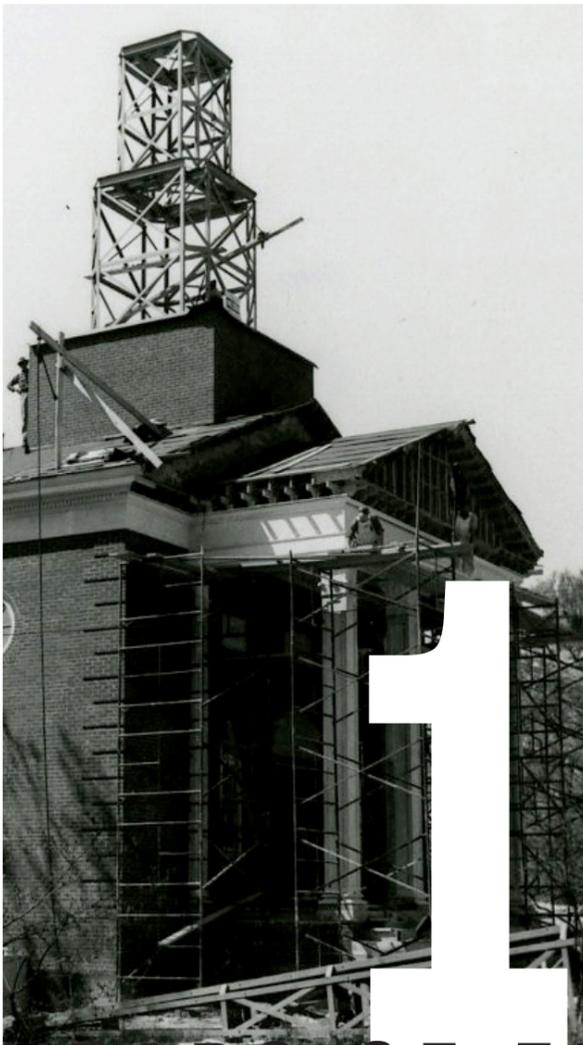


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## YEARS OF ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

### Anniversary celebration looks to history, future

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Elon University President Emeritus Earl Danieleley wrote the Elon Community Church constitution from the back of his

car while a student was driving him for a trip to Alabama. As Danieleley laughed at the fact that he wrote the document on a portable typewriter he had placed on a piece of plywood across his knees, he could not help but think of the fond memories he has said with the church.

"I thought that this big historic occasion would be a good time to tell you because most of you Latter-day Saints didn't know about that," Danieleley said. "I

simply sat down and wrote it and brought it home, and, without apology, turned it over. We're still using it today, and I thank God for the opportunity of serving in this church."

Danieleley was one of about 160 members of the Elon community gathered at the Elon Community Church, United Church of Christ Sunday in celebration of the church's 125th anniversary.

The festivities began with a 10:30

a.m. service, which was then followed by an afternoon luncheon. As the church reflected back on its 19 founding members and the growth since its founding, it also embraced the future.

"We want to exhibit one very profound thing today, and that is thankfulness,"

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### Kyle Porro sets SGA goals

#### New SGA president wants to be more proactive

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With a few weeks in office under his belt, new SGA President and junior Kyle Porro has a clear idea of what he'd like to accomplish this term.



Kyle Porro

Sustainability, school spirit and inclusivity are at the top of his list of priorities after winning a highly contested three-person race for president

that ended in a one-day run-off election.

He was inaugurated March 29 and led his first meeting about a week later, using his time since to ease into the position and replace outgoing members of the Senate.

The election, in which he staved off fellow juniors and competitors Steven Armendariz and Chris Tarpley, was still on his mind — particularly the adrenaline high that caused him not to eat for 24 hours.

"It was very interesting," Porro said. "In terms of qualifications, we were all neck and neck. I think they both would've done a phenomenal job.

"I'm still surprised, in a lot of ways, that I won that election."

Now, Porro sits in his office, without much decoration, looking at a to-do list on his whiteboard.

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### Why they Relay



#### Students energized by emotional ties in fight against cancer

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When sophomore Keely Collins was 13, her life changed forever. Her mom was diagnosed with peritoneal cancer, a rare type of terminal stomach. With little research, the doctors were unable to treat it and she died later that year.

Collins was devastated. She had lost her rock, her best friend.

But instead of remaining angry and sad, Collins put her emotion into something positive by doing Relay for Life and joining Colleges Against Cancer as part of the Survivor Relations Committee.

"I saw cancer as something very negative — the sad side of it," Collins said. "But these women and men who come and talk, they're so positive about it. It showed me another side of fighting cancer that I wasn't able to see when I was 13."

As part of the committee, Collins works with students, faculty and family members of cancer survivors and plans a dinner with them before Relay to discuss when they'll speak during the event. Speaking with these survivors has given her a different take on the fight against cancer.

The event will occur from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. April 22-23 at Francis Center Field.

Originally, it was difficult for Collins to open up and talk about what happened. But once she did, she found it bettered her-

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CRIME REPORT

**April 13 and 14  
EAST LEBANON AVENUE, ELON  
COMMUNICATING THREATS,  
POSSESSION OF  
SCHEDULE II SUBSTANCE**

According to an Elon University Police report, an officer responded to Mooney Building the afternoon of April 13 after receiving a call about a student making harassing phone calls and threats toward another student. After an investigation, police obtained warrants for the student communicating the threats.

Another officer observed the student with outstanding warrants from the previous day outside of Colonades Building B around 1 a.m. April 14. The officer arrested the student, who was additionally charged with possession of a schedule II narcotic.

Officers seized 10 milligrams of Methylin (six dosage units), a bag of clothes belonging to another person, body camera DVDs, a university laptop computer and laptop charger. The seized property is valued

at \$611. There were no weapons or pursuit in either incident.

**April 16  
UNIVERSITY DRIVE, ELON  
DRUG VIOLATIONS**

Early Saturday morning, a Town of Elon Police officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation, during which the officer determined the driver was impaired, according to a police report. The driver was arrested for DWI.

Police seized an undisclosed amount of cocaine and drug paraphernalia during the inventory process before towing the car. After the discovery, the driver was taken to Alamance County Detention Center.

**April 17  
1700 S CHURCH ST,  
BURLINGTON  
ARMED ROBBERY**

According to the Burlington Times-News, an armed suspect threatened a female employee at the

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**From left to right: The Elon Community Church undergoes construction during renovations in 1959.**

**The Elon community church celebrates its 75th anniversary in 1966.**

**The Elon community church celebrated its 125th anniversary this past Sunday.**

Biscuitville on South Church Street Sunday afternoon before demanding money from the business. The man took a bag of money from the back office of the restaurant, where another employee was working.

The suspect was gone from the scene before Burlington Police arrived. Police believe the suspect may have run toward City park before getting into a red vehicle.

No one was injured during the robbery and there are no suspects at the time of the report.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Jellied gamish
- Northwestern pear
- Farm youngster
- Good, in Granada
- Chorus syllables
- Give \_\_\_ to: approve
- Trader for whom a northwest Oregon city was named
- \_\_\_ impasse
- Texas flag symbol
- Part of the Three Little Pigs' chant
- Baby beaver
- Mouse-spotter's shriek
- Extremely well-pitched
- Gray shade
- Multilayered, as cakes
- Clean Air Act administrative gp.
- Heads, in slang
- Persian Gulf cargo
- The "Original Formula," soda-wise
- "\_\_\_ go!"
- French 101 verb
- Pot contents
- Bakes, as 50-Acrosses
- "Star Wars" staples
- Exit poll target
- Breakfast food
- "Pow!"
- Provincetown rental
- Roast, in Rouen
- Antelope Island state
- Lesson at the end
- Arabian Peninsula port
- Went by skateboard
- Take in

**DOWN**

- One way to be taken
- Japanese finger food
- \_\_\_ four: teacake
- Privy to
- Eye part
- Subject for Stephen Hawking
- Promise
- Killed, as a dragon
- Is unable to
- Supermarket employees
- Like the Sherman Act
- Deal with interest
- New Deal pres.
- Basic question type
- Spanish girl
- Falco of "Oz"
- Prefix with pod

By Clive Probert

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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**Being Wealthy @ Elon conversation**  
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11 P.M. |  
**Midnight Meals - LaughELONGs**  
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5:30 P.M. |  
**Passover Seder**  
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1 P.M. |  
**Knifty Knitters - Maker Meetups**  
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10 A.M. & 2 P.M. |  
**CAA Tennis Championship Finals**  
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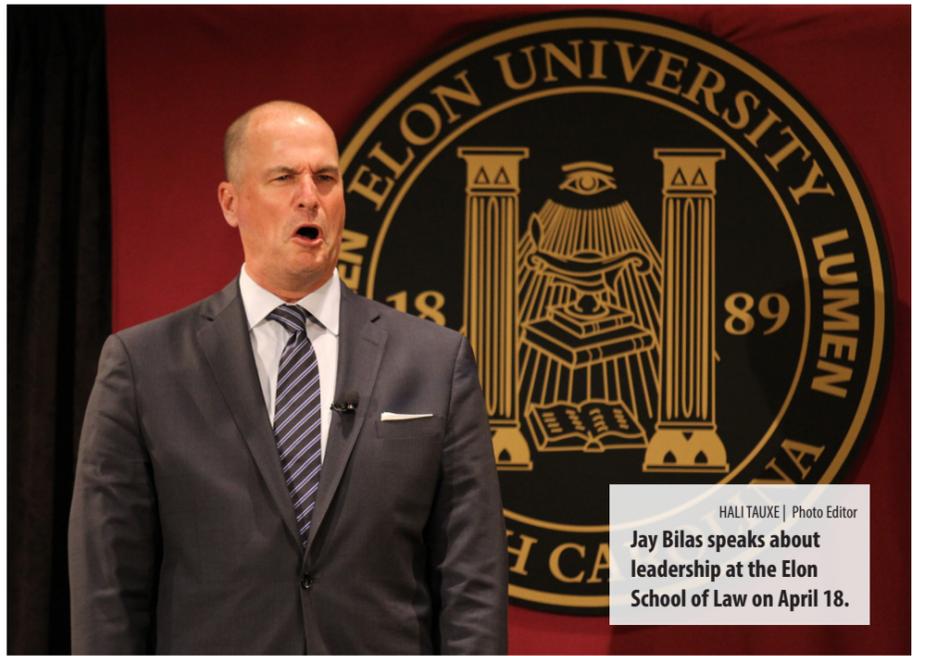
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All Day |  
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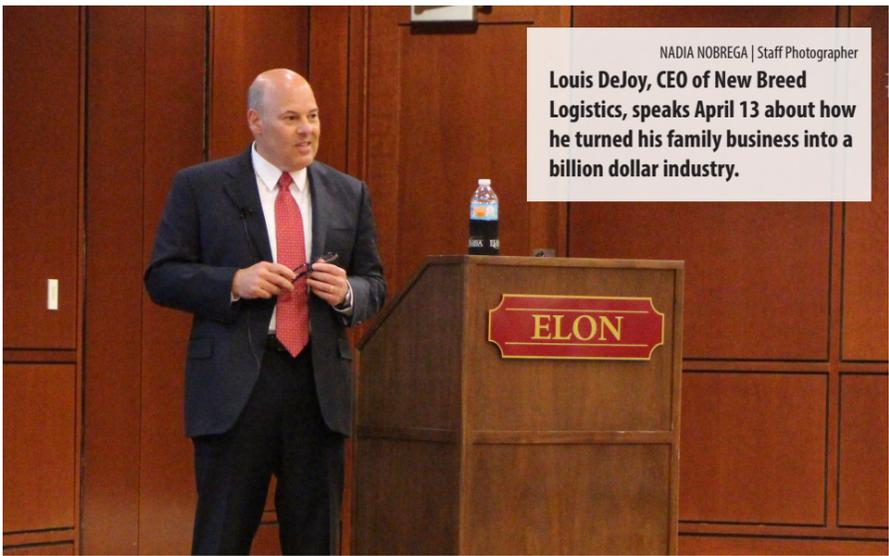
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**The Elon University Orchestra rehearses for its April 19 concert.**



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**Jay Bilas speaks about leadership at the Elon School of Law on April 18.**



NADIA NOBREGA | Staff Photographer  
**Louis DeJoy, CEO of New Breed Logistics, speaks April 13 about how he turned his family business into a billion dollar industry.**



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor  
**Taylor Wilhelm leads a chant at the April 12 Walk to Stop Victim Blaming, coordinated by Elon Feminists and SPACE.**



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer  
**The Elon University women's lacrosse team battled James Madison University on its Senior Night April 15. Elon lost, 9-7.**

SGA  
from cover

He wants SGA to be more proactive issues that students and the Elon community are discussing — starting with drafting a resolution to the controversial House Bill 2 signed into law last month.

He wants to promote more sustainable efforts and is working with the Office of Sustainability on a bike-share program.

And he wants a greater sense of community, understanding and discussion among students, which would lead to a broader school spirit that isn't concentrated in whichever clubs or organizations students are affiliated with.

"A sense of belonging, sustainability and the idea of inclusivity and being accepting of one another — those are the three big pillars that we're really going to be trying to chip away at," Porro said.

Porro's held a number of different positions with SGA, most recently senator for the Love School of Business. He was freshman class vice president and sophomore class president before studying abroad this past fall.

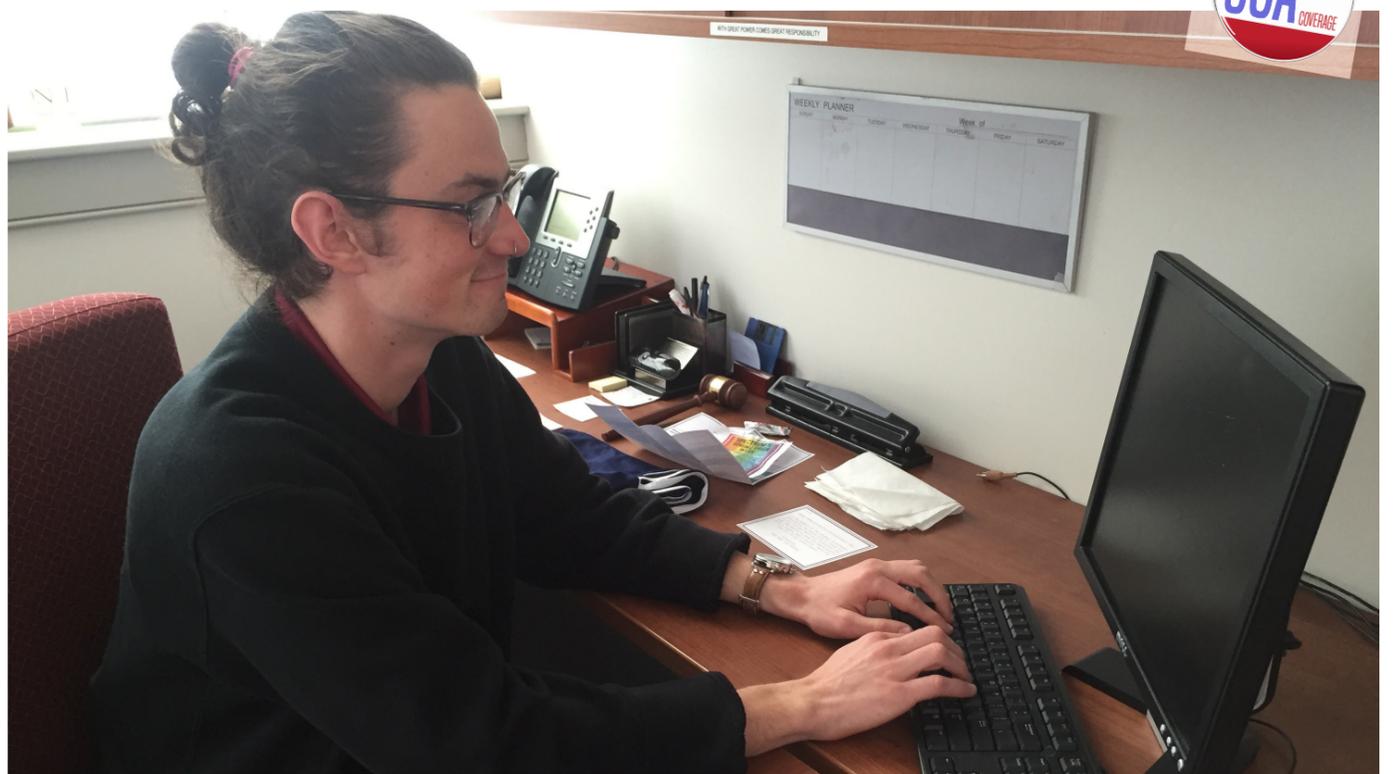
He's also served as chair of the Election Committee and co-chair of the Student Issues Committee, while facilitating the writing of the Acorn Fund and serving on the committee for the Fun Fund.

