpretation of Roe v. Wade and potentially overturning it?**

**A:** I am hopeful that if Kavanaugh is nominated he will respect precedent as all justices should. There needs to be a substantial reason for the overturn of a law, and the law needs to reflect the needs of society. Though Kavanaugh says he respects

precedent, that does not mean he will not attempt to overturn Roe v. Wade.

**Q: What are the steps the court would have to take to overturn Roe v. Wade and to make abortion completely illegal in the United States?**

**A:** It is definitely possible to overturn Roe v. Wade. It is just as easy for the Supreme Court as any other court to overturn a law, but it also depends on the fact pattern. If it comes before the court, precedent could be very narrowly applied, but

we just don't know. What is making people nervous is the unpredictability. We are in a position where we can't predict a Justice because he's been briefed very well and been told how far to go in his answers. We can't predict him or which cases will come before the court. The overturn of Roe v. Wade could happen at any time, but the court has a duty to have consistency in legal decisions, so it is rare to see precedence overturned. This is also Trump's second nomination for a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, so people are nervous to see what may happen.

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Confirm pregnancy

Receive state-mandated counseling either in person or over the phone

Call and make an appointment at closest clinic

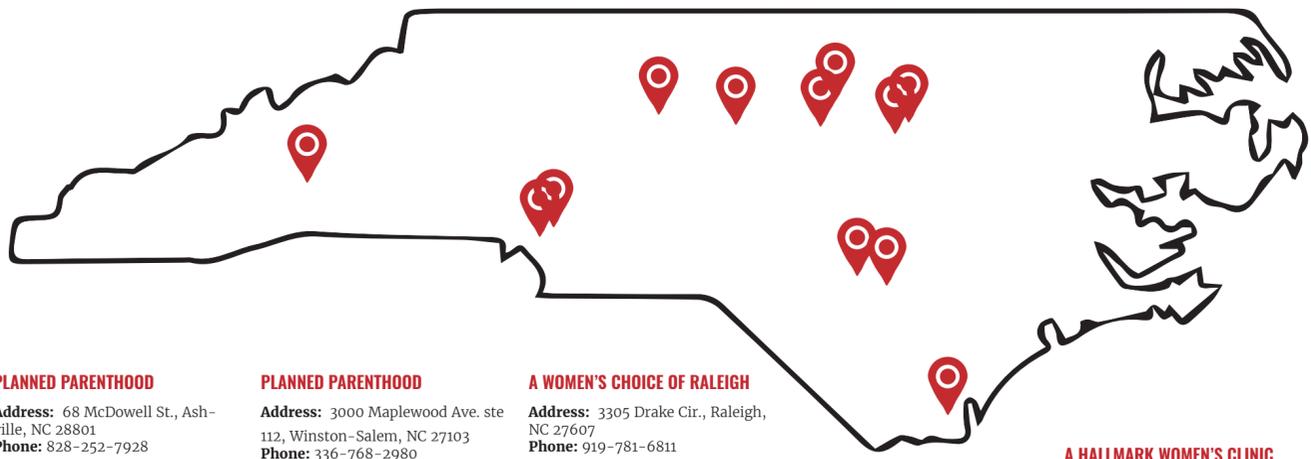
Wait 72 hours

If 16 weeks+ state mandated ultrasound done and sent to

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Arrive for appointment and either receive surgical procedure (available from 0-20 weeks) or pill (under 10 weeks)

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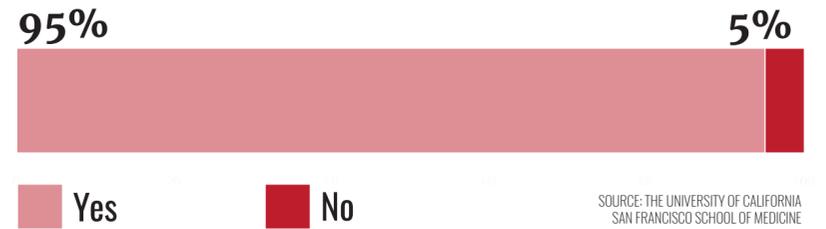
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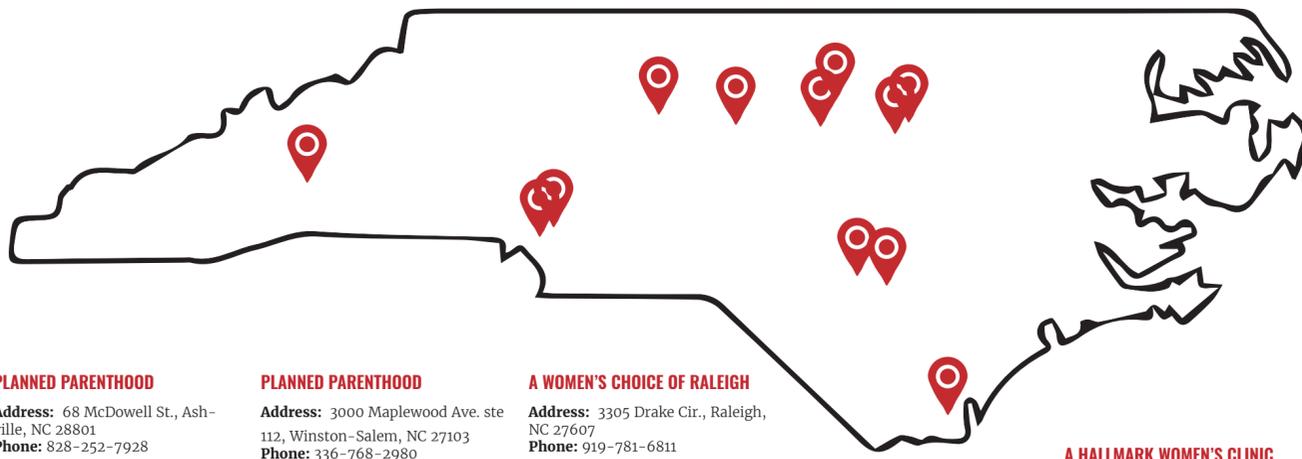
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Classical liberal arts may refer to language, arts and mathematics of Ancient Greece and Rome. Today, it generally describes a university-specific curriculum aimed at developing intellectual capacities, which may differ from technical and vocational degree programs.