It's a wide array of experiences that he believes prepared him for his current role.

"I just got really into SGA," Porro, who's also a tour guide, said. "I knew very early on that I had found a very cool thing on campus. Every single semester that I've been on campus, I've tried to stay involved with it. I've done a whole bunch of different positions, but

the whole time, I knew that I wanted to [be president] because I loved SGA so much.

"I thought that this position could be the most beneficial for Elon in general in terms of making sure SGA can do everything it can. Since I had been involved in so many of



TOMMY HAMZIK | Editor-in-Chief

Recently-elected SGA president Kyle Porro works in his office. Some of his goals for the year include being more proactive and promoting sustainability.

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KYLE PORRO  
SGA EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

the behind-the-scenes parts of SGA, I knew how it worked and how it ran.

"I wanted to make sure that somebody who was leading was somebody who has done all the other stuff in SGA and who knows what SGA is."

Porro said he's also focused on building up morale within SGA to lead to better con-

meeting in his office.

Porro has spent most of the last couple weeks filling seats in the Senate that were held by graduating seniors. He said he'll start focusing more on his specific goals in the coming weeks.

The first few days in office have been smooth, as he's quickly realized how much time goes into little things like checking his email and checking in with various committees.

With the intense election in the past, Porro looks ahead to how he can best serve Elon in the upcoming year.

"It's weird," Porro said. "It's, one, weird because this has always been the end goal. Now I'm here. Now it's happening. It's crazy.

"It's also crazy because that means I'm graduating in a year. It's like, 'How did this happen?' I'm so excited for the term."

SGA budget shows allocation disparity

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At first glance, the trend of the 2016-2017 budget is not a good one. Most of the organizations did not receive the amount they requested, and 35 out

The total amount the SGA treasury could allocate to organizations this year was \$652,000.

of 60 organizations were denied \$1,000 or more of their asking price. But despite the gap between asking amount and amount received, many organizations saw an overall increase in funding.

The Student Union Board saw its allotted funds surge from \$129,233 to \$135,753, while The Black Student Union saw its funds rise from \$7,000 to \$9,000. Yet even with the evident boosts in these organizations' accounts, most didn't see the total amount requested.

Newly elected SGA Executive President Kyle Porro said many organizations come and ask for large sums of money that the treasury simply can't afford.

"SGA's budget increases by about 5 percent each year, and a lot of these organizations come in and ask for double the amount or anything that's more than the 5 percent we have," Porro said. "It's impossible because we don't have that kind of money to give them."

The total amount the SGA treasury could allocate to organizations this year was

versations and hopefully be more proactive.

During the last meeting before the new term started, the whole group conducted a workshop to analyze the past year and see what could be improved upon. Porro still has the posters they wrote on during that

\$652,000. The main factor of pinpointing who gets the most money is how involved the organization is on campus, which explains why SUB was given a monster sum of \$135,753. Other factors include how long they have been on campus and how many members they have.

Executive Treasurer Eason Warren said any organization is welcome to negotiate with him if they feel undervalued, but he added that his office must follow strict guidelines.

"I would tell [the organization] to have them come talk to me," Warren said. "But usually our budget is based on factual information."

Even though most organizations are not granted all of the money they request, SGA attempts to allocate them enough money to work with. Every year, each organization treasurer sends an itemized budget to the cluster budget hearing.

Warren said the main reason organizations do not receive all of the requested amount is because SGA must follow the Treasurer's manual, which outlines what SGA allows organizations to use its funds for, such as the number of people at national conventions, and money used for airfare, gas and lodging.

Warren said most of the blockage of money is because of what the manual says.

"A lot of organizations ask for stuff that SGA simply can't pay for," Warren said. "For example, one organization asked for money to give their members T-shirts and we can't do that because we would be giving students free

stuff. Another example is the gardening club asked us for \$150 dollars to buy pots and resell them, and since they would make profit off of it, we can't provide them with that."

Porro agreed with Warren, saying the manual is binding and is very clear about what the Treasury is permitted to do.

"In an ideal world, we would give everyone the money they ask for," Porro said. "But a lot of times it comes down to what the manual allows us to do."

Because it is not practical to have every organization represented directly by one individual, a cluster is responsible for representing multiple organizations. Clusters are appointed by the Student Life Committee and vouch for their organizations during the budget hearings. They talk with organizations' presidents to get a consensus about what they want to accomplish the following year. Porro says the cluster system is effective because it utilizes students who are familiar with multiple organizations to be advocates.

"We pick students who are involved heavily with their own organizations and the community as a whole," Porro said. "Even if your club might not have someone who is represented, there will be someone who knows something about that organization to speak on its behalf."

After each pitch is made, the financial committee, consisting of the executive treasurer, assistant treasurer and four class treasurers, compiles the budget. The SGA senate then votes on the finalized draft.

PORRO'S GOALS

**BEING PROACTIVE:** SGA should be more proactive about issues that students and the Elon community are discussing.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Promoting more sustainable measures, including working with the Office of Sustainability on a bike-share program.

**COMMUNITY:** Understanding and discussion among students, which would lead to a broader school spirit that isn't concentrated into whichever clubs or organizations students are affiliated with.

SGA planning resolution to HB2

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SGA is drafting a resolution to the highly controversial House Bill 2, according to Executive President Kyle Porro.

Porro said he's hopeful it passes through at Thursday's SGA meeting.

"We thought it was very good that we could make a statement as the students," Porro said. "It's such a hot topic, and there are such strong opinions. Since we are supposed to be the voice of the students, we wanted to make a statement with that."

Porro, recently inaugurated, said it's part of an initiative of his to be more proactive on issues like this.

North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory signed HB2, otherwise known as the bathroom bill, into law March 23. Among many restrictions, it prohibits transgender people from using the bathroom of the gender they identify with.

McCrory, in an attempt to clear the air, signed Executive Order 93 last Tuesday to add biological sex and sexual orientation to the list of protected classes, revising a section of HB2 that allowed for discrimination against the LGBTQIA community.

Elon University's faculty issued their own resolution last Monday denouncing the bill. The university released a statement days after the bill was signed reaffirming its commitment to inclusivity, and President Leo Lambert wrote a letter to the editor in the Burlington Times-News calling HB2 "stunning and disappointing."

# Elon aims for diversity-friendly space

*Phoenix Fusion, cultural spaces part of strategic plan*

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Freshman Jazmine Langley knew what she was getting into when she applied to Elon University last year.

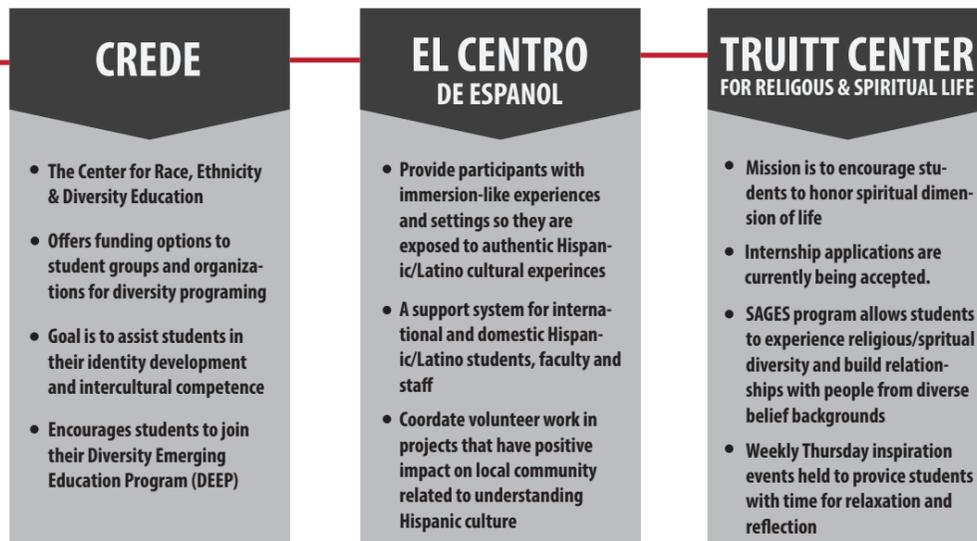
As an African-American student wishing to attend a predominantly white institution, she understood that she would be in the minority. But one weekend visit instilled a sense of belonging in her — something other applicants may never experience.

“I feel like Phoenix Fusion either makes or breaks your decision about coming to Elon,” Langley said. “I toured Elon before coming to Phoenix Fusion, but then I came and was exposed to a

**Elon’s ALANAM population has increased by 3.4 percent since 2010. But there is still room for further growth.**

lot of resources to marginalized groups that I didn’t know beforehand. That was a really big help for me.” Phoenix Fusion, a two-day admissions event geared toward minority students, was the deciding factor for Langley. During the weekend, she spent the night on campus with an enrolled student and saw resources like The Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education (CREDE) that gave her confidence about the next

## RESOURCES FOR DIVERSITY EDUCATION



SHELBY BAITSHOLTS | Design Editor

four years. But because the regular tour didn’t show her this side of Elon, she said she believes the university can do a better job of marketing itself toward minority students who may not visit a second time — or even a first time — like she did.

“Seeing firsthand that the minority population has a presence here was definitely the biggest thing for me,” Langley said. “I think just letting people know about the resources available to them before they get to college and while they are here to sustain themselves can be improved on.”

Since 2010, Elon’s ALANAM (African American/Black, Latino/Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islander, Native American, Alaskan Native and Multiracial) population has increased from 12.4 percent to 15.8 percent. But the 6 percent African-American student

population falls slightly behind similar schools in the state, such as Davidson College (8 percent) and High Point University (7.4 percent).

These statistics may make prospective students weary of attending Elon because they might not fit the mold. ALANAM students are also proven to have a higher application incompleteness rate compared to other students.

Greg Zaiser, vice president of Admissions and Financial Planning, says the university recognizes this problem and is working to make Elon palatable to minorities. He says one of the main ways to solve this is utilizing Pillar One of the Elon Strategic Commitment Plan, a system to promote diversity that includes objectives of doubling the need based financial aid and preparing students to succeed in a multicultural world.

“Everything we do at the university is driven by this plan because we believe an excellent education must include diversity,” Zaiser said. “In partnership with the university community, the entire admissions staff implements the plan.”

Part of this plan is creating and using spaces like the CREDE, El Centro de Espanol and the Truitt Center for Religious Life to demonstrate the need for an inclusive community. Diversity Ambassadors — student university guides who support the Office of Admissions with diversity recruitment by offering feedback and support — are also great assets.

Jamie Butler, assistant director of the CREDE, said all of these things are needed to genuinely portray that Elon cares about its minority population and wants

to seem more attractive to diverse groups. She also added that organizations like the Black Student Union and Elon Black Alumni Network are avenues students should use when needing support and guidance.

“I would say that there is definitely a support system in place,” Butler said. “I do see that there is a need for different welcoming and support and advocacy for students underrepresented at Elon and that piece that is not needed for the majority.”

Zaiser said the applicant pool is becoming more diverse each year and his office is intentionally reaching out to high schools and intends to expand its diversity recruitment staff within the year. But when these students arrive on campus, they are culture shocked.

With many of the students Butler speaks to, she finds that they have a hard time assimilating to Elon’s environment because many feel that they have to prove to themselves and others that they belong. She said while the university has and continues to improve in attaining more diversity, it is up to white students to make minorities adjustments to a new environment as seamlessly as possible.

“I would defiantly tell [white students] to validate other students’ experiences,” Butler said. “Don’t be dismissive and don’t make up other reasons [for minority students struggling to fit it]. It’s tough enough here to be a student here at Elon, its tougher to be a student here of color whether we want to admit it or not. I think that particularly with [white students], understanding that, validating that and accepting that is huge.”

# Classrooms show technological innovation

*Elon fosters classroom enhancements, offers valuable resources*

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As technology each year becomes less expensive and further-reaching, Elon University professors are turning the traditional classroom setting on its head and determining what new tools are most effective.

The SMART Board is the new projector, Moodle the new syllabus, phone apps the new raised hand. There are Skype lessons and MOOCs, YouTube tutorials and Google Drive. The classroom today is a markedly different place than it was five, 10 or 20 years ago.

Each school at Elon uses technology in its own unique way based on the individual needs of the professors. Whether that be commandeering Excel spreadsheets, controlling visual aids with YouTube or using Skype to call outside business contacts, Elon’s technology has greatly impacted daily classroom activities.

The School of Communications uses many different technologies. The media rooms are filled with cameras, microphones

and a whole host of other complex infrastructure, all of which are accessible to students. The faculty have integrated this technology regularly into their courses, and have generally found the user interfaces of the software easy to use. Different devices line the hallways, including TVs displaying relevant information about internship opportunities, events around campus and local outreach programs.

“A lot of professors here are trying to do new things,” said junior Daniel Schneider, a computer science major. “We have teachers going online using materials. ... [Materials] make learning more interactive for students.”

Schneider believes the Koury Business Center has a very practical usage for its tech. Each room is designed with specific uses in mind, and has technology that covers a broad spectrum of applications. That doesn’t mean the rooms are complicated

and will confuse the tech-illiterate, which is helpful in shortening the amount of time it takes not-so-tech-savvy professors to set up YouTube videos.

“I use Moodle ... for grading, posting of PowerPoint slides, announcements. Hopefully I will start using it more for quizzes,” said Todd Stonitsch, assistant professor of finance. “I’m more of a traditionalist [in terms of hardware]. I use markers and a white board primarily. I use Excel heavily in class, but in terms of PowerPoint, not as much. My slides are primarily Excel-based.”

Another professor in the business school said he’s harnessed the power of video-conferencing technology to virtually bring to class a host of professionals who otherwise never could have made it.

“We have Skyped in people ... which is really great because it’s easier for them to get here. Obviously, they don’t have to leave their office,” said Kevin O’Mara, professor of

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**KEVIN O’MARA**  
PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTOR FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP

## CLASSROOM TECH

**What:** Skype

**Why:** allows students to learn from busy professionals

**What:** YouTube

**Why:** entertaining videos keep students engaged with the lesson

**What:** Moodle

**Why:** makes grading, testing, and distributing information quick and simple

management and executive director of the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

Elon has managed to consistently stay up-to-date with the modern technological innovations. Since having the highest-quality technology is considered a strong-suit for college applicants, Elon has fostered classroom technology innovation already.

Continued improvements in classroom technology are being incorporated into future projects, like Schar Hall, the expansion of the School of Communications and Sanky Hall, expansion of the Love School of Business.

# Exploring the changing field of college admissions



NATHAN SMITH | Reporter

The Inman Admissions Welcome Center at Elon University accommodates students visiting campus.



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Elon tour guides welcome accepted students March 12 at the first Rising Phoenix Weekend.