There is a general decline in interest in certain types of liberal arts training as a path to success. The National Center for Education Statistics reported

that the number of degrees in English language and literature/letters was 14 percent lower in 2014-2015 than in 2009-2010, and the number of degrees in philosophy and religious studies was 11 percent lower. Conversely, the number of bachelor's degrees in computer science/information sciences and engineering increased 50 percent and 30 percent, respectively, between 2009-2010 and 2014-2015.

It's easy to doubt the importance of a liberal arts education in everyday life, especially when weighing the value of certain courses for potential career paths. But we should take advantage of ways in which combining aspects of this type of education can help us advance in life, both personally and professionally.

To its credit, "liberal arts" is a staple for higher education in the United

States: it has created leaders for our great democracy, who benefited from instruction on how to think critically, make effective arguments and make connections between different academic disciplines.

Though its value is not so apparent in comparison with technical degrees (i.e. associate's degree programs), a liberal arts curriculum can be an asset in any job market. Medical doctors should understand how gender, class and race affect patients' access to care and decision-making. A psychology course can help brand marketers understand consumer behavior. A Harvard Business Review article on venture capitalist Scott Hartley emphasizes how a liberal arts education helps economists and leaders in technology uncover the role of cultural and ethical challenges inherent to product design and development.

And the idea that degrees in the arts and sciences are not beneficial for future employment is not entirely true. A Forbes article highlights that "Foreign Languages, Literature and Linguistics" majors had the fewest underemployed

graduates. According to the May 2018 report, *The Permanent Detour – Underemployment's Long-Term Effects on the Careers of College Grads*, STEM majors were also least likely to face underemployment.

If you're not sure about which career or major is best for you, you may want to reach out to the Student Professional Development Center or your adviser for recommendations. You should also consider applying for an internship, studying abroad, completing a research project or volunteering.

Any degree selection can be complemented with courses in the College of Arts and Sciences. Training in "liberal arts" courses lays a solid foundation for logic, reasoning, research and innovation required in any work setting.

Even though it's not most popular for the four-year plan, a liberal arts pathway can help you craft ideas for career-long success. More importantly, it will help improve your understanding of the world through inquiry about the human condition.

## It is our right to vote and affect change in our community



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Before arriving on campus, I knew Elon University championed civic engagement. I'll admit that I check my email as often as I check Twitter, which is quite frequently, and I have received several emails encouraging me to vote this fall. One of those emails came from Jon Dooley, vice president for student life, in which he emphasized that Elon takes voting "very seriously" to foster civic engagement among students.

I agree with Dooley's words about the seriousness of voting and being civically engaged and informed students. The college age demographic is notorious for

lacking in voter turnout, and the numbers prove it. The United States Census Bureau reported that during the last midterm elections in November 2014, only 39.1 percent of people registered to vote and only 15.9 percent voted.

While college-age students are registering to vote, they're not turning out. This age group has the lowest percentage of reported voters. The Elon Votes campaign appears to be a way to combat the low percentage of voters in this demographic. Creating an environment that encourages people to vote makes students knowledgeable and engaged with the obstacles facing the nation.

The problem is the importance of one's vote is often overlooked, under-appreciated and undervalued. People want to stay away from politics because it is a polarizing subject, and while someone may not want to talk about politics, this doesn't mean they shouldn't vote. Voting is a pivotal part of a democracy, and it is another way for students to express their political ideologies and make social changes.

Voting is a way for students to understand and connect with the different environment that the campus creates. Attending Elon creates a whole new community students are apart of,

and students should want to be engaged and concerned for this community. The Elon community not only includes the university itself, but it also encompasses Alamance County, the surrounding cities and the State of North Carolina itself because they all connect to Elon in some way. Registering and voting in North Carolina is one way that students can be more attuned to the happenings of the greater community.

It is important to have fair and equal elections so voters can have confidence that their government is serving and representing them. Being students in Elon, North Carolina, and living here

almost 10 months of the year should motivate students to want representation within the state. A surge of the student-aged demographic being a part of the electorate will make for a more balanced representation across the ages as well as molding a North Carolina identity for students.