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Elon University Vice President of Admissions and Financial Planning Greg Zaiser has been working long enough to see the college admissions process change and grow. In his time at Elon, he's seen the entire system become more complex. "When I went to high school, you did college prep, and that was the right curriculum for college," Zaiser said.

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The process hasn't been that simple for years, for neither admissions officers nor prospective students. With the number of students enrolled in college predicted to increase until at least 2020 and possibly climb as high as 23 million students, according to a 2011 National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) poll, administrators are left with a crowded pool of applicants anxious to send off more applications earlier than ever before.

## Perceptions driving applications

As the number of college applications grows, the growth rate is outpaced by the rate at which students have been applying early to colleges and universities.

Zaiser pointed out that of Elon's approximate 10,000 applications during the 2014-2015 school year, about 72 percent were sent in early.

The number of schools that each individual student applies to has also risen. According to a 2011 NACAC survey, 29 percent of students applied to seven or more colleges, a 20 percent rise since 1990.

That drastic change has quickly become the subject of discussion about the causes of the inflation, seen in pieces such as the 2014 New York Times article that explained the situation in psychological terms.

According to the article, students apply to so many institutions because they fear this is the only way to ensure security that they will get into some schools even if they don't get into their first choice.

Students are over-applying due to misconceptions of what the college admissions process actually looks like. In some cases, this process is changing so rapidly that even the most perceptive of candidates may not be able to anticipate it.

Perception doesn't stop at influencing where, how often or how early students apply — in fact, widespread beliefs about the admissions process begin affecting prospective students long before they begin filling in the Common App.

The traditional concept of the college ap-

plication process typically involves two main elements: test scores — GPA, SAT and ACT, specifically — and extra-curricular activities. Zaiser said he has noted the rise of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in recent years as students take classes they think will help their applications stand out.

But recently, Elon and other institutions have been challenging this popular notion.

"I think it's changing now," Zaiser said. "There's something called 'Turning the Tide,' which is an initiative on the part of some of the most selective colleges and universities in the country to focus less on test scores and the things that they have focused on historically, and more on things like leadership and service."

In January 2016, the Harvard Graduate School of Education released "Turning the Tide," a report on how colleges are trying to reshape the college admissions process in response to the over-saturation of traditional criteria such as standardized testing.

Instead, schools are starting to rely on less traditional, more specific methods of assessing potential students.

In a press release, the school said, "The goals of the report are to harness the collective influence of college admissions to send a unified message that both ethical engagement and intellectual engagement are highly important and to more fairly capture the strengths of students across race, class and culture."

"Turning the Tide" has been endorsed by 85 of the top institutions across the country, all of which are working to institute and incorporate suggestions based on the report's findings.

"When we talk about looking at activities and things outside of the academic world, less is more. Less, but with more depth," Zaiser said.

## Challenging misconceptions

Many students eager to land on the perfect recipe for acceptance have begun to realize that admissions are not always so straightforward.

"I think [prospective students] might think it's a lot more overwhelming than it really is," said Meredith Smith, director of applications. "There's no hidden, secret process or anything like that that's really going to change the way their application turns out. It's really in the nature of the applicant pool."

Smith admitted that one of the difficulties in the applicant pool is that it changes every year to fit the needs of the school, which makes the process lack consistency. David Hawkins, executive director for educational content and policy at the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), agreed, denying any sort of rule of thumb for applications.

"Admissions can be a bit of a black box for people," he said. "Ultimately, families are gaining a better understanding about the process, and learn that a college is going to

## How To Get Into College

The Admissions Version

by Nathan Smith

If you've applied to college, you know what it's like: writing essays, getting recommendations, deciding which schools are worth it to pay for the application (\$50? Are you serious?). But what does it look like from inside the admissions office? I asked an administrator how it all goes down.



### Sophomore Year

Admissions offices begin communication to student via mail and email

### Junior Year- Spring

Colleges hold open house-style events for prospective students



### Senior Year - Fall

Schools make private visits to high schools

### Summer after Junior Year

Schools hope to continue communication made in spring

### Junior Year - Spring

Schools begin targeting students with mailing and visits (college fairs)



### Senior Year - Winter

The application reading process commences, and letters are sent

### Senior Year - Spring

School holds spring orientation event in "yield" process to create class

### Freshmen Year of College - Fall

The student is enrolled and college begins!



NATHAN SMITH | Reporter

have to align itself within its own interests."

Zaiser summed up the difficult, sometimes arbitrary nature of the application process by repeating a conversation he had with another Elon professor:

"I was talking to the chair of the music department — we were talking, we have a scholarship specifically in the Odyssey Program for a music major — and he said, 'One of the things that will determine whether or not we're interested in this person for this scholarship is the instrument they play. Because we might have enough

tuba players and we have enough clarinet players, but we might need a bass player.' So that's sort of like the admissions process. ... We are all, whether we're Ivy League or not, creating a community."

It's hard to point prospective students to any golden rule when the difference between a tuba and a bass might mean the difference between acceptance and rejection. But colleges want to create the best combination of students, and this new model is a far cry from the old perception of the college admissions process.

ECC  
from cover

said senior pastor Randy Orwig during the service.

Sunday was a day of thankfulness not only for the church's rich history but also for the tremendous changes that have taken place within the past several decades.

The Elon Community Church finds itself with an identity today that is more separate from Elon University than ever before. But Orwig said caring for others is one characteristic that will always remain.

**Whitley Auditorium was the main place of worship for ECC until September 1959.**

"We have a caretaking function, and I'm so glad we've been able to do that," Orwig said. "We are builders, and

we have more left to build ...

"In the last 25 years, we've seen something quite different. I ask you to celebrate the changes. There is more of a colorful sense of who we are in the last 25 years and a growing sense of diversity not unlike that of Elon University."

Sunday's service was unique in that it paid tribute to past members while embracing those who are just beginning to form a tighter-knit relationship with the church.

Rather than recognize the names of the 19 founding members, the church brought forward seven new members to the altar.

"You represent something very important to us," Orwig said to the seven newly accepted members. "You represent the future."

One of the newly accepted members was Richard Denault '84. Elon has been a major part of Denault's life — he even fell in love with his future wife, Dody '81, during his time as a student.

After attending Elon Community Church on and off for the last couple



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**About 160 members of the Elon Community Church attend special April 17 service commemorating the church's 125th anniversary.**

of years, Denault decided it was time to become an official member because of the accepting message the church offered him and his family.

"The people are so nice and friendly, and you feel excited," Denault said. "It makes my week go better seeing these people."

During the service, Orwig made efforts to distinguish Elon Community Church as a place of inclusivity, accepting of all of its members.

"We are a part of a belonging," Orwig said. "God says to us through Jesus Christ that we belong. There are many ways of being sent away or even trying to figure out what the future holds, but we are people who belong and we celebrate belonging."

University Chaplain Jan Fuller attended the service and luncheon to acknowledge the historic occasion and represent the university's commitment to future collaboration with the Elon Community Church.

Until September 1959, Whitley Auditorium was the main place of worship for Elon Community Church. Though the church has been in a new location ever since, its influence with the university community remains.

"This church has really been the church of the university or college for so many years," Fuller said. "So many of our staff, faculty and students have been touched by this church and its ministries have come through this church and really consider this church home."

Though the church celebrated its 125th

anniversary on April 17, its official foundation date was April 19, 1891.

Elder members of the Elon Community offered personal stories of their bond with the church during the luncheon.

Edith Brannock '39, the oldest active member of the Elon Community Church, provided one of the more inspirational moments of the day by talking about the historical significance of the 125th anniversary.

"Being a member of this church for 87 years, I have been blessed, she said. "And I'm asking you to join me in praise to God for help for the Elon Community Church for years past, for hope for the Elon Community Church for years to come, for shelter for the trials to be and our eternal home."

# Immigrants, refugees offered English assistance

## *Newcomers School provides education to immigrants*

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El Salvador, Honduras, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Pakistan are examples of four countries rife with acts of unspeakable violence, often carried out by the likes of rebel militant forces run amok, drug cartel members, or radical terrorist organizations.

**The Doris Henderson Newcomers School has 340 immigrant and refugee students.**

Now, 340 immigrant and refugee children from various countries, including those mentioned, face a whole new and daunting life challenge — learning how to speak English in their new home nation, the

United States.

Elon's School of Education occasionally sends its students to shadow and assist teachers at The Newcomers school.

Marna Winter, lecturer in education and director of education outreach at Elon, said outreach efforts at schools like the Newcomers School are used to train Elon students to take innovative approaches in their teaching methods.

"We want to make sure that every student has opportunities to teach at all different types of schools. Title I schools, non-title II, rural and urban," Winter said.

"We want students to know how to teach in many environments, and to know what it takes."

She touched on the "Teaching Diverse Learners in Middle and Secondary Schools" course at Elon, one that educates students on effective learning and teaching strategies employed for teaching students of racial, cultural, ethnic, linguistic, socioeconomic, gender and disability diversity.

"An important thing they learn is 'culturally responsive teaching,' which is where we make sure students are first aware of their own cultural upbringings before attempting to understand the cultural upbringing of their students," Winter said. "At first our students struggle in unfamiliar cultural environments, but we expose them so much they become comfortable."

The Doris Henderson Newcomers School, located in Greensboro, has served the educational needs of refugee and immigrant families since 2007. Their mission statement — "[To] empower students and families through challenging academics and language learning to help them become independent, lifelong learners" — summarizes the role they hope to play in these communities, one that elevates the individual in order to elevate all.

Offering education for third through 12th grade, The Newcomers School is a 100 percent English Language Learner (ELL) school, equipped with numerous interpreters able to translate dozens of languages.

Angel Katona, the Newcomers School's social worker, is of a small minority in the school's faculty that has been there since the beginning.

Now in her ninth year, she says the reasons that brought her to the school in

the first place are the same that have kept her there.

"I know that every day, I come to work and improve other people's quality of life. I love providing encouragement to these kids, because sometimes their world is an overwhelming one."

Katona said that one of the school's major goals is to discourage dropouts, a common phenomenon in non-English speaking students in the United States.

She says each student is viewed consistently on an individual level to better assess the degree of dropout risk.

To supplement school lessons, the Newcomers School provides students with free daily transportation to and from school, free breakfast and lunch and optional Saturday classes, which parents can attend to learn English along with their children.

"Parental outreach is a large part of what we do," Katona said. "We want parents to know what their children are learning so that they can offer encouragement and know what to expect."

While a majority of the families are immigrant families, many are refugees, which actually creates an advantage in receiving aid. Unlike refugee families, immigrants do not have access to free healthcare options or food provision.

To combat the issue, the school recruits physicians and dentists to donate their services. The school also hosts frequent food and clothing drives

Newcomers has even managed to place students into institutions of higher education. They regularly have successful former students come speak with current students to promote the benefits of perseverance.

"Along with bringing in those students,

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- There are three yearly field trips to college in order to expose students to future possibilities.

we schedule three yearly field trips to colleges, exposing students to what may lay ahead," Katona said.

Junior Hunter Gillin, one of Winter's students, says the benefits of going to teach at places like the Newcomers School benefit everyone equally.

"Visiting the Newcomers School was an inspiring experience as a prospective elementary education teacher. Each of the recently arrived students held a positive attitude and seemed driven despite the hard life had dealt them," Gillin said. "And shadowing each of the faculty members served as an excellent lesson in culturally responsive teaching."

# University addresses campus parking plans

Architect deals with parking complaints over construction

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Even before the announcement of an expansion to the Love School of Business, students complained about parking. Now that construction is slated to take place in the McMichael parking lot for the new building, there are concerns that student parking on campus will be even more scarce.

According to University Architect Brad Moore, students and faculty will still be able to use the McMichael lot during construction.

"I think a large part of that parking lot will remain in use during construction and after construction," he said. "There will be some spaces that will be impacted but the majority of them will remain in place."

Moore explained that they chose that location for the Love School of Business expansion because of the street-front presence and the potential to create another quad for students.

Moore said despite complaints from students about a lack of viable parking options, there is plenty of space on South Campus that is not being used by faculty or students. He said that several years ago the university constructed a lot east of Powell House with about 300 spaces that has seen minimal use.

"There are parking lots on South Campus and at the Francis Center that have very limited use, so I think we have a surplus of park-

ing on our campus," he said. "On top of that, we are required by zoning to provide so many parking spaces based on the square footage we have on campus. I've worked with the Town [of Elon] to make sure we have enough spaces."

Currently, students acquire parking permits according to where they live on campus or if they are considered commuter students. Students without permits or who park in the wrong lot are at risk of receiving a ticket or having their car towed.

Moore said the university is considering adding more parking spaces in various locations on campus as they plan to expand. He said they are currently looking at the possibility of additional parking near the tennis courts, in the Danieleley Center and on South Campus.

"We know that as we continue to develop we are going to add some parking, so we're studying where the next locations would potentially be," he said.

According to Dean of the School of Communications Paul Parsons, the construction of Dwight C. Schar Hall has not severely impacted parking near the communication school. Faculty and staff who used to park in the lot currently overtaken by construction

now park along Lebanon Street or in the church parking lot near downtown.

He said when construction is complete, between 10 and 12 spaces will reopen, but there has been ample space for faculty and staff during construction with Lebanon and the church lot available to them. He did say that temporary parking spaces behind McEwen are currently "in talks."

The three spaces would be available for 15 minutes to allow communications students to park close to transfer heavy broadcast equipment to their cars. Parsons added their pro-

**THERE ARE SEVERAL PARKING LOTS THAT I DRIVE BY ON A REGULAR BASIS WHERE THEY'RE NOT BEING FULLY USED TO CAPACITY.**

**BRAD MOORE**  
UNIVERSITY ARCHITECT

## YOUR GUIDE TO CAMPUS PARKING

TYPE OF PERMIT	WHERE YOU CAN PARK	WHO CAN GET THIS PERMIT?
AW	Arts West	Students with a class in Arts West who present a schedule
CS	Colonnades, Danieleley, Hunt Softball, behind Wellness Center	Commuter students who live outside Town of Elon
EE	Colonnades, Danieleley	Students who live east of Oak Avenue to Hwy 87
EW	On campus after 6 p.m. only	Students who live in Sheridan Place and west of Williamson Avenue
GF	Francis Center, Oaks (along the fence), Colonnades	Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant students
GN	Hunt Softball, Global Neighborhood	Global Neighborhood residents
GR	Lebanon Ave, McMichael, Colonnades	Graduate and high school students
HN	East Gym	Historic Neighborhood residents
KD	Colonnades, Danieleley	Colonnades and Danieleley Center residents
LG	McMichael	Loy Center residents
MP	Station at Mill Point, on campus after 6 p.m. only	Station at Mill Point residents
OK	Oaks lot	Oaks residents

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posed idea is awaiting approval.

As of the 2015-2016 academic year, students can park by the Danieleley Center, Colonnades, Arts West, Hunt Softball Park, the Wellness Center, Oaks, Francis Center, McMichael and East Gym based on their permits.

Moore said the university is currently working with a master planning company called Ayers Saint Gross to determine how to meet the needs of students, faculty and staff as Elon expands.

"Right now we're meeting requirements by the zoning requirements and we have more than what is currently required," he said. "There are several parking lots that I drive by on a regular basis where they're not being fully used to capacity, so I don't know that we have a parking problem, per se, but it will take some careful thinking as we continue to expand the campus to answer that question of where the new parking lots, where the new building spaces will be."

# McCrorry trails Cooper in latest Elon Poll

Incumbent governor's ratings fall after HB2

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The Elon University Poll released results from its latest survey Tuesday afternoon, revealing a 6 percent lead for Roy Cooper against incumbent North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrorry.