To create an environment of "global citizens and informed leaders" here at Elon, the responsibility to vote falls on the students. I encourage everyone at Elon to vote because it allows one to be civically engaged with one's personal ideology and the politics of the community and the nation.

# There's more to Elon than Fraternity and Sorority Life



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I can distinctly remember all the gossip going around campus about recruitment – an event that isn't even held until the last week in January and takes up a lot of time for both men and women on campus. I can remember being asked if I was going to participate in formal recruitment and which sorority I wanted to join before I even knew the name of my Resident Assistant.

It's funny to think that I've lived through the experience, but I wish women hadn't been so wrapped up in it from the moment they got to campus. Fraternity and sorority life is only a small part of some people's college experiences, and while it may seem like the majority of Elon University

students do join fraternities and sororities, only 43 percent of the student body is involved in it.

Joining a fraternity or sorority says nothing about who you are as a person or about your popularity. Sure, it has created homes for many men and women at Elon, and many meet their best friends through it, but there's no point getting caught up in it this early on in the school year. In situations like these, we have to remember to try to be present and not wish time away. You only get to be in college once, so why focus on the future when you can be focusing on the present?

I know that is so much easier said than done, but I think we should all make it a goal to

find little moments to live in so we truly try to embrace the present. I spent most of my freshman year planning for the next project or when I would get to see my family again, and during all that time I was missing important moments.

I understand the anticipation surrounding recruitment for any woman who is interested in joining a sorority, but sometimes we have to let things happen. Recruitment is four months away, and really nothing in between now and then will prepare you for those long, tiring days. There is nothing else like recruitment, so there's no way you can "do better." Just like with a lot of things, if it's meant to be, it will be, and that's all there is to it.

Fraternities and sororities will hold their own Organization Fair on Friday, Sept. 7. If you are interested, you should definitely show up and introduce yourself. All the Panhellenic Association's chapters on campus hold events throughout the semester to raise money for their philanthropy. Along with Fraternity and Sorority Life, there are over 200 organizations that you can join.

College is about exploring and finding yourself, but again, through that process, you have to remember that each moment is important. Joining clubs helps you meet a lot of people who all bring something special to that community. I wish I had someone to tell me to slow down last year and not

constantly wish for the next best thing to happen to me because then you completely miss out on what's happening right in front of you.

At a time like this when everything is brand new, you can't really put yourself out there "too much." Instead of joining 30 clubs and then not attending half the meetings, try looking for 10 or less that seem really interesting to you, and throughout the year, see how they fit.

I hope you take a step back and take a deep breath. Recruitment is another problem for another time. Don't let it consume your thoughts when you can't control what happens. Things work out as they're meant to, so let them.

## Be great on your own terms, no one else



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My father always told me when I was growing up, "The only person you can compare yourself to is yesterday's you". That never made a whole lot of sense to a six-year old me, who only wanted to play like Derek Jeter, the New York Yankees' shortstop. However as I grew up I began to understand that the only life I should try and live is my own.

Through my time in high school I was surrounded by competition. Going to an all-male high school the conversation was focused solely round three topics, Grades, girls, and sports. No matter what the context of the conversation was, it always turned into a one-upping session. If you got a 90 on a test, undoubtedly the person to your left received a 93, and the person to your right a 95. If you scored 15 points in basketball, the guys you sat at lunch with would have you convinced Duke University head coach Mike Krzyzewski was on his knees, begging for them to become a Blue Devil.

It all became tiring. I found myself beaten down, not wanting to ever share my accomplishments with people around me because it was always going to be overshadowed by someone. I felt as though every single day I needed to validate my existence through a list of accomplishments I had to my name (although at times the truth was stretched just to keep up with my peers).

That was when my father's words really began to ring true. Slowly but surely, I began to realize that I needed to set bars myself, rather than trying to jump over the soaring pillars my peers had surrounded me with. Instead of being sucked into an image of who I was

told I should be; I began to paint on my own canvas a portrait of the man I wanted to become.

When I had that epiphany I truly began to enjoy myself and feel fulfilled in life. I realized that I was improving at my own rate, and that I was growing at a speed that allowed me to learn as I grew. Coming into Elon, I heard the Admissions Office stories of students doing incredible things: owning their own businesses, jet-setting across the globe, covering the Olympics and so on. I could feel myself already, before even having stepped foot onto campus, feeling threatened, like I need to earn my place on campus.

When I made the realization that I needed to take advantage of opportunities to better myself, not to measure up to others. The Elon tradition of over-involvement gets to a lot of first-year students. It is overwhelming walking into the Organization Fair feeling that one must join every club, organization, and sport that is offered. However, if one improves and builds on who they were yesterday, then they are making an impact.

We are often baited into thinking that "success" is defined by an expansive trophy case or the pieces of paper that hang on one's wall in their home office. And while undoubtedly those are truly amazing feats, the goal, the award, is not what makes you successful. The learning and the growth one does as a person while achieving those goals, that is the truest form of success one can find in life.