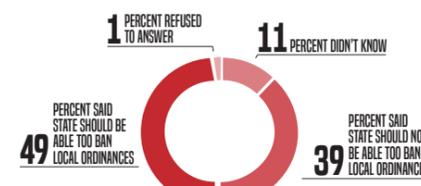
**Roy Cooper has a 6 percent lead over current governor Pat McCrorry.**

Kenneth Fernandez, assistant professor of political science and policy studies and director of the Elon Poll, said the passage of House Bill 2 might have played a factor in Cooper's 48- to 42-percent lead in the gubernatorial race.

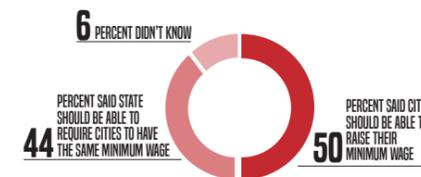
"A lot of people will think that any lead or increased lead that Cooper has over the incumbent governor would be possibly attributed to HB2," Fernandez said. "As a political scientist, we would actually have to run a lot more statistical analysis and more data, but I think it is an interesting finding."

Though Cooper is polling more favorably than McCrorry, North Carolina remains largely divided on HB2 — a bill passed by the state legislature March 23 that, among many things, requires people to use

### SHOULD THE STATE BE ABLE TO BAN LOCAL ORDINANCES?



### SHOULD CITIES BE ABLE TO RAISE THEIR MINIMUM WAGE?



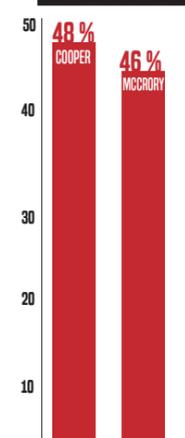
restrooms of the sex on their birth certificate. Since its passage, the bill has sparked increased discussion about LGBTQIA discrimination within and beyond the Elon community.

In February, the city of Charlotte passed an ordinance allowing transgender individuals to use public facilities, such as bathrooms, that best match their gender identity. The state then passed HB2 to prohibit such local ordinances.

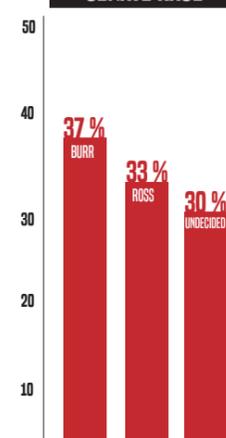
More than 49 percent of Elon Poll respondents said the state should ban such

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### MAYORAL RACE



### SENATE RACE



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ordinances, while 39 percent said cities should be allowed to adopt policies. Eleven percent said they "did not know."

At a surface level, such responses might suggest large public support for the bill. But in another question, which asked whether states should have the power to require all cities to implement the same minimum wage, 50 percent of respondents said cities should be able to raise the minimum wage, while just 43.5 percent said states should have the authority to require cities have the same minimum wage.

Fernandez said these results reflect an inconsistency in public opinion.

"Human beings, including myself, tend to not always be consistent," he said. "We want local autonomy until something happens that we don't approve of, and then we might want state or federal intervention."

In the senatorial race, the Elon Poll found incumbent Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.) ahead of Democratic challenger Deborah Ross 37 percent to 33 percent. About 30 percent of those surveyed said they were undecided or would likely vote for someone else.

The survey also provided insights on the 2016 presidential election. Results from several hypothetical matchups showed that Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton would likely defeat Republican front-runner Donald Trump 45 percent to 39 percent but would lose against Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) by 3 percent.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) toppled both Trump and Cruz. Elon Poll results found Sanders defeating Trump 51 percent to 38 percent and Cruz 49 percent to 39 percent.

Regardless of the head-to-head matchups, Clinton remains more likely to secure the Democratic Party nomination, according to Fernandez.

"It seems like she's still likely to win the nomination, but people are not necessarily enthralled with her," Fernandez said. "That's why you see him in these head-to-heads doing a little bit better."



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ESPN basketball analyst Jay Bilas chats with members of the audience after his speech at the Elon University School of Law on April 18.

# Preparation the key to success, says Jay Bilas

*ESPN commentator speaks at Elon Law*

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Jay Bilas has covered a plethora of nationally televised college basketball games with high-profile teams such as Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and The University of Kentucky, but the well-renowned sports broadcaster says his first game with a significantly smaller audience was his most important one.

Because he rigorously prepared for an “unappealing” matchup between the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Charleston Southern University, he accurately predicted the tip-in at the buzzer that led to Charleston Southern’s victory, which led to his promotion at ESPN.

In front of a packed crowd at Elon University’s School of Law April 18, Bilas emphasized taking advantage of opportunities and never overlooking little things in order to be successful.

“There’s a component of luck in all of this that you really can’t ignore,” Bilas said. “I happen to think that attitude is really helpful because it’s not about me, there’s more to it. The key is, will you take advantage of all of this luck, or will you let it go to waste?”

For much of the speech, Bilas shared stories about his father and his basketball coach, the legendary Mike Krzyzewski. Bilas said since he was fortunate enough to have them as role models, his experiences with them highlighted areas of life that transcend basketball.

His father, a television repairman in Los Angeles, was a believer in concentration. When Bilas once fell down an eight-story ladder because

he was hastily climbing it, his father scolded him saying, “You can’t get to the top of the ladder in one step, but you can get to the bottom in one step.” This lesson stuck with him and taught him to focus on doing the present things well.

“Don’t be the idiot who is thinking about the game in class,” Bilas said turning to the Elon basketball team, who was in attendance. “The things that you think are simple, take care of that, and everything else will fall into place.”

His father was also a catalyst for his initial decision to become a lawyer. While receiving his legal degree at Duke University, Bilas played under Krzyzewski. Like Bilas’ father, Krzyzewski also believed in completing the supposedly minute tasks well. When Duke was scheduled to play “easier” games against less well-known or experienced teams, Krzyzewski expected his players to take it seriously even when they knew they would win.

“This game is important because it is the next game on our schedule,” Bilas said Krzyzewski would tell them in the locker room. “Everything we do was important.”

Bilas said his time as a college athlete taught him how to be a team player and leader, but writing his book “Toughness” taught him even more.

After publishing an article on the subject for ESPN.com, Bilas wanted to go deeper. On a trip to Florida, he met Daryl Woods, a NASA engineer who helped design the space shuttle. When Bilas asked him what was the hardest part about building the shuttle, Woods said it was always getting the engineers to work as a cohesive unit. Once everyone bought into each other, it became a lot easier.

“It’s really easy for people to get silent and to believe that their element was the most important thing,” Bilas said. “He said [you have

to be] responsible for the element, accountable for the mission.”

Many of the questions asked in the question and answer session following the talk asked Bilas to share his opinion on whether he believed college athletes should be paid, a topic which he’s rather outspoken about. He said they should be somewhat compensated for the billions of dollars they garner for the NCAA.

But when someone asked him what the greatest lesson his careers of being a basketball player, lawyer and broadcaster taught him, he said it was unquestionably not to dwell on his past experiences.

“For me, everything I’ve learned as an athlete I’ve tried to carry over,” Bilas said. “Basketball is too quick to dwell on the last play. If you carry the last play into the next play, you’re going to make a mistake. Recently when I was playing golf, I hit the ball sideways and that’s all I could think about for the rest of the round. Being resilient and continuing to keep playing is the biggest thing my career has taught me.”



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Jay Bilas, a lawyer at a firm in Charlotte, signs a book for a member of the audience at Elon Law on April 18.



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor  
An audience member raises his hand to ask Jay Bilas a question at Elon Law on April 18.

# CELEBRATE! honors student achievements

*Events center on academic honors, successes*

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Beginning April 23, Elon University will hold various events to appreciate the success and dedication of its students for CELEBRATE! Week 2016. This year

**Each day of CELEBRATE! Week has at least one or two activities recognizing students' work and academic accomplishments.**

Most students know CELEBRATE! Week by SURF Day, the one Tuesday in April when they aren't chugging College Coffee to make it through their classes. But many students use this day to present their research to their peers and professors. SURF Day has been an Eon tradition since 1993.

Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Angela Lewellyn Jones was in charge

of organizing this year's various events for CELEBRATE! Week. She credited the founding of CELEBRATE! Week to Provost Steven House, formerly the dean of Elon College, who was inspired by a similar week at a university in the northeast.

"CELEBRATE! began as a structured, recognizable way to celebrate all the great outcomes

man said. "And it's also important for the students on the opposite end to learn more about subjects they'd never learn about in the classroom."

Ackman is excited to be a part of SURF Day this year as a practice round for the research conferences she will be presenting at next year.

Throughout the entire week,

and our faculty work very hard to produce high quality scholarship and we want to celebrate those accomplishments," Jones said. "I also hope that the younger Elon students are inspired [to] make participating in CELEBRATE! Week a goal that they want to achieve before they graduate."

## CELEBRATE! WEEK

### MONDAY, APRIL 23

**5-6 p.m.** | Pi Delta Phi French Honor Society induction and dinner

**6-7 p.m.** | Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society induction ceremony

### TUESDAY, APRIL 24

**9-10:30 a.m.** | Faculty presentations and SURF student presentations

**7-8 p.m.** | elondocs premiere

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

**4-9 p.m.** | Elon College Fellows senior celebration

**4:30-5:15 p.m.** | "Mostly Mozart" opera workshop

**5-6 p.m.** | Elon University Medal for Entrepreneurial Leadership ceremony

**7:30-9 p.m.** | Joni Tervis speaks

## CELEBRATE! WEEK

### THURSDAY, APRIL 26

**11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** | Civic-Engagement Scholars' service learning presentation

**noon-1:30 p.m.** | Elon College Distinguished Alumni award luncheon

**3:45-5:45 p.m.** | Omicron Delta Kappa award ceremony

**4:30-6 p.m.** | Kickbox/Maker Hub Presentations

**5:30-8 p.m.** | Human Service Studies awards, senior dinner

**6-8 p.m.** | Ethics Town Hall

**6-8 p.m.** | School of Education's Kappa Delta Pi induction

### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

**4:15-5:30 p.m.** | Lumen Scholars' Cohort meeting

**noon-1:30 p.m.** | Gospel Choir Concert

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

**6:30-9 p.m.** | CREDE Black Excellence awards ceremony and dessert social

**7:30 p.m.** | "Piano Extravaganza: Past, Present, and Future"

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**NICOLE ACKMAN**  
JUNIOR, SURF-DAY PRESENTER

of students' achievements in academic pursuits and the artistic realm that all seem to become wonderful completed products in the spring," Jones said.

This SURF Day, one presenter will be junior Nicole Ackman, who will present her Lumen research on the historical presence of French Enlightenment salons that she has been conducting since the end of her freshman year. Ackman sees SURF Day as an important part of Elon's culture.

"We have some students who deserve to show off their projects in a way they aren't used to," Ack-

man said. "And it's also important for the students on the opposite end to learn more about subjects they'd never learn about in the classroom."

there will be a food drive that will send all donations to The Salvation Army and Allied Churches of Alamance County. Any person in the Elon community can earn a free meal at Lakeside Dining Hall if they bring in five non-perishable food items April 25-29.

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David Wortham (left), with College Democrats, advocated for the role of safe spaces on college campuses as partner Sam Hird looked on during the Elon Politics Forum debate on April 13.



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Matt Corman (left) spoke strongly in favor of gun rights while representing College Republicans.



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Matt Snow (left) debates for Young Americans for Liberty during the Elon Political Debate April 13.

# STUDENT DEBATE TAKES CENTER STAGE

## 3 campus organizations discuss hot political topics

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There wasn't any name-calling or personal attacks, but rather spirited, educational discussion at the Elon Political Debate hosted by the Elon Politics Forum on April 13.

**College Democrats, College Republicans and Young Americans for Liberty debated safe spaces on college campuses.**

Two representatives from each organization debated topics like climate change and the United States' involve-

ment in international affairs while also answering audience questions in a packed McBride Gathering Space at Numen Lumen Pavilion.

The question of safe spaces on college campuses, which has drawn national attention especially after protests at the University of Missouri in the fall, started off the debate.

Both Young Americans for Liberty and College Republicans questioned safe spaces' infringement upon free speech, while College Democrats advocated for their benefits.

"The most interesting thing about safe spaces is how unsafe they make people feel who aren't a part of them," said senior Trevor Schramm of College Republicans.

Junior Matt Snow of Young Americans for Liberty said the current generation of college students is changing, specifically their psychology and their physical brain structure, "due to the inability to cope with the real world." He worried about changing language and words' meaning to make people feel more welcome.

"The problem with safe spaces is they work to take away free speech and prevent us from dealing with life how it is," Snow said. "They protect us from the world. That's not going to help students

as they leave."

Senior David Wortham of College Democrats said feeling safe on a college campus is a right, not a privilege, and that safe spaces help people learn to feel accepted and safe on a daily basis.

He later revisited the issue after an audience question, and noted that having a safe space isn't a newfound idea and that it exists in different forms on college campuses.

The debate started with issue-based questions that each group had the opportunity to answer, then followed with specific questions for each. The audience questions had to be cut short because of time constraints.

Despite the time constraints, senior Matt Corman, president of College Republicans, defended gun owners' constitutional rights, while saying colleges shouldn't restrict students or faculty from carrying concealed weapons if they have proper permits. Junior Sam Hird of College Democrats called that position "alarming."

"Gun control doesn't mean stripping citizens of their guns," Hird said. "But when 13,000 people are killed by gun violence, then it's time to start taking this issue seriously."

Later, Hird cited a statistic about the

United States' gun crime rate, which was quickly shut down by Snow, calling it "demonstrably false."

"No proposal Democrats have is actually going to reduce gun crime," Snow said.

The groups were asked about the current political atmosphere in the United States and if the country is heading in the right direction, to which Corman quickly said no. The discussion then turned briefly to the current presidential election.

"Watching the Republican primary and seeing the candidates left, specifically Donald Trump and (Sen.) Ted Cruz (R-Texas), it makes me feel pretty good to be a Democrat," Hird said.

"The two Democratic candidates, we have a criminal and a socialist," Schramm replied, referring to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.)

Both statements elicited applause from the audience and the Young Americans for Liberty representatives even clapped after Schramm's assertion.

The event was moderated by Elon Politics Forum President and junior Josh Weintraub, News Director of Elon Local News and junior Ashley Bohle and senior Bobby King.

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# From family business to billions

Speaker offers entrepreneurial advice

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A man of humble beginnings, entrepreneur Louis DeJoy spoke to an audience of eager business students and faculty at a discussion on management and business practices April 13.

**DeJoy's company, New Breed Logistics, has served major names from Verizon, Logitech and Boeing to Disney, Comcast and PepsiCo.**

As the CEO of New Breed Logistics for 31 years, he shared his knowledge about the industry, his experience, how to stand out and how to be competitive in a global marketplace.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and pursuing a career in accounting, DeJoy realized quickly that he wanted to do more than file others' tax returns.

He said he chose accounting because it "seemed like the right thing to do," but became bored over time.

At the moment of realization that he wanted a more fulfilling career, DeJoy decided to save his father's small trucking company, which was on the verge of going out of business. What he didn't realize at the time was his decision would eventually transform his father's dying business into a multi-million dollar logistics company,



New Breed Logistics CEO Louis DeJoy talks to students about how to succeed in business during his April 13 talk.

which he sold to an even larger company, XPO Logistics, in 2014 for \$615 million.

Part of his success was the product of his expansion through acquisitions and mergers.

After moving to the commercial marketplace in the early 2000s, DeJoy grew the company, increased employees and revenue and added more square footage to company facilities. Since its big break in 1992 with its first major client, the U.S.

Postal Service, New Breed has served major names from Verizon, Logitech and Boeing to Disney, Comcast and PepsiCo, overseeing the process of getting products shipped properly.

"If you have a Verizon cellphone, I shipped it to you," DeJoy said.

As DeJoy reflected on his career, he advised those in attendance to capitalize on opportunities to learn from mistakes and to not do anything stupid.

# Bob Woodward to speak at Fall Convocation

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News Editor  
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Elon University announced last week that Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Bob Woodward will be delivering Fall Convocation at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 29 in Alumni Gym.

Woodward is an associate editor of The Washington Post, where he began working in 1972. He is most famous for helping uncover the Watergate scandal in 1972 alongside Carl Bernstein.

Woodward earned his first Pulitzer Prize in 1973 for his investigative reporting of Watergate and secured his second Pulitzer in 2002 for his contributions as the lead reporter covering the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

His coverage of Watergate revealed that President Richard Nixon's administration recruited men to break into the Democratic National Committee (DNC) headquarters at the Watergate office complex in Washington, D.C. The investigative reporting behind the Watergate scandal led to Nixon's resignation.

Woodward is also widely known for having authored or co-authored 18 books, including his latest book, "The Last of the President's Men." This book analyzes 46 hours of interviews with Nixon aide Alexander Butterfield, who revealed the secret White House taping system. Twelve of Woodward's 18 books have been No. 1 national best sellers.

# 'Courageous speech is so important'

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Emory University Professor of Philosophy George Yancy lectured on the controversial topic of racism in a white supremacist society April 14.

**Yancy specializes in the philosophy of race and the black race, whiteness and its imbedded social reality.**

The event was held in LaRose Digital Theatre in the Koury Business Center. Yancy was the 40th speaker of the Ferris E. Reynolds Lectures in Philosophy for 2016.

Obsessed with the meaning of his own existence since he was a teenager, Yancy decided to explore the field of philosophy. He specializes in the philosophy of race and the black race, whiteness and its embedded social reality.

is so important when discussing race ... We need fearless or courageous listening."

He encouraged the primarily white audience to be mindful of what they said in the future about race-related subjects.

Yancy was in no way shy to his audience. He explicitly explained how his many controversial published works have left him with a handful of white critics.

Yancy's strong opinions have even made his students at Emory question their own whiteness and the world around them.

Yancy spent much of his lecture giving vivid examples of how the black race has been treated by the white race. He argues that there is no problem with the black race, but rather a problem with whites and their racist nature.

"My white students are always reminding me that they are not racists," said Yancy. "What if at the end of the day, to be white is to be racist?"



Emory University philosophy professor George Yancy encourages white students to be mindful of what they say.

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**GEORGE YANCY**  
EMORY UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR

He is the author and co-editor of multiple books including "Pursuing Trayvon Martin," "White Self-Criticality beyond Anti-Racism" and "Look, a White!"

Yancy began his lecture by saying, "I argue that parrhesia, or courageous speech,

He talked about the "click" sound a car makes when a white person is locking his or her car as a black man walks by. While many people did not think one sound could be so meaningful, to Yancy, this is telling a black person that they are a sexual

predator, violent, hypersexual or a criminal. To the white person locking their car, this "click" represents safety, purity and innocence.

"The clicks themselves solidify white identities," he said. "I am not a criminal. I am not a problem waiting to attack white people."

Yancy said the reality of race is "purchased in the framework of a social ontology." Rather, race is a natural part of being, and everyone, white or a black, is born into it.

During a Q&A at the end of the lecture,

Yancy answered the question of what black people can do to combat the issue of racism.

He said there is nothing the black race can do, because their race is not at the root of the problem. He believes racism is rooted in historical white supremacy.

Yancy ends on the belief that "the best thing for whites to achieve is to be anti-racism racists." He challenged the white audience to go home that night and look at themselves in the mirror and ask themselves, "What makes being white so special?"

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## How a contested convention would run



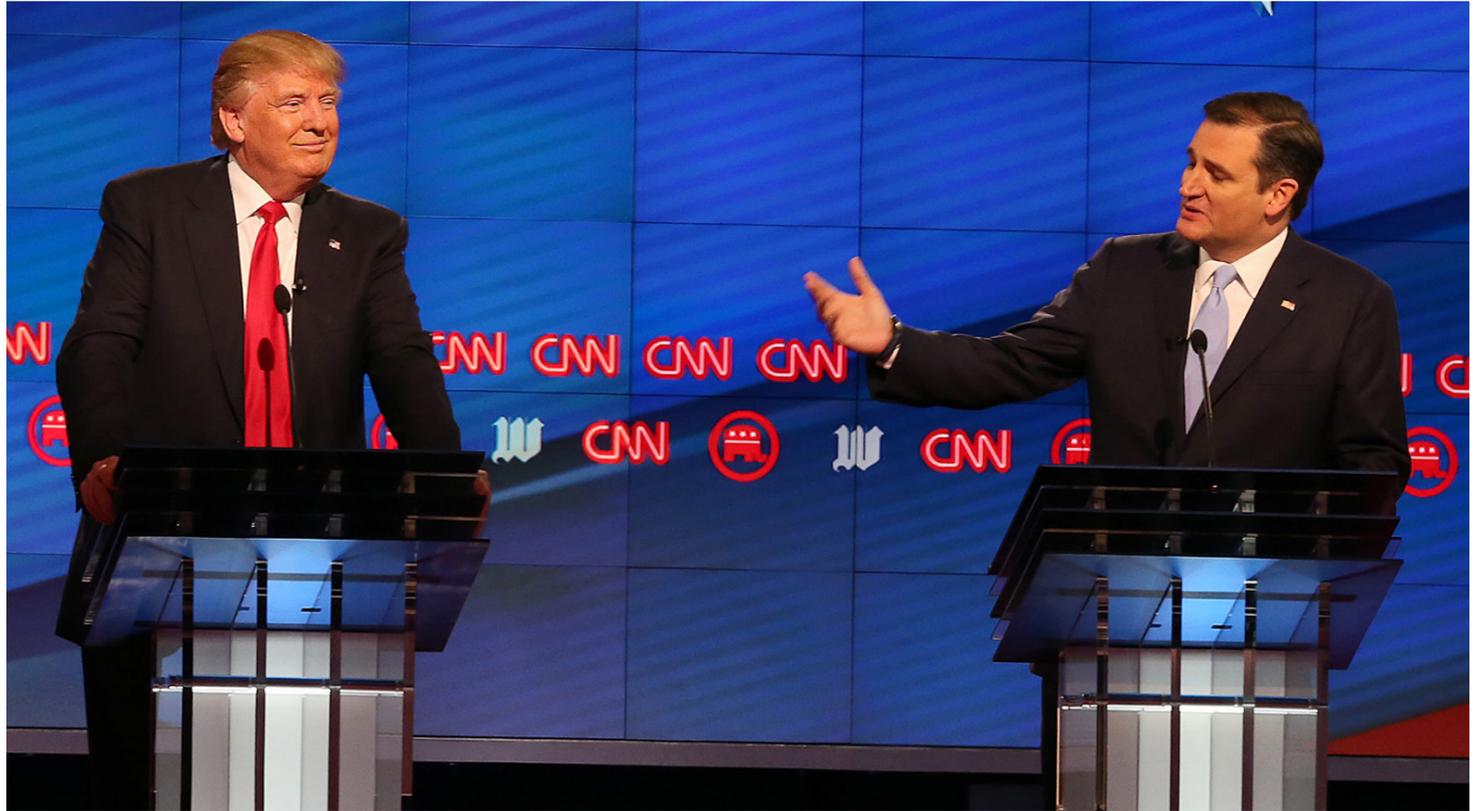
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GOP candidates require 1,237 delegate votes to win the national convention, and right now Donald Trump is in the lead, trailed closely by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas). If Trump fails to reach the majority number to secure his nomination before the July convention, there's a possible opportunity for delegates to vote for another nominee on the floor, prompting a contested convention. With the 2016 GOP convention just three months away, Trump, Cruz and Kasich are candidates to watch out for.

#### What is a contested convention?

U.S. politics allows for something known as a contested convention, which Republican presidential candidate John Kasich is hoping to use to secure his party's nomination. Closely related to what is known as a brokered convention, a contested convention begins when no single party candidate has the majority delegate votes to get the nomination to the party's national convention. It can also happen if a candidate doesn't have the majority delegates but refuses to give up before the convention. The only instance of this happening was in 1980 — Ted Kennedy gave it one last try to win against President Jimmy Carter in the Democratic nomination.

The tricky thing about contested conventions is that the political party runs them, not government entities, so the rules can change.



Donald Trump and Ted Cruz talk over each other as they answer a question during the Republican Presidential Primary Debate at the University of Houston Feb. 25.

Kennedy tried to change the rules so that delegates could vote for whomever they wanted on the floor, so that he would have a chance to pull ahead. If the GOP were to hold a contested convention in 2016, Cruz and Trump would go head to head for the nomination.

#### What will the National Convention be like for Trump and Cruz?

Ninety-five percent of the GOP delegates will be "bound" to a specific candidate when they arrive in Cleveland for the convention, or will be required by their state party to vote for the candidate they were assigned to as a result of their state's primary or caucus. If no candidate wins a majority, a lot of those delegates that make up the 95 percent will be able to vote however they chose on the floor and become

what are called "free agents."

With more free agents comes more chaos. More delegates can change their minds, so the voting numbers and delegate trackers people have watched in the media will be completely thrown off. This means there could be excessive rounds of voting, or as many rounds as it takes to select a nominee.

In 1924, it took the Democratic party 103 ballots to nominate

John W. Davis — and, as evident by that election, he was not elected president. Typically, candidates who win the party nomination but come in as the unfavored candidate do not win the presidency.

Currently, Trump is still favored to win. But because many states bind their delegates to a candidate, opening up the convention floor to more delegate votes could sway the numbers significantly.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Elon Law hosts 'Ask a Lawyer Day'

Elon Law School's Pro Bono Board will host its annual "Ask a Lawyer Day," which is open to members of the Greensboro and surrounding communities. The event will allow attendees to ask legal questions to local attorneys for free, rather than receive representation.

The event will be held 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 23 in the second floor common area of Elon Law commons in downtown Greensboro. Lawyers present will include local attorneys and Elon Law alumni. Areas of specialization include family law, employment, public benefits, property issues, wills and estates, bankruptcy, foreclosure, mortgage, taxes and injury.

Students are also allowed to volunteer to help work shifts 10 a.m. - noon, noon - 2 p.m. or the entire day.

### 5 Communications students present research at NCUR

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) celebrated its 30th anniversary at this year's conference, where more than 50 Elon University undergraduate students presented their research. The event is the largest undergraduate interdisciplinary conference held in the country.

It took place April 7-9 at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Among undergraduate students from all around the world, five communications students from Elon were able to share their hard work and research. These students included seniors Nicole Miller and Tara Wirth and juniors Xernay Aniwari, Leena Dahal and MaryClaire Schulz.

Their research included topics such as "Parents' Perceptions of Children's Socialization During a Recreational Sports Season," "Strategies for Building Credibility Within the Content of Informational Podcasts," and "Brand Partnership Gone Bad: An Analysis of LEGO's Response to the Attack on its Partnership with Royal Dutch Shell."

### Elon's Writing Center welcomes new director

In August 2016, the Elon University Writing Center will be adding a new director, Julia Bleakney.

Bleakney, a national leader for writing centers, previously worked as Stanford University's Hume Writing Center director, and focuses her efforts on excellence in writing. As a new leader at Elon, she plans to help enhance and lead the writing center in further developing itself on campus.

Bleakney is currently a member of the

board for the International Writing Centers Association. At the Hume Writing Center, she oversaw Stanford's writing and oral communication merger and worked on the administration of the university's programs for writing and rhetoric. Bleakney will be working with current director Paula Rosinski for Elon's Writing Excellence Initiative.

### CREDE to host 'Being Wealthy @ Elon'

Elon University's Center for Ethnicity, & Diversity Education (CREDE) will host a conversation called "Being White @ Elon" at 6:30 p.m. today in McKinnon Hall. The program is intended for Elon students to have open conversations about how having privilege can affect how we communicate with different social identities.

The talk will be an interactive workshop to explore privilege related to wealth. This workshop is part of a series of topics for Elon's D.E.E.P. conversation series.

### Elon Community Church Farmers Market opens for spring tomorrow

The Elon farmers market will open tomorrow from 3 - 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of

the Elon Community Church on North Williamson Avenue.

As part of the Office of Sustainability's annual Earth Week, it will be offering complimentary reusable bags for those in attendance.

### Former Democratic presidential candidate to visit Elon Law

2016 Democratic presidential candidate Lawrence Lessig will visit the Elon University School of Law from 12:30 - 2 p.m. Tuesday for an interview and brief reception.

The event is open to the public and no tickets are required for attendance. His interview will celebrate the 10th anniversary of "Hearsay Culture," which was founded by Associate Professor David Levine.

Lessig campaigned in the 2016 election with the major platform issues relating to campaign finance reform and other pressing issues.

Lessig's book, "Republic, Lost: How Money Corrupts Congress and a Plan to Stop It" informed his presidential run. Outside of politics, Lessig is highly regarded for his practice in the field of law.

He clerked for Judge Richard Posner on the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice Antonin Scalia on the United States Supreme Court.

## STAFF EDITORIAL

DON'T  
LET YOUR  
WASTE GO  
TO WASTESTUDENTS CAN COMPOST ALL  
FOOD WASTE, AS WELL AS  
TAKE-OUT MATERIALS FROM  
ON-CAMPUS DINING  
LOCATIONS.

LUCY NORTHUP | Design Editor

## HOW WE SEE IT

Elon needs to better educate students on composting and make bins more accessible throughout campus.

In the last few weeks, Elon Dining unveiled new takeout boxes with big red letters on the top reading “Mind the Bin.” These new labels serve to remind students that the boxes are compostable, just one of many initiatives used to encourage students to live sustainably. The boxes challenge students to make a point to dispose of their trash in the appropriate bins.

It is commendable that Elon has a commitment to sustainability through promoting recycling and composting, but there needs to be more thought as to where the university is placing the compost bins. We also need to be more mindful of educating students about where they are putting their trash.

One of the biggest problems with composting at Elon is that so few students actually know what composting is, let alone why it is important.

Simply put, composting helps to reduce waste. When food is composted, it is being turned back into usable resources, as opposed to it sitting in a landfill, which takes up space and emits greenhouse gases. Compost also helps create soil that doesn't need as many added synthetic fertilizers.

The Office of Sustainability leads the university in environmental consciousness as it strives toward advancing sustainability on campus

by working to improve campus operations and educational programs. According to the office, composting is an important piece to the complicated puzzle of sustainability.

But, this effort is lacking in an educational foundation and accessibility. The Office of Sustainability and student-run organizations, such

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as Eco-Reps, help with this encouragement, but many students are still confused about what exactly composting is and what is and isn't able to be composted. Because of limited education, too many students miss out on the importance of putting their food in the correct bins.

While there are plenty of educational publications and resources available to students, many students do not have the time or motivation to seek out these resources. Without knowing how important compost is, students don't see the importance of learning and won't try to find learning opportunities by themselves. Yo make sustainable living more

achievable for students, the Office of Sustainability and other student organizations must push harder to educate students.

In addition, there needs to be more compost bins around campus. Elon Dining's new takeout boxes encourage students to compost, but most of the university's compost bins are concentrated in areas where food is sold. Students choosing to eat their food outside of a dining hall or meal exchange location likely go off to the library, other classrooms or their rooms.

But there aren't nearly as many — if any — compost bins there for students to use, so many just end up throwing their compostable products in the trash.

With Earth Day coming up this Friday, now is as good a time as ever to make the changes necessary for making sustainable practices more accessible to Elon students. This is a double-sided issue. The university and those offices and organizations dedicated to sustainability must put education and accessibility as their top priority, while students must recognize the importance of composting and also make an effort to utilize Elon's many resources.

## Election is rigged against Sanders, Trump

Wyoming is the least populous state in the union. With just 29 Republican and 18 Democratic delegates in the caucuses and three Electoral College votes, it carries very little significance in the 2016 presidential election.