But it falls on us as a society to support the mission. Check your sources of information.version of truth.

## The search for knowledge should be celebrated



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Columnist

I can imagine President Donald Trump's bug eyes bulging out of his orange peel head as he received the news, immediately followed by some kind of outburst.

A senior official of Trump's administration anonymously published an Op-Ed through the New York Times Sept. 5. The piece asserts that "... many of the senior officials in [Trump's] own administration are working diligently from within to frustrate parts of his agenda and his worst inclinations."

The author wrote that his or her involvement in "the resistance" does not stem from liberal ideology. Rather, he or she is in support of the administration and believes "... that many of its policies have already made America safer and more prosperous."

In other words, the writer claims to be in favor of democratic institutions but knows firsthand that Trump's leadership style is "impetuous, adversarial, petty and ineffective."

The point of the article is to expose that perspective from a trustworthy source. Anonymity was granted in order to preserve the author's position in the White House.

But in the wake of the publication, President Trump called the ghostwriter "gutless." He shamed "the failing New York Times" and other media outlets, as he has done so many times, on principle of being news organizations. In addressing the Op-Ed, he assured his crowd that the media would have nothing to write about in the coming years.

Let me tell you that he couldn't be more wrong.

As long as there are people alive and people in power on this planet, things worth knowing are going to happen. Stories are going to be told. The truth will be sought by virtue of the First Amendment. And though allowing anonymous sources to be published isn't ideal, media conglomerates hold the right to put out what they believe adds perspective to the ongoing conversation about Trump's administration, even if it means doing so anonymously to protect the source.

Having taken courses in journalism at Elon University and reported journalistically, I have learned that although there are problems with the media, but the media is not always the problem.

Media literacy is the problem. Public distrust and disengagement are the problem. A growing lack of compassion is the problem.

The journalist's job is to talk to higher-up officials in the know, examine the facts, seek other sources, assess public opinion, discern truth, organize the information and present it after vetting it all. There are systems in place and trusted people at every news organization to edit the material and verify the message is true. Journalism at its core is the art and science of honesty.

Lies are spread when everyone has access to publish on the internet. They're spread further when the big man in office tells us not trust the content or process of reputed news organizations that work to reveal the truth.

But it falls on us as a society to support the mission. Check your sources of information. Ask people what they think. Pay attention to the reputable sources, even and especially when Trump is saying they're wrong without offering up his own version of truth.

## separating **preaching** and **public speaking**



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I UNDERSTAND WHEN I WALK INTO THE CLASSROOM, I'M THERE TO TEACH PUBLIC SPEAKING. I DON'T GO TO PREACH OR TO LECTURE ON THINGS OF FAITH.

**MARK FOX**  
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR IN COMMUNICATION

**Left: Mark Fox teaching at one of his public speaking courses. Above: Mark Fox and family pose for a photo on the beach.**

Former pastor, Mark Fox, discusses leaving religion out of the classroom

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Faith in all aspects of life is important to Mark Fox, adjunct instructor in communications.

Fox grew up in Winston-Salem and became a Christian at 15 years old, sharing his newfound passion with his friends during lunch breaks at school. He invited them to his Bible study group, which grew from five to 60 members by the end of the year.

"That was my first taste of how God could use me in ministry," Fox said.

He earned a Master of Divinity from Luther Rice College & Seminary and graduated in speech and communications rhetoric from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1979, receiving his master's degree there two years later.

During his graduate studies, Fox met his now wife, who happened to live in the same apartment building. She brought him back on track after he had started drinking frequently and had stopped pursuing a relationship with Christ.

"Cindy was the real deal," Fox said. "God used her to bring me back to the faith because I drifted in college."

He followed Cindy to her church in Burlington, formerly known as Christ Church, where the pastor serving at the time made a deep impression on Fox. The pastor used illustrations to help people understand the Bible in a similar way that Jesus used parables.

"I've never heard anybody bring the Bible to life like he did," Fox said.

At the time, Fox was selling ads at The Burlington Times-News while studying under the Christ Church pastor, Stephen Crotts. He saw that Fox had an aptitude for teaching and suggested that he start a ministry for young people. In 1983, Fox opened a coffee house called His Place that would host a Christian artist or a speaker every Saturday for children all over the county to attend.

In the three years that followed, Fox trav-

eled around the country with his wife and two groups called New Direction and Damascus Road. He preached in all types of places — from churches to prisons, schools and streets.

"God was really giving me a desire to be a pastor in one place with a group of people that I could love and live with," Fox said.

### Creating a new community

Antioch Community Church was born in the spring of 1987, and Fox is a pastor there today.

"Five families decided there was a need for a church in the area that would be mission-minded and committed to expository preaching," Fox said.

Expository preaching is the practice of going through full books in the Bible, rather than preaching only on topics.

In 1993, Fox received permission from the Provost at Elon University for his church to meet at Whitley Auditorium every Sunday. Over 500 Elon students visited the church in the nine years it was on campus.

"It was easy for them to just get out of bed and walk over from the dorm," Fox said.

Antioch received its own church building in 2002 on Powerline Road, right off of University Drive.

The main aim of Antioch is to keep families together, a goal that was born from the limited space in Whitley. Programs, such as Sunday school, that divide the family by age were not feasible in tight spaces like Whitley. So everyone attended the main service out of necessity.

However, this turned out to be a healthier environment for the church spiritually.

"The fathers and mothers saw, 'You know what, it's not the Sunday school teacher's responsibility to train my children; it's our responsibility,'" Fox said. "We began to see our folks really grow up and mature and get excited about the word and excited about reaching students."

Apart from expository preaching and families worshiping together, mission trips are another integral part of the Antioch community.

Vic Costello, associate professor of communications, is an elder at Antioch and Fox's

good friend. Both went on a mission trip to Colombia in 2013 where they built latrines for a developing island community with no local water supply for a week.

"You're working in 90-degree-plus heat," Costello said. "A lot of times, it's just plain, hot, hard work."

### Raising his family

"Now, this is a test," Fox said after being asked to list all seven of his children. His oldest son is Micah, who is 33. Caleb, 31, is his second. Hannah is 29, Luke is 27, Jesse is 25, Judah is 22 and Susanna is 19.

"It was different with seven kids," Jesse Fox said. "It's a different dynamic."

Jesse said he never thought about his family dynamics much until he was separated from them as he grew older and left the house. But looking back, he said he was glad about his situation.

"It was like growing up in a house full of six friends," Jesse said. "Depending on the week, just depending on who you hung out with."

But living in the Fox house also meant growing up in a structured environment.



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**Mark Fox delivers his sermon at Antioch Community Church on Oct. 8 2017.**

Jesse said he would get up in the morning and have Bible study, be schooled and do chores around the house in the afternoon.

He and his siblings were homeschooled.

Fox once attended a conference that talked about the values behind homeschooling. Although there are academic reasons for homeschooling, Fox's faith was the main reason for the couple to homeschool all seven of their children.

"We wanted them to be taught the values that we believe are important, which come from the Bible," Fox said. "We did not want them to be in an environment where their primary influence would come from their peers or from people we didn't know."

Fox said homeschooled children are sometimes viewed as unsociable, but looking back, he has no regrets choosing this path for his children.

"All of them are productive members of society," Fox said. "They had lots of friends, they were involved in lots of activities outside the home, but we taught them what they needed to know."

### Separating teaching and preaching

When his students or coworkers ask him for his opinions, Fox does not shy away from his beliefs. Tony Rose, senior business analyst at Elon, has been a longtime friend of Fox.

"Most people that know him wish they could be as consistent in their faith as he and his wife have been," Rose said.

But when at Elon, Fox said he is first an adjunct professor in communications.

"I understand when I walk into the classroom, I'm there to teach public speaking," Fox said. "I don't go to preach or to lecture on things of faith."

Students sometimes ask Fox if they can meet with him after class to continue discussions or listen to his opinions. He gladly invites these students to a cup of coffee at The Oak House or to lunch.

"I think it's important for us as a university to be a place where we're not afraid of honest dialogue and debate," Fox said. "I think we need to be willing to talk about difficult issues and look at both sides."

## ELON EATS

# Later than expected, MaGerks finally opens

Expected to open in June, MaGerks opened last weekend

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Kate Heck, manager of Elon's newest bar, drove 450 miles down the east coast to be a part of MaGerks Pub and Grill. Elon students don't even have to leave campus.

The long-awaited bar and restaurant opened its doors with a soft opening over the weekend, filling the space that West End Terrace left behind.

For months, students have wondered what business would take its place on the corner of West Lebanon Ave and North Holt Ave in downtown Elon, where many would spend Sunday brunch and Thursday evenings.

MaGerks has a full bar with over a dozen taps and serves "really good bar food," according to Heck.

The restaurant has locations in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and Heck agreed to relocate from the latter and work in Elon because of her close relationship with the company.

"I loved it so much and it was a great growth opportu-



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nity for me," Heck said. "I've always loved the vibe and I'm happy to be part of its inception."

The interior is reminiscent of the space's previous occupant, but with an added walk down memory lane. Though new to the Elon community, you wouldn't know it when looking around inside. The walls are plastered in old Elon sport photos, serving as the backdrop for eight screens around the bar that show current tip-offs and touch-downs.

Alongside the bar is a large image of Elon's old mascot, the Fighting Chris-

tian, a face that many current students may find unrecognizable. The mascot predates the current Phoenix by 18 years.

There's both large indoor and outdoor seating available, but from the indoor dining room, there's a full view of the patio through the open garage door.

The menu will be fully stocked in the next couple of weeks and offers typical bar food – but with a twist. Founders John and Paul Dolaway sought to serve the best Philly Cheesesteak outside of Philly, according to their site. Several menu items feature the city's fa-

mous cheese steak, including a staff favorite appetizer, Cheesesteak Egg Rolls.

MaGerks also has daily drink deals and Heck says once their menu is settled, they'll introduce food specials.

Senior Lily Hamilton checked out Elon's newest restaurant this weekend and ordered the nachos, another favorite among staff. She appreciated that they were able to accommodate her dietary restrictions and make them without meat. She also enjoyed the overall environment.