But results from the April 9 Democratic caucuses reflect a larger issue of voter disenfranchisement. Though Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) carried 55.7 percent of the vote, he lost 11-7 in the overall delegate count to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. A clear message was sent to voters: Your voice doesn't matter.

As a person who aims to cover politics as fairly as possible, I get easily frustrated with common misconceptions people have about the electoral process. One of my biggest areas of frustration is the widespread notion that voters elect candidates for the party nomination. In reality, they elect delegates, who in turn select which candidate will secure the nomination of their respective party.

Prior to Tuesday's New York primaries, Clinton led in popular votes by 2,403,659, according to Real Clear Politics. This differ-

ence gives Clinton about 57 percent of the popular vote. But six states — Alaska, Iowa, Maine, Nevada, Washington and Wyoming — are not truly factored into the popular vote count because of their caucus format.

While Sanders won Alaska, Maine, Washington and Wyoming, Clinton won Iowa and Nevada. In these six states Sanders had significantly higher margins of victory. In fact, Sanders' victory in Wyoming was his slimmest one of the six states mentioned above. Meanwhile, Clinton won Nevada and Iowa by just 5.3 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively.

Clinton has won 18 states overall to Sanders' 16. Taking into account the six states mentioned above, Clinton's popular vote lead is likely closer to 55 percent. So it should upset voters that she has more than 62 percent of total delegates. Because all remaining delegates from state primaries are allocated proportionally, the chance of Sanders securing the nomination is slim at best.

Regardless of your political affiliation and candidate preferences, the Democratic system is not reflecting what voters are saying.

Though it is worth noting pledged dele-

gates awarded to Clinton are at 55 percent, which is more reflective of voter preferences, she has secured 85 percent of the total superdelegates. It is possible for superdelegates to flip sides, but it looks like Clinton has the nomination locked up for the time being.

The election is also rigged on the Republican side. Regardless of your stance on businessman Donald Trump, he remains the leader of the field and the only candidate who could secure his party's nomination before a convention.

To secure the Republican Party nomination, a candidate needs at least 1,237 delegates. FiveThirtyEight Editor-in-Chief Nate Silver has projected Trump would finish about 60 delegates short.

Because there are 2,472 total delegates available for the Republican nominee, a candidate must earn half of the delegates plus one. Similarly, a Democratic candidate must get 2,382 delegates out of a possible 4,763, which amounts to 50 percent plus one delegate.

It would seem unfair for the parties to be held to the same standards given the disparity in the number of people who ran for office. Including names like Lawrence Lessig, Lincoln Chaffee, Jim Webb and Martin O'Malley, there were of six total Democratic candidates.

In the Republican Party, excluding names of people who didn't appear in any nation-

ally televised debates, there were still 17 candidates who ran for president.

Requiring a candidate to earn 50 percent plus one delegate in an election year where 17 candidates appeared in national debates is insane.

Though Trump may not be able to get the required number of delegates, he should receive the party's nomination if he maintains his lead over Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas).

Prior to the New York primaries, which Trump was widely predicted to win handily, he led Cruz by 210 delegates and Ohio Gov. John Kasich by 612. Trump also entered New York with nearly 2 million more popular votes than Cruz.

Though Kasich might have the best chance in a potential head-to-head with Clinton, he should drop out because of the lack of support.

No matter what your political beliefs may be, Trump and Sanders should be more likely to win their nominations than they are at the moment.

While Clinton will likely win the nomination, Sanders should have more of a fighting chance than he does right now. For better or for worse, Trump deserves the Republican nomination because that is what the voters have said they want.

*This article was written before the New York primary results were revealed.*

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to 'Religious diversity must include Christianity'

It is always good to see alumni invested in campus religious life. In this spirit, and in response to the letter published on April 13, from alumni, I would like to clarify information about Elon's religious and spiritual life.

Elon's chaplain's office seeks to support the spiritual lives of all members of the Elon community, including Christians from a wide range of denominations and theological backgrounds. To support our Christian students, faculty and staff, we have an associate chaplain for Protestant life to oversee and raise the visibility of Christian ministries, a Christian life section on our website, a Christian Life Facebook page and a weekly Christian Life newsletter to inform the community about the many Christian events on campus.

The purpose of these efforts is to encourage more collaboration among all our Christian groups and to make it easier for Christians to get connected with a meaningful fellowship and a faith community.

The university is pleased to host 12 active Christian groups supported by three Christian chaplains,

including a Catholic chaplain and 13 staff affiliates. Eight of the staff affiliates represent evangelical traditions.

Every week, we have more than 25 Bible studies meetings across campus in residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses, the Numen Lumen Pavilion and other campus spaces. There are nine regularly occurring opportunities for Christian worship on campus. And all of our recognized Christian student groups have the same access to meeting spaces, student government funds and flyer postings (paper and digital) as any other student organization on campus.

We take seriously the experience of students. Every spring, we survey Christian-identified students to understand their experience on campus and ways we can better support Christians spiritually. Overall, the responses have been very positive. Last year, 79 percent responded that Christians are "definitely" or "mostly" welcomed and supported at Elon.

Based on this feedback, we have also developed programs to help new students connect with Chris-

tian groups, including a reception for Christian students and families on Move-In Day and a combined Christian Praise Worship with introductions from student leaders from all our Christian groups. These last two events were included in the official orientation schedule for all new students and their parents.

There is a policy for off-campus organizations and houses of prayer to distribute materials on campus

It is also true that we make every effort to understand Christian belief and practice as inherently diverse, in the context of the larger world of other religious practice, as well as among those who have no faith.

In the same issue of The Pendulum as the alumni's letter, there were four other articles about religion on campus — Elon's religious affiliation, Islamophobia, faith and athletics and a spread of photo-

are committed to engaging them thoughtfully. Biblical courses are offered regularly and are very popular. Courses offered include a section of "Introduction to the New Testament" every year, a Hebrew Bible/Old Testament course annually and a course in Christian traditions.

Ten sections of the very popular course "Religion in a Global Context" are taught each semester so that approximately 600 students take this course each academic year. All religious studies courses count toward the graduation requirements under the Civilization category. Since each student must take two Civilization courses for graduation, it is very difficult at Elon to graduate without taking a religious studies course and having to think about the larger implications of faith commitments.

We want the campus to know that we value all our student, faculty and staff perspectives. If you have concerns, we want to hear them. Please contact me at [jfuller3@elon.edu](mailto:jfuller3@elon.edu). Your voice is important to me.

Jan Fuller  
University Chaplain

WE CERTAINLY WANT TO HEAR FROM ANY STUDENT WHO DOES NOT FEEL SUPPORTED OR WELCOMED ON CAMPUS.

in a way that does not disrupt the traffic patterns or pressure students who do not want these materials.

We certainly want to hear from any student who does not feel supported or welcomed on campus. We will do our best as chaplains to address their concerns and to help them find meaningful spiritual community on campus. We also want to hear when things are going well.

graphs from the Holi celebration of color. The campus is buzzing with dialogue about the place of faith:

We love this and want all members to be included in the discussions, to deepen their understanding of, and commitment to, their chosen religious path as well as an understanding of the religious world we share together.

The religious studies faculty members who teach biblical texts



NOTHING 'COOL' ABOUT COOLER SEASON

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Welcome to banquet season. A weekend of seclusion spent with fraternity brothers and their dates at the beach may sound relaxing, but the weeks leading up to it definitely are not for the women attending. As per tradition, dates attending a fraternity's formal decorate a cooler as a demonstration of their appreciation for the invitation.

An impressive cooler requires an investment of both time and money. It must be sanded, primed and decorated via various mediums. Between the price of the cooler, the decorations and the contents, the expenses that the date is supposed to pay for add up significantly.

Many female students find the expectation offensive. Male students who attend sorority formals just show up. They don't

devote excessive time and money for a token of appreciation, nor are they expected to. While many recognize that sorority formals are one day and fraternity formals are a whole weekend, the disparity between the responsibilities of the dates seems a little too extreme.

Some can't help but notice the sexist undertones associated with this tradition. The gender stereotypes are obvious, as women are expected to be artistic and obedient through painting the coolers, while men just pay for the majority of the weekend. Some don't see a problem with decorating the cooler if it's a choice, but the fact that others assume it will be done is a problem.

Some girls view the tradition positively. Freshman Meg Gunson feels that coolers foster good, fun competition between both the guys and girls. The responsibility also acts as a unifier between the dates because they all have to decorate their own cooler. Considering the time, effort and creativity put into the project, it should be fun, but

others feel that the pressure to present an impressive token has turned it into more of a burden.

The most ironic part of this whole scenario is that the females seem to care more about the tradition than the males to whom they are actually giving the cooler. Sophomore Thomas Hale reflects back on a conversation he and his roommate had, sharing, "Guys are more focused on the inside of the cooler than the outside." Still, the pressure associated with decorating the best cooler holds such a strong weight in our minds that we strive for greatness.

Maybe my cynicism derives from my lack of exposure, as I may come to understand its value after witnessing the tradition more than once. Maybe it comes from the stress I see it imposes on the women pouring their blood, sweat and tears into this project. Still, the question remains: Whom are we doing this for? Is it because we truly believe the guys care about every stroke we paint, or is it to prove ourselves to fellow women?

Progress on HB2 must continue to move forward

Since its passage into law nearly four weeks ago, House Bill 2 has caused North Carolina a considerable amount of trouble. The bill — which mandates that transgender individuals use restrooms in accordance with their gender assigned at birth, nullifies protections in LGBTQIA employment and allows for discrimination based on sexual orientation — has been the target of severe backlash from critics both in and out of state.

In response to criticisms, Gov. Pat McCrory has passed an executive order on HB2, which allows control over private businesses and local governments in their employment and bathroom policies, but keeps the most controversial tenets of HB2 practically intact.

The order does not answer the numerous claims of discrimination against transgender and gay people imposed by the bill, but instead seems to be trying to lessen the impact. Still, contrary to many voices who have unequivocally condemned McCrory for passing HB2 and failing to properly take accountability for the backlash, I choose to believe that his executive order represents a sense of progress that should not be neglected outright.

McCrory's executive order may have failed to silence critics of HB2, but the fact that he was willing to consider amendments

or clarifications to the original bill at all is indicative that the voice of dissent can have a significant influence on the regulations of our society.

McCrory's response may not have been fueled only by ideological criticisms of HB2, but its financial repercussions as well. Multiple high-profile companies and entertainers have distanced themselves from North Carolina in the aftermath of HB2, costing the state thousands, possibly even millions, of dollars in revenue.

This ongoing drama shows that if we disagree with those in power, our freedom to protest is not merely some arbitrarily given right — it represents a real opportunity to make differences for the better in our community. Perhaps this executive action is only the beginning in a succession of changes to the original bill. Perhaps, eventually, McCrory will realize that he needs to confront the controversy in order to overcome it.

The most uncompromising critics will likely not stop protesting HB2 until its complete and total repeal, which unfortunately seems rather unlikely at this point in time. However, we should not interpret this executive order as the final word on HB2. Rather, we should be ready to buckle down and keep moving forward.



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Many artists and music groups, such as Bruce Springsteen, Ringo Starr and Pearl Jam have cancelled shows in North Carolina because of HB2.

# BALTUTIS BINDS BURLINGTON

*Youngest mayor in city history adjusts to new role*

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The weather was less than ideal on election day. Soggy roads and inclement weather led many prospective voters to stay home, hurting the 30-year-old candidate's chances of becoming the youngest mayor on record in Burlington history.

**Baltutis won with 54.73 percent of the vote to Butler's 44.93 percent. The difference equated to just 378 votes.**

After knocking on almost 600 doors Nov. 3, 2015, and speaking with dozens of local residents, Ian Baltutis '08 rode in a car with his wife, Kristina, to a results after-party at Mellow Mushroom.

Baltutis had lost a couple of previous elections but was the favorite to win this time around.

"Do you want to know?" Kristina Baltutis asked Ian Baltutis while on the way to Mellow Mushroom, referencing the early voting results.

After saying, "Yes," Ian Baltutis learned he had an early lead with a 70 percent majority against City Council member Jim Butler.

"We're ahead — somewhere we've never been before," Ian Baltutis said at the time.

By the end of the night, Baltutis won with 54.73 percent of the vote to Butler's 44.93 percent — a difference of just 378 votes.

## First day on the job

Baltutis' first day in office was Dec. 1, 2015, and began at City Council at 7 p.m. Leading up to his first day, he spoke with former mayor Ronnie Wall to receive advice and learn more about the city's goals.

"I got great input with him, watched a lot of the council videos and stuff just to review and take notes on how to do everything," Baltutis said. "When the meeting starts, Ronnie Wall kicks it off, opens the meeting, get [the mayor] sworn in, hands off the gavel. You take your seat and the meeting is yours."

After collecting input from several council members, Baltutis realized he wanted to allow for more discussion time during meetings so residents in attendance could have their concerns more fully addressed.

"By slowing down the meeting and allowing members to explain the reasons behind decisions



MEGAN KOTTKAMP | Staff Photographer

**Burlington Mayor Ian Baltutis adjusts to political career as the youngest mayor in the city's history. He won the 2015 mayoral race by 10 percent.**

and questions for staff," he said. "Working through all that, folks can understand the decision process a little and get more background information about it."

Though the first meeting went well, there was a split vote about a townhouse complex. Because the mayor gets a vote on all matters, Baltutis supported the decision to allow a 20-unit townhouse. In essence, his vote resulted in a 3-2 decision allowing the plans to be implemented.

"I was the deciding vote in my first meeting 15 minutes in," he said.

## BEING A WEAK MAYOR, MY STRONGEST POINT IS ADVOCACY AND WORKING ON CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT.

**IAN BALTUTIS**  
MAYOR OF BURLINGTON

He added how that particular final vote is reflective of a larger trend within the council.

"One of the things that I think you'll see more from our council is less consensus but more problem-solving and more discussion," he said. "We don't necessarily need a unanimous vote on everything. I think it's actually better for the city if we address some issues that we're not going to support unanimously."

## Implementing his agenda

Baltutis now finds himself as the youngest mayor on record to

serve as the city's mayor. While he is proud of the position he is in, he works day and night to prove himself worthy of the title.

There is a learning to curve to being a young mayor. He must learn about the needs of his community. He must serve as a voice of the people he represents.

Today, Baltutis sees several needs within the community. At the top of his priority list is revitalizing the downtown area, putting Burlington on the map with larger communities and implementing the town's 20-year strategic plan.

Burlington operate in a weak mayoral system.

In this structure, mayors get one vote on the council and must go through an extensive process in implementing their agenda.

"A lot of folks think, 'If I go talk to the mayor, it'll get fixed if I just give him a call or send him an email,'" Baltutis said. "Being a weak mayor, my strongest point is advocacy and working on citizen engagement."

Baltutis tells citizens he is willing to work with them but he cannot simply sign a document to fix their problems.

Jeff Colbert, adjunct instructor in political science at Elon University, said weak mayors might have more information than certain individuals in local government and be better able to delegate citizens' issues to specific department. Nevertheless, authority is quite limited.

"Their powers are relatively weak, so they're the face and voice of city government," Colbert said. "Typically, there aren't many other powers other than that."

## Staying connected to Elon

A proud alumnus, Baltutis has spoken with Elon President Leo Lambert to address how Burlington and the university can become more engaged with one another.

Baltutis said he has discussed efforts to increase student engagement in the downtown area and ensure that critical questions start getting discussed.