"MaGerks was super lively and fun," Hamilton said.

The space previously home to West End Terrace is now home to Elon's newest bar.

## IF YOU GO

**Hours:** 11 a.m. – 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. – 12 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 138 W Lebanon Ave., Elon, NC

"It's a laid back atmosphere with good food and beer. It was a great place to socialize and catch up with friends."

Heck is optimistic for the restaurant's success and knows the community has been anticipating its arrival.

"There's a lot of buzz and excitement for the place, so I don't think it's going to be a problem getting people to come in and try us out," Heck said. "We have a really positive, fun staff that likes to be here and good service, good drinks, friendly atmosphere."

So far, there are no set plans for any special events.

"For right now, we're sticking to what we know," Heck said. "And as we learn the community we'll learn how to serve the community best, and we'll probably start doing that."

Students will be making their way to MaGerks for the first time over the coming weeks to try a plate of nachos or one of their beers on tap. For Hamilton, she's already looking forward to round two.

"I would go back," Hamilton said. "I plan to go back."

## History blossoms at Pine Hill Cemetery

One man's story of love, loss and preservation as he serves the community

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History stands still at the Pine Hill Cemetery in downtown Burlington. It's easy to drive right by, but taking a step through the gates unravels war stories, precious treasures and proximate local figures. Family names like Trollinger, Holt and Hoffman speckle the cemetery and can be recognized by the Elon University community.

This cemetery holds centuries of history beneath its surface, from veterans in World Wars I and II to the Spanish-American War. And behind the maintenance of it all is Jeff Parsons, who has worked at Pine Hill for 32 years.

"I can tell you everyday is different. I

never know what is going to happen," Parsons said. His days are filled with paperwork, but his favorite activities happen outside.

Parsons said he's opened and closed about 6,000 graves during

his time here, but the first one was the hardest.

"I'm about to cry, and thinking of the poor family and grieving and the funeral directors and employees, they know each other. They do this daily: trade stories or tell a joke. And this person's going down, and I'm thinking, 'How in the world can they do that? You know, we are burying somebody,'" Parsons said.

But he learned to remove his emotions from his work.

"After five or six [years], I started looking at it more as a service. We're in this to help families for the finality of what is the finality of life," Parsons said.

Every morning, he bikes three miles to work and has a chance to clear his mind.

"We don't have to grieve on every person we bury, or it would be a really sad job. And you help the closure for the family and help them get through the process, which is part of it," Parsons said.

And this service is something he has provided to Walter Horner, 80, a Burlington native. His son died in 2012 from a blood disease.

"When he was growing up, he liked to show off to everybody in the house. And he would!" Horn-



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Two headstones at the Pine Hill Cemetery.

er said.

He visits the graveyard every day to walk through memories of the past.

"I feel at peace here at the cemetery," Horner said. "A lot of them I knew, and a lot of them I didn't know. It's just a good place to be. Ain't nobody gonna grab you and pull you in the ground."

Horner said Parsons' maintenance of the property has made a big difference in the community.

"They work their heart out on this thing," Horner said.

Parsons hopes his community views him as someone who always wanted to help.

"I'd like to be remembered as

a public servant, somebody who did his best to help people," Parsons said.

It's not often that a person dreams of being in the cemetery business; Parsons certainly did not. He has a passion for the outdoors, particularly towards trees.

"I plant a lot of trees, and I have a legacy of some rather large trees, and we're getting ready to turn a park into an arboretum, so it's my chance to plant some more," Parsons said.

Being surrounded by so much death, the trees provide contrast and bring a sense of life to Parson's surroundings. It's even changed his perspective on what

## MEMORIALS

# ~16,550

There are approximately 16,550 memorials at Pine Hill Cemetery, according to findagrave.com.

death is.

"I guess it really doesn't affect us," Parsons said. "I asked one of my guys, 'But aren't you afraid of dead people?' And I looked him and said, 'I'm not afraid of dead people. It's the live ones I'm afraid of.' We all had to laugh."



# GROWING PAYNE

First-year head coach of women's soccer, Neil Payne, is focused on setting standards

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First-year head coach Neil Payne looks on in the rain on September 10, 2018 as his women's soccer squad took on Radford University. The squad fell 3-1 on the rain-soaked pitch of Rudd Field.

Everywhere first-year women's soccer head coach Neil Payne has gone, he has won. Now it's time to see if he can continue his tradition of winning with Elon University.



Neil Payne

Elon announced Feb. 24, 2018 that Payne would be stepping in to fill the role of head coach, replacing Chris Neal, who jumped ship in late January to join the coaching staff of the University of Arkansas. Neal had spent 10 years coaching the Elon women's soccer team and left the program with a record of 90-76-31.

Payne has been successful since his days with Real Colorado, an elite youth girls' soccer development program, where he was the technical director for 13 years. He sent over 450 players from the club to play collegiate women's soccer, and he passed

38 players along to the United States women's national soccer team.

Payne won in Texas, too. He joined the coaching staff as the associate head coach of the Texas Tech University Red Raiders in 2015.

In his three seasons with Texas Tech, he saw the team earn back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances

and win the Big 12 conference for the first time in program history.

To fully understand the role that Payne is stepping into, we must first understand who he is

coaching.

The Elon women's soccer program has had moderate success in the past few years. Its most recent dominant year came in 2013, their last year playing in the Southern Conference (So-Con). That year, they went 13-3-6 and lost in the SoCon Championship game to the No. 1 seeded Furman University Paladins.

From there, Elon has seen its share of ups and downs. Elon saw a drop-off in 2014, their first year in the Colonial Athletic Conference (CAA), winning just five games in 17 tries.

Elon has had two winning seasons since joining the CAA, but neither was as strong as the 2013 season.

This is where Payne can really make a difference for the squad. He has proven every place he has been that he can win, whether it was coaching youth in the Colorado or taking the Red Raiders to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances.

One of the keys to winning that he has seen is that it doesn't come overnight. As a coach, Payne knows he must stay patient and build for the coming years.

Payne said "implementing a style that we need in the future" was the most important thing to build this year. "Along this process, we're going to have a few bumps in the road. We've got to focus on the performance and focus on the style of play, and it will come eventually," Payne said.

Payne has had an adventurous start to his Elon tenure. The Phoenix had to battle its way back against Liberty University to get Payne his first win in his new position. Down two goals with less than 25 minutes left to play, Elon needed a near miracle to even escape with a tie. Taylor Paradoski scored her second goal of the game to pull the Phoenix within one. Then, in the final seconds of the game, Elon was

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 38

Payne has passed 38 players along to the United States women's national soccer team.

# 300

Elon reached the 300 win mark in program history with a win over Richmond.

awarded a penalty kick. Olivia Kraebel stepped up and buried the opportunity. Paradoski finished her hat trick in overtime, and the Phoenix got into the win column in their first game.

That is a prime example of learning how to win. And Payne has been very clear in saying that he is not going to be grading Elon's performance on a curve.

"I'm not going to lower my standards; they're going to have to catch up. I think the biggest thing is getting them to understand where the standard needs to be, setting that benchmark, setting that level, and we've got to attain it," Payne said of his team. "That's probably the biggest change I've seen. They're more than capable, but it's not something that's going to change overnight; you've got to drip-feed it."

One of the ways Elon is going to need to learn to win is finding their physical presence in their play.

In Elon's 2-0 home loss to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Thursday, Sept. 6, that was a big sticking point for Payne and his coaching staff.

"They were physical, and we didn't adapt enough to that early. Our speed of play overall wasn't quick enough. It comes down to a mentality, really. A mentality to

get a hold of the ball and to have the confidence to play," Payne said.

But even when the focus is winning and improving, Payne said he still recognizes the importance of keeping his team loose and making sure they are enjoying themselves. Although he won't disclose what the drill is, Payne said the team has a sort of ritualistic set of drills they run through every game day that the team enjoys to help them stay loose.

Thus far, Payne has seen his ups and downs as head coach. After that thrilling overtime victory, Elon fell cold, playing to three draws and a loss to national No. 11 Duke University 3-0. They finally broke through again against the University of Richmond before dropping their next game to Charlotte.

One of the big things Payne pinpointed as something the team needs to work on is their ability to play against more physical teams and finish off goals.

"Teams are strong and physical, and the way we solve that is to move the ball quicker. I think another big thing is the end product," Payne said. "That is something we need to get better at. We get in attacking positions, and the final ball or the final cross or the final shot isn't as precise as the final choice."

Elon will have two more games to tune up before beginning CAA conference play. For Payne, this first run will be a true test of how much work he has cut out for himself in the coming years. But for now, instilling physicality and mental toughness is priority number one.

## PAYNE'S EXPERIENCE

1. Real Colorado - 13 years as technical director
2. Texas Tech University - Three seasons as associate head coach

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I'M NOT GOING TO LOWER MY STANDARDS; THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CATCH UP.

NEIL PAYNE  
HEAD COACH



# PHOENIX PUMMEL PALADINS

Wide receivers Sam R. Smith and Jake Christman run onto the field..

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## FOOTBALL | from cover

decided six points or less — five of them were decided by three points or less.

Offensively, Elon excelled, scoring its most points in a game over the last five years. The Phoenix averaged 7.7 yards per play, passing for 195 while rushing for 275. The most explosive play came with eight minutes remaining in the first quarter when Summers burst through Furman's defensive front untouched for a 54-yard touchdown.

"I just ran straight and scored," Summers said. "It was like the Red Sea parting for me. I just split the safeties and said, 'Alright, cool.'"

Last season, both squads traded a pair of games — Elon won 34-31 in September in Greenville, South Carolina, but lost 28-27 in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs at home.

This time though, things were different, with Elon controlling every phase of play. It

forced three turnovers, with two players — Ingram and senior linebacker Warren Messer — tallying 11 tackles. Liggs said he and his teammates felt prepared heading into this game, knowing that familiarity with the opponent helped their confidence.

"I think offensively and defensively this time, we played one play at a time," Liggs said. "I think the last two times we played them, there were times we would let off of the gas or lose focus. But I think this time, we played each play like it was a play of its own."