"Dr. Lambert and I have talked

## BY THE NUMBERS

**52,000**

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN BURLINGTON

**32,000**

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS

**3,859**

NUMBER OF VOTES IN MAYORAL RACE

**11.14**

PERCENT OF REGISTERED VOTERS WHO VOTED

**2,112**

NUMBER OF VOTES BALTUTIS RECEIVED

**1,734**

NUMBER OF VOTES BUTLER RECEIVED

**378**

MARGIN OF VOTERS TO WIN

Sources: Burlington Times-News, Burlington 2015 Census and Ian Baltutis

about how we continue to connect our communities," Baltutis said. "It's four miles from Elon to the heart of downtown. So how can we build a connector, whether it's a greenway or a bike path or even just a bus route? How do we keep students coming to downtown and get them more active in the community?"



# A WALK AGAINST VICTIM BLAMING



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Students, some in just a bra or corset, walked across campus holding signs to protest rape culture and victim blaming.

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More than 23.6 million people in the United States are survivors of sexual assault and rape, according to the Joyful Heart Foundation.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and both Elon University and Elon Feminists for Equality, Change and Transformation (EFFECT) dedicated the week of April 10 as their third annual Support Survivors week. The week is designated to both imagine a campus free of sexual assault and demonstrate EFFECT's alliance with victims of sexual violence.

"Victims of these crimes are often dismissed as having brought these attacks on themselves by drinking too much, or wearing revealing clothing that tempted the perpetrators of these crimes," said sophomore Noah Rossen, a women's gender and sexuality studies minor.

On April 12, the Department of Health Promotion, SPARKS Peer Education, SPACE, Elon Feminists, I Am That Girl, Alpha Chi Omega, CrossRoads Sexual Assault Response and Resource Center and Family Abuse Services put on the Walk Against Victim Blaming.

The walk gave students a chance to

gather and rally against rape culture and slut-shaming.

"Students gathered to shout that we won't allow rape culture or victim blaming," said freshman Shay Friedman, a member of EFFECT. "Students were encouraged to come wearing whatever they were comfortable in. Some wore completely normal clothes, and others wore nothing but a bra or corset."

**More than 23.6 million people in the United States are sexual assault and rape survivors.**

The idea behind this was to show that what someone is wearing is never a reason to rape or assault them and to fight against the excuse of, "They were asking for it."

Friedman said this walk is important to her because it reminded her that students have a voice and a community that is important here on campus.

"I can't imagine what it would be like to feel like you're alone after being assaulted, and this walk gives students the opportunity to say, 'This was not your fault and you have nothing at all to be ashamed of,'" Friedman said.

Male participation during the walk

was also strong. "For me, this walk was a chance to raise my voice against a social injustice and to serve as a male ally for victims of a crime that predominantly affects women," Rossen said. "The highlight of the walk came in the aftermath, when I was able to explain my actions to my friends who were ignorant to the issue or judgmental at my participation."

While both Rossen and Friedman feel that it is their responsibility to stand up against victim blaming, they still wonder why this needs to be protested.

"One of my friends made a poster for the walk that said, 'I can't believe I still have to protest this' and I feel like that sums up my feelings of this week," Friedman said.

Rossen pointed out one of the reasons why it still needs to be protested, especially when most of these conversations occur with like minded people.

"The real challenge comes in trying to convince those who disagree to see your reasoning," he said. "Being afforded the chance to take on this challenge is my highlight."

For Friedman, the cat-calling still continues, despite efforts like the walk.

"I will not forget being heckled while marching through the Greek courts, es-

pecially as a member of a Greek organization," she said. "Some houses closed their doors. Others shouted things back at us."

The week had more events than just the walk. It featured several other events, including a screening of "The Hunting Ground" and Take Back the Night, which is a speak-out event in which survivors of sexual assault have the opportunity to tell their stories and be 100 percent supported.

"There are too many people suffering to remain silent on such an issue," Rossen said. "I feel it is a human responsibility to feel empathy for and stand with those who are victims to the unjust and negative system of patriarchy. It is a privilege to be able to ignore issues such as sexual assault and rape, and I would feel remiss as a human being if I didn't work for positive societal change."

The walk made Rossen feel a deeper connection to the Elon community, and he is proud that the university is working toward change. But he also believes the walk shows the gravity of the situation and there is a lot of work to be done to fight for social justice.

"We will not stop until every part of campus is a safe haven for victims — they deserve that much," Friedman said.

# Elon Eats: Bringing wellness to Burlington community

*Trifecta Health & Wellness offers nutritional and lifestyle programs*

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For those looking to lose the “Freshman 15” lies a cleansing answer: the Trifecta Health & Wellness Club in Burlington. Customers are drawn in as owner Candace Sappington, a former Elon University police officer and Elon ’03 graduate, waves them in with a smile and encourages customers to learn about her club and how it can change someone’s life — just as it changed hers.

Looking at the wall of before and after photos, there are several rows of photos of the people whose health has been changed by the nutrition and wellness club through weight loss and choosing healthier lifestyles.

Sappington’s club offers shakes with nine different flavors, and each shake can replace a meal with only 200 calories. Walking in for the first time, she will explain the digestive benefits that aloe has — and yes, that’s the same aloe that is rubbed on a sunburn. She’ll offer a special tea, which seems borderline magic, that can help individuals focus and feel energized while burning 80 calories.

And she’ll let first-timers taste it for free. Sappington has a zest for life and an enthusiasm for the message her health and wellness club puts out. She believes in the power of eating right and understanding what you put in your body, because it helped her lose weight and become the healthy, happy person she’s always wanted to be.

“Better nutrition will improve your skin, your hair and your nails,” Sappington said.

To encourage others to join the club and restart their lives, Sappington offers a free one-hour session with a coach who will allow



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**Candace Sappington, owner of Trifecta Health & Wellness Club and Elon alumna, offers nutrition and lifestyle coaching as well as detoxing drinks.**

clients to choose the right path for themselves in terms of exercise and nutrition.

Sappington, has two locations for her nutrition clubs. Her other club is called Shamrock Nutrition, located in Graham. Trifecta Health & Wellness is located at 1143 Saint Marks Church Rd. across from Pelican’s SnoBalls and in the same shopping center as Piedmont Ale House.

Sappington signed the lease on her Burlington location one month before finding out she was pregnant with her daughter, Ruby, a little more than a year ago.

Now that her daughter is older, she hopes to expand the Burlington location’s following and develop a bigger Elon presence.

“I loved this space because it is so close to Elon,” Sappington said.

But Elon students don’t have to come to

the store to reap the benefits that the Trifecta Health & Wellness Club provides. Coaches can meet with students wherever is most convenient for them and work around their class schedules.

“We don’t let people just come in and get canisters of shakes,” Sappington said. “We want to make sure that they know how to make them and that way, if they have questions or don’t like it, we can help.”

The coaches help clients come up with a meal plan that is best suits their lifestyles — whether they are college athletes or just looking to lose a few pounds.

After meeting Sappington and sampling a trio of healthy drinks offered, sophomore Lilly Zubren is considering getting a coach.

“One of those free coaching sessions would really help me become healthy like

I was in high school,” Zubren said. “I froze my shake and ate it like it was ice cream the next day. It was the perfect breakfast.”

Sappington understands that some people might be skeptical. Not everybody believes that drinking the shakes or teas that the Trifecta Health & Wellness Club serves actually have health benefits.

But Sappington believes there is only one way for these people to understand — come in and see for yourself.

“Just come and try it,” she said. “The great part is there is no risk. There is no pressure here. Come and check it out and see if you like it. We are here to help. At Trifecta we have such a great community out there, where everybody is there for the same reason. Whether they want to lose weight or gain weight. This is a happy place.”

# BlipMe helps users find friends by location sharing

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Everybody has that one friend who goes off the grid every now and again, doesn’t answer their phone very often or wanders off after a night out. While iPhone users can activate the Find My Friends feature and share the location of their phone indefinitely, BlipMe app co-founders and longtime friends Michael Zulauf and Ricky McMahon feel their app is more personal and interactive than the Apple feature.

“People need an easy, flexible way of sharing [their location],” McMahon said. “Texting works sometimes, but there’s people who don’t respond.”

BlipMe is a free app that allows users to build a friends list and then send and receive “blips.” Blips are sent to friends with time limits that also post the user’s location. They can be sent for five minutes up to 24 hours.

The men have also taken on a personal marketing approach. Zulauf visited chapter meetings of sororities at Elon to share the app and promote a special incentive—for every user that registered with a chapter-specific code, \$1 would be added to a raffle that a user from that organization would win at the end of the night. Elon students can post blips about #FlightNights at The Oak House, brunches at West End Terrace or other on-campus events. Zulauf also extended an email to

new users giving his personal contact information for any questions and comments users wanted to direct toward the company.

“Spotlight” is another BlipMe feature, similar to “My Story” on Snapchat, where a user posts a blip of their location that updates as they move and stays public for all friends to view for 24 hours.

The app, which was released to the App Store in May 2015, is based out of Chapel Hill and works to solve two main issues Zulauf and McMahon feel college students have when they go out at night: not knowing where their friends may be going out and keeping track of those friends who like to wander away or sometimes simply go missing for a few hours.

As location sharing became more relevant in the technology world and people became more interested in messaging-based apps, the two founders began the research and development of BlipMe.

“We did all the idea development and then partnered with Faction Studio in Brooklyn,” McMahon said. “They cater to startups.”

McMahon believes BlipMe could be a step toward safer nights out, as posting a blip for the walk home can alert friends of where a user is.

When a user sends a blip, they can attach a message. McMahon feels it is the message and the ability to share location with intention and context that sets BlipMe apart from Find My Friends. The founders realize the privacy concerns attached when it comes to sharing something as personal as one’s location.

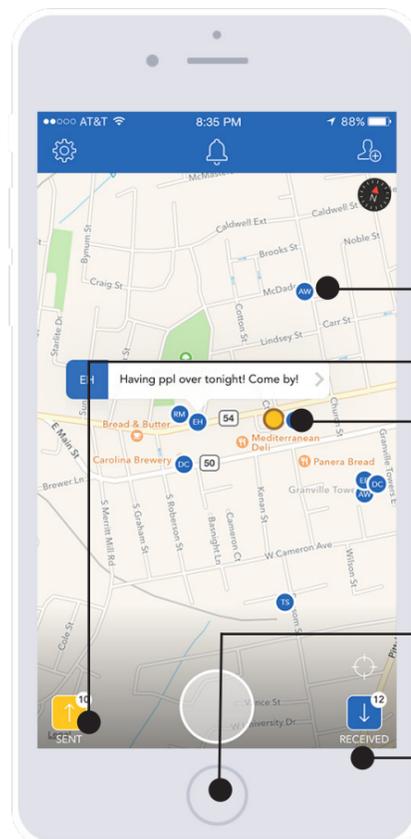
Even with the personalized marketing and messaging features the app provides, some are still hesitant to download it, or don’t see the use. Especially with a startup app, recruiting users and troubleshooting is a major part of the day-to-day.

“I haven’t used it because it’s basically the same thing as Find My Friends, which is already on the iPhone,” said sophomore Melissa Purgert.

In the way that Snapchat users send selfies with filters, drawings or text to share their message, McMahon hopes the same type of usage will occur with BlipMe. Users will be able to send their location intentionally and to specific people with personalized messages.

“We look at location as context to a message,” McMahon said. “The best analogy I

have is before Snapchat no one just sent selfies. Snapchat is a messaging app with photos as context. Someone doesn’t know you’re sharing on Find My Friends. There’s no context.”



**THE BLUE BOX SHOWS A FEED OF THE “BLIPS” YOU HAVE RECEIVED**

**THE YELLOW BOX SHOWS A FEED OF YOUR SENT “BLIPS”**

**THE BLUE DOT TRACKS YOUR FRIENDS**

**THE YELLOW DOT TRACKS YOUR LOCATION**

**THE WHITE BUTTON ALLOWS YOU TO SEND A “BLIP”**

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**RELAY**  
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self and others by raising awareness. "It's a hard thing to talk about. It took me a long time to be okay to talk about what happened to my mom," Collins said. "But the second it did, it made me okay with it and made me want to help others going through a similar thing."

This awareness, brought by learning more about Relay, is what prompted Collins to participate. Though the event does raise money, Collins finds that it is the conversation that makes a difference. Survivor and caregiver stories bring more awareness and allow people to make more personal connections than pamphlets or reading articles can, and through Relay more people have a chance to see how their actions are helping those in need.

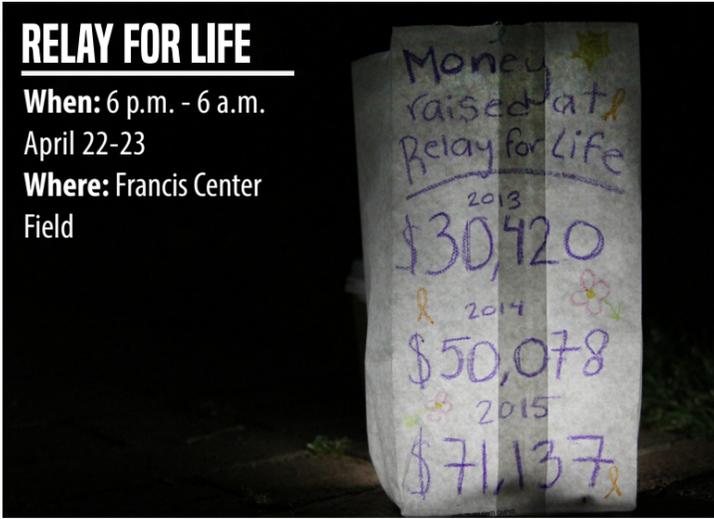
In addition to Relay, Colleges Against Cancer holds smaller events throughout the year such as Paint the Campus Purple and Acoustic for the Cure. These events don't only serve to raise money — also aim to constantly get students to begin thinking about Relay before the event in the spring.

Hosting Relay and other events, gets people to ask questions about the disease by learning more about the different types of and treatments for cancer.

"So many people have been touched by cancer. So many people are still touched by cancer," Collins said. "Even if you weren't, you know someone that was. It gets the conversation started and gets you to meet more people."

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

**When:** 6 p.m. - 6 a.m.  
**April 22-23**  
**Where:** Francis Center Field



Collins will be bringing her own experience with cancer full-circle by creating luminaries in memory of her mom. Last year, she had help from her roommates, which really made Collins feel the power of the event.

"There's nothing else like it on campus," Collins said.

Sophomore Ali Leroy has been involved with Relay for the past 11 years when her sister helped start it in her hometown. Though no one in her immediate family has been affected by cancer, she has seen it touch so many people.

"I have so many connections to it — whether it's my relatives or my friends' relatives or a good acquaintance in my town," Leroy said. "I just know way too many people that are affected by cancer that it drove me to get involved in high school and pursue my passion for it by raising awareness for it."

Leroy's favorite part of Relay is the attention it brings to the American Cancer Society as well as the

message it sends by representing the fight against cancer.

Teams spend the entire night walking the track around the PT center to stand in solidarity cancer patients undergoing rigorous treatment. Once this connection is made, it makes the cause so much stronger.

"Obviously, the battle is so much harder, but to have a metaphor for it and put it a little into perspective, I think it's so great because that's when people realize this is where the money's going to," Leroy said. "This is what all my effort is going to."

Leroy is part of the Fundraising Committee for Colleges Against Cancer and helps manage profit shares and other fundraising events. Though all aspects of the organization are important to her, Leroy finds that the total amount of money raised shows people the change that is happening.