Seven different Elon players scored from all facets. Liggs scored on defense, kicker Skyler Davis nailed a 46-yard field goal and five scores came from the offensive side of the ball. Sophomore receiver Kortez Weeks finished with 114 yards, catching seven of eight targets.

## BY THE NUMBERS

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Elon's national ranking after their win against Furman University.

It was a stark contrast to last week, when Elon lost to the University of South Florida 34-14, a much larger Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent. Elon used a conservative game plan, starting the game with nine straight running plays before its first pass attempt was intercepted.

But with a passing touchdown and several large chunks of yardage being picked up through the air against the Paladins, Elon seems confident in the sophomore play caller.

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DAVIS CHEEK  
SOPHOMORE

"Davis is proving that he can put the ball right where they need to be, and our guys can make the plays," head coach Curt Cignetti said. "That was something that had to happen in this game too, and it should develop more confidence going forward and more opportunities."

And that mindset is continuing into next week as Elon prepares to face the College of William and Mary. It's the first time the Phoenix will play a CAA opponent this season, which many consider the toughest conference in the FCS. In total, six CAA teams were ranked in the top 25 last year. And Cheek knows the season is far from over after only two games.

"This is only the second game of the year," Cheek said. "Twenty-four hours after this game is done, we have to move on to William and Mary. The biggest thing is we have to take away the good things, take away the bad things and just keep on building. The biggest thing is just we can't take a step backwards. This shows what we are capable of, but we have a lot more in the tank."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Football steamrolls Furman in their home opener

In their third meeting in a calendar year, Elon meets the Paladins of Furman again at Rhodes Stadium on Saturday night. The Phoenix soared its way to a lead less than a minute into the game when Greg Liggs Jr. scooped up a fumble on the second play of the game and scooted his way into the endzone. Elon never looked back, seeing seven different players score in the game. Elon takes on their first CAA opponent on Saturday when they travel north to take on the Tribe of the College of William & Mary.

### Men's soccer downs Panthers, pushing win-streak to three

The men's soccer team continued their winning ways, beating the High Point University Panthers while on the road, 2-1. Asger Andersen and Luke Matthews were the two scorers for Elon, both tallying their first goal of the year. Elon has been getting it done on offense and defense. In the three straight wins for the Phoenix, the team has outscored its opponents 13-2 dating back to their first win of the season against nationally ranked No. 20 Florida International University on August 26, 2018.

### Volleyball's perfect record ends against Wake Forest

Elon volleyball entered the Wake Forest Invitational riding high, winning their first seven games in a row. Their toughest test of the young season came on Friday, Sept. 7, when they faced off against the host of the tournament, Wake Forest University. The Demon Deacons swept Elon 3-0. Elon found a similar fate the next day when they met the Zips of Akron University. Elon was able to force a fourth set in the match, but they were unable to secure a come from behind victory, falling 3-1. Elon responded nicely later that night when they beat Georgia Southern University 3-1 to get back into the win column.

### Women's soccer falters against Charlotte

After a home win against Richmond University the Phoenix tried to string together a pair of wins. Elon hosted UNC Charlotte on Thursday, September 6 under the lights at Rudd Field. Elon was unable to adjust to the pace and physicality of the 49ers and they were lucky to escape the first half being down just one goal. Though Elon seemed to have altered their play to tailor-fit what they needed to run with Charlotte, they were unable to break through and Charlotte added an insurance marker to ice the game. Things didn't get much better for the team as they lost again on Tuesday night when they took on Radford University on the rain-soaked pitch of Rudd Field. Elon took the lead in the 80', but Radford scored three unanswered goals to take the match 3-1. The team now sits at 2-3-3. They have just one more game to get tuned up before beginning their CAA schedule.

## RISING PHOENIX OF THE WEEK

Jack Haley  
Sports Director | @jackhaley17

## ABOUT

SPORT: FOOTBALL

POSITION: QUARTERBACK

HOMETOWN: MATTHEWS, N.C.

HIGH SCHOOL: BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS: SOPHOMORE

WEIGHT: 200 LBS

HEIGHT: 6' 2"

## DAVIS CHEEK

In this week's clash with Furman University, Cheek was nearly perfect. He completed 12 of 15 passing attempts, throwing for 173 total yards and one touchdown. While orchestrating a drive that would end in an Elon touchdown, Cheek threw for 70 of the 80 yards Elon marched en route to increase their lead to 28-0. This performance was a stark contrast to the performance he had in the season opener against the University of South Florida. Cheek completed just five of his 11 pass attempts in the Sunshine state, good enough for 45 total passing yards in the 20-point loss. Cheek's brilliance may have shown the most in a running touchdown by Malcolm Summers. Cheek was able to read the defense and audible out of the initial play to call for the Summers run through a gap in the defense. That score put Elon up 14-0 and set the tone for the rest of the game.

Elon will need Cheek to play like he did on Saturday all year if they want to find themselves back in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Playoffs this year.



Quarterback Davis Cheek receives a snap against Furman University.

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## STATS VS FURMAN

COMPLETIONS/ATTEMPTS: 12/15

YARDS PASSING: 170

LONGEST PLAY: 40 YARDS

SACKS: 1



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