Colleges Against Cancer and Relay are relatively new on campus, yet there is growth in terms of aware-

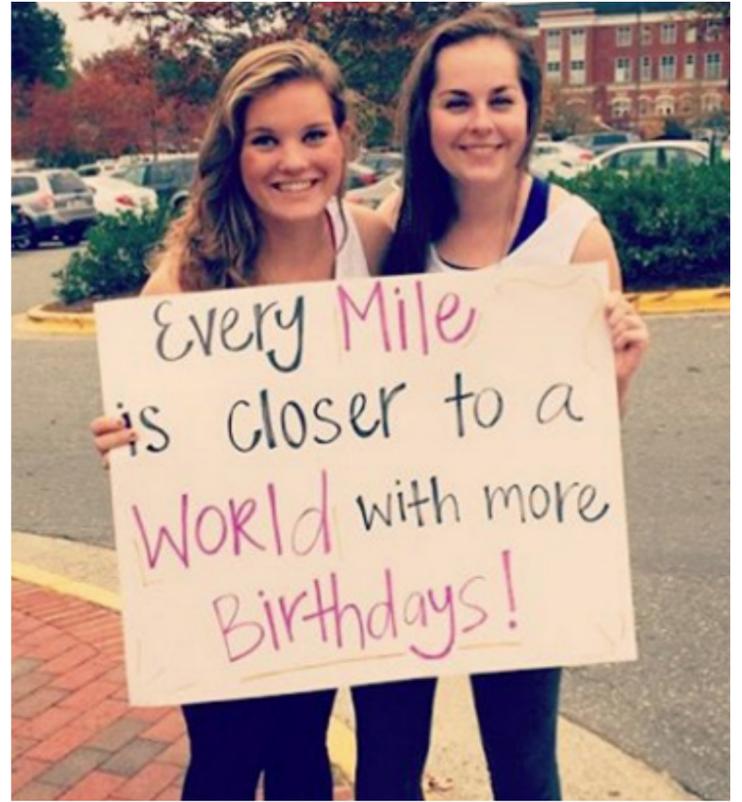


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Sophomores Keely Collins and Alex Burke participated in Relay for Life last year.

ness and money raised each year. Leroy finds that it speaks to the Elon community and how even though most students are busy, they still make time to show they care.

To raise money, both Leroy and Collins will blast family and friends with emails asking for donations as well as creating Facebook posts linking to their donation pages. Leroy believes if you don't ask, you won't receive, which is why she will even ask "broke college kids" to donate a little.

"I ask, 'Would you mind donating \$2, because in the end, \$2 helps

more than anything," Leroy said. "And I find that, that extra effort brings me so much farther because people are like, 'Oh yeah \$2 and its for a great cause,'"

With a strong message and more money, all participants look toward their end goal — an end to cancer.

"Though my story ended fast with my mom, that allowed me to continue on and hope that it doesn't happen for someone else," Collins said. "That's the goal—to make sure it is cured one day. That's all I can believe right now, is that one-day it will be cured."

## Congratulations to Elon's 2016 Phi Beta Kappa Inductees



- Morgan Nicole Abate
- Michelle Lynn Alfini
- Maggie Aron Bailey
- Cecily Annette Basquin
- Matthew Daniel Bausch
- Marie Christine Bolona
- Natalie Ann Brown
- Felicia Lucia Cenca
- Taylor Christine Cesarski
- Catherine Grace Cooke
- Anna Christine deDufour
- Jaelyn Clarice DeVincent
- Kelley Corinne Dodge
- Cameron Fenner Douglass
- Jack Martin Doyle
- Morgan Ann Drew
- Angela Catherine Edwards
- Hanna Gerrish Elmgren
- Lauren Kendel Garretson
- Nicole Elizabeth Hanrahan
- Elena Kristina Hughes
- Kathleen Elizabeth Hupfeld
- Hannah Maria Jacobs
- Simone Joy Jasper
- Michael Robert Keenan
- Laura Elizabeth Kulesza
- Lindsey Marie Lanquist

- Erin Lanzotti
- Colin Matthew Lees
- Shelby Alexandra Lewis
- Margaret Ellen Liston
- Stephanie Marie Lobaugh
- Claire Abbott Lockard
- Erin Elizabeth Luther
- Lenka Nicole Malec
- Erin Emily Martin
- Casey Bryn Morrison
- Melina Teresa Oliverio
- Anna Anglin Patterson
- Brittany Nicole Rathvon
- Alison Grace Richard
- Erin Nicole Robertson
- Hannah Lorraine Rolland
- Alyssa Katherine Romano
- Sophie Lauren Rupp
- Daniel Stephen Schneider
- Lauren Nicole Shaver
- Megan Marie Sibree
- Evan Curtis Skloot
- Paige Lillian Stover
- Maria Christine Temming
- Stephanie Grace Tizik
- Carly Jacquelyn Weddle
- Emma Elizabeth Wolf



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY HEATHER CASSANO  
Heather Cassano's brother, Brian, is the subject of her new documentary, which she hopes to bring to a variety of film festivals once it is complete.

## ALUMNA PRODUCES AUTISM AWARENESS DOCUMENTARY

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After years of telling other people's stories through a lens, Elon University alumna and documentary filmmaker Heather Cassano '13 decided it was time to bring her work a little closer to home.

Cassano graduated from Elon in 2013 and is currently a Masters of Fine Arts candidate at Emerson University, where she is working on her latest project about her younger brother with autism, Brian.

She came up with the idea to make a film about her brother after traveling to the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival in Durham with her peers at Elon.

"When I was there I took a master class with Allen Berliner, who's a documentary filmmaker, and was talking about the value of personal work and how it's sometimes better or more truthful than things about other people," Cassano said. "Previously I had been like, 'If only I could find someone else who had a severely autistic brother and then I could make a documentary about that,' and then while I was sitting in that workshop I was like, 'What is wrong with me? I should make

it about my brother.'"

She started filming last summer at Brian's high school graduation, using a cinema verite documentary style, a type of filming pioneered in the 1970s that is a more observational style of documentary filmmaking.

"It's supposed to be like, you sit and watch things unfold and you don't ask questions and don't interrupt, and it's just letting the reality of life play out for the camera," Cassano said. "In my opinion, it's a more honest form of documentary filmmaking."

She now has more than 100 hours of footage that she is sorting through to create a story.

"The scenes are editing themselves for me," Cassano said. "The overall arc of the film still remains to be seen, because right now I have scenes that are perfect but I'm like, 'How do they all fit together?'"

Brian — also the working title for the documentary — is nonverbal, meaning he can neither hold conversations nor really understand the ramifications of the film. Cassano is very much attuned to her brother's queries if something is bothering him and says it hasn't seemed to so far.

This coming summer, when Cassano begins to film again, she will focus her approach more

so than the first time around.

"I'm trying to delve more into Brian's personality," she said. "Brian's autism is such that it is difficult to understand what he wants and what he is needing out of life, and I think that is something that is ignored in people with severe disabilities like this. It's just like, 'Let's take care of [him] and make sure he's fed and clothed and that's it.' But I want something for him, and I'm sure that he wants more than that."

So far, Cassano has done most of the work by herself, but has sought some help with editing and cinematography. Alumnus Al Drago '15 has also been contributing to the film as a second shooter and still photographer.

Cassano has started a Kickstarter page to help fund the expenses of creating a documentary. She quickly reached her goal of \$10,000 and was pleasantly surprised with the overwhelming support. With more than \$12,000 donated to the campaign as of now, she has extended the stretch goal to \$15,000. The extra money will help fulfill Cassano's hopes of setting up as many public screenings as possible to ensure many people can see this movie.

There is still about a year of work to do, but once the film is completed she hopes to have a good run in various film festivals.

"I've already seen benefits from the film from my perspective for both Heather and Brian in terms of how much closer they've become," said Melinda Elliot, Brian and Heather's mother. "What I hope to come from it, and the reason I am so supportive in addition to the fact that it involves my only children is that this needs to change."

Cassano's main goal for the film is awareness.

"There are so many people who are now aging out of the school system and the support structure is just not there," she said. "So by bringing Brian's story and personality to the screen I am hoping to change that."

Cassano's goal for the film is to bring more awareness to the public about adults with autism and the lack of support available for adults after they leave the system.

In Maryland, where Cassano's family lives, people age out of the school system at age 21, meaning they can no longer attend high school. This often presents a very difficult transition for young people with disabilities.

"There are so many people who are now aging out of the school system and the support structure is just not there," she said. "So by bringing Brian's story and personality to the screen, I am hoping to change that."

# Service recognized with Newman Civic Fellow award

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Upon arriving on campus in August, freshman Kenneth Brown Jr. immediately got involved in the

**The Newman Civic Fellows Award recognizes student leaders who take action in pursuit of long-term positive social change.**

Elon University community as a class president and volunteer. His service efforts did not go unnoticed, as he was recently named a 2016 Newman Civic Fellow.

The award is presented by Campus Compact, an organization that comprises more than 1,100 colleges and universities dedicated to campus-based civic engagement, according to its website.

As a Watson and Odyssey Scholar, Brown volunteers at the Burlington Housing Authority each week, helping and mentoring children.

"I get to be an older figure that little kids can look up to that's not just an adult — someone closer to their age that can understand where

they're coming from," he said.

Jon Dooley, assistant vice president for Student Life and dean of Campus Life, said only one student per university can be nominated for the prestigious award.

"The Newman Civic Fellows Award recognizes student leaders who take action in pursuit of long-term positive social change, inspire and engage others and demonstrate the motivation and potential for effective long-term civic engagement," Dooley said.

Brown was approached by Elon's Council on Civic Engagement, who decided to nominate him for the award. Dooley said they were looking for student leaders on Elon's campus who are motivated to make positive change or have already begun doing so.

Brown is involved with the Black Student Union, Elon Local News and SGA, for which he currently serves as the Class of 2019's president and will continue his term sophomore year.

"I wanted to be involved with SGA by making progress and change on campus," Brown said. "I thought it would be cool to be in the room for those conversations and plan different things on campus."

In August, Brown put himself out there and actively sought out 150 members of the student body. Those who signed his petition were willing to support him in his campaign.

Brown's roommate, freshman Kyle Albertelli, said Brown was successful in winning the Class of 2019 SGA election because of how genuine he is.

"From the first day of college that I met Ken, I can honestly say he's one of the nicest, most down-to-earth people I know," Albertelli said. "He puts others before himself and he focuses on issues that affect everyone as a whole and wants to find meaningful solutions to these issues."

As the Class of 2019 president, Brown is the voice of the freshman class.

"I want to make [sure] that we are not just a class, but that we are present in doing something to make our campus a better place," Brown said.

In addition to his involvement on campus, Brown has also reached out to the greater Elon area through community service.

Brown's future plans include working with a nonprofit education program, going to graduate school



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**Kenneth Brown spoke at the Call to Honor ceremony about respecting the community.**

to complete a master's degree, or doing work in civic engagement before running for political office.

Whatever his future may entail, he strives to make a difference in his community.

At the 10th annual Call to Honor ceremony Sept. 10, 2015, Brown spoke to the Class of 2019 about respect for the greater community.

"Our commitment to respect goes beyond the walls of Elon," Brown said. "As members of a broader society and global community, we are committed to respecting human

differences and must be motivated by concern for the common good."

Growing up, Brown encountered some rough patches, but through those hard times, people were willing to help him and his family.

Now, Brown wants to help others. "There's a chance to get to know people and feel for the situations and trials that they're going through," he said. "It's allowing me to give back and help, so I can show people there's still light in the world and there's still hope, and to keep fighting until you can't fight anymore."

# Coming off sweep, Elon gears up for CAA run

It started with a walk.

There were two outs, and the game was seemingly lost. But then came a walk.

And a dropped third strike. Then two more walks, and a hit batter.

Rapidly, but also a painstakingly long time later, the Elon University baseball team was back in the game.

And the Phoenix won.

Senior infielder Brett Guba's infield

single scored two, completing a four-run ninth inning. Elon used to beat Towson University 9-8 April 15, a stunning victory that became the spark plug to a sweep and what seems to be a corner turned in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) season.

Now, riding a five-game league winning streak, Elon is set to host Hofstra University in what'll be a pivotal series moving forward in the CAA.

Hofstra, projected to be a basement-dweller in the league, swept league-leading College of Charleston this past weekend.

So it'll be two teams coming off sweeps jockeying for position in the CAA this weekend at Latham Park.

"We needed the [Towson] sweep," senior first baseman Tyler McVicar said. "Now we're .500 in the conference. We have to keep

building off that. We did some better things this weekend all around. We have to keep pushing forward with that, and we'll be in a good spot."

What stood out the most from the three victories against Towson, which was tied atop the league standings entering Game 2 of the series, was the ways in which Elon won.

The first victory, of course, was in remarkable come-from-behind fashion. The Phoenix hadn't led and had nobody on base with two outs in the ninth, down three.

It still won.

For the second, Elon had to hold off a late comeback. The Tigers loaded the bases with nobody out in the ninth and down two, but Elon junior closer Chris Hall worked out of the jam, and Towson left the tying run at third.

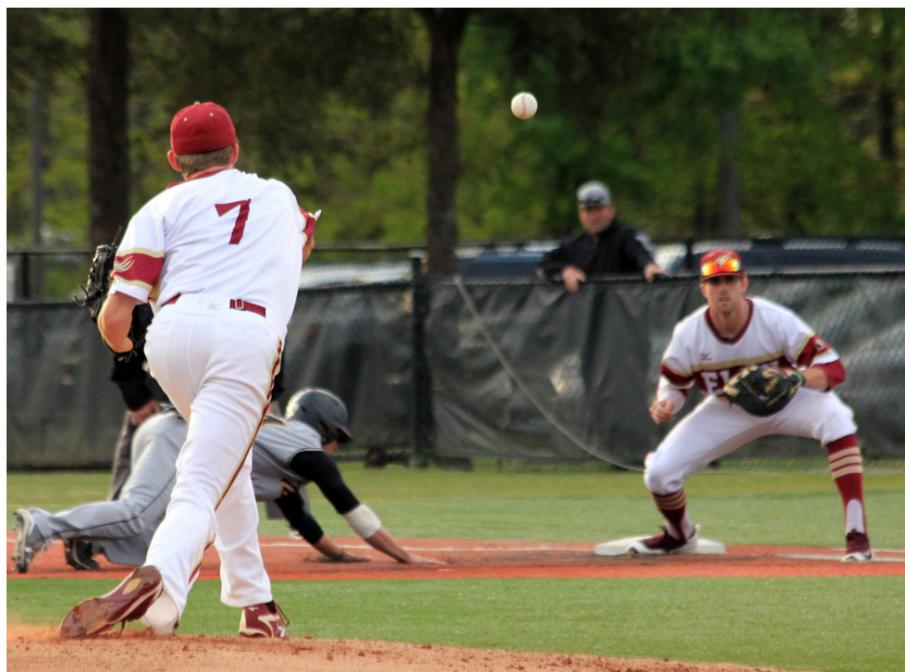
And the last one, Elon controlled the whole game despite striking out 11 times and cruised to a 5-2 triumph.

"I thought we played complete games all three games," said freshman outfielder Liam O'Regan, who hit two home runs in the series. "We didn't really have one inning that hurt us too bad, which has been happening in the past. ... The walk-off win on Friday night got some momentum going."

Elon's bullpen was terrific, too, keeping the Phoenix in the game Friday and allowing just one hit over four innings in Sunday's victory.

Starting pitching is improving, but hitting could use some work after the 11-strikeout performance.

Head baseball coach Mike Kennedy



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Freshman pitcher Mason Daniels throws over to try and pick off a Towson University baserunner April 15.

likes the schedule moving forward, since the Phoenix already played league powers College of Charleston, University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Northeastern University.

This weekend against Hofstra is an opportunity for Elon to cement itself as a contender in a wide-open CAA race.

"We're at a point in the schedule where we feel like if we show up, we can compete and have games we're capable of winning,"

Kennedy said. "That doesn't mean we're going to win them all. ... I feel like we're in a place, if we can just get it going, come in and compete, we're going to be in games. ...

"We've won five in a row — that's a good sign. We want to play better. That's the overriding goal for us. We still have to get better offensively. That's a huge factor of where we're going to go. But we are playing better. We're playing better than we were three weeks ago."

## Q&A Elon trustee enjoys minor league ownership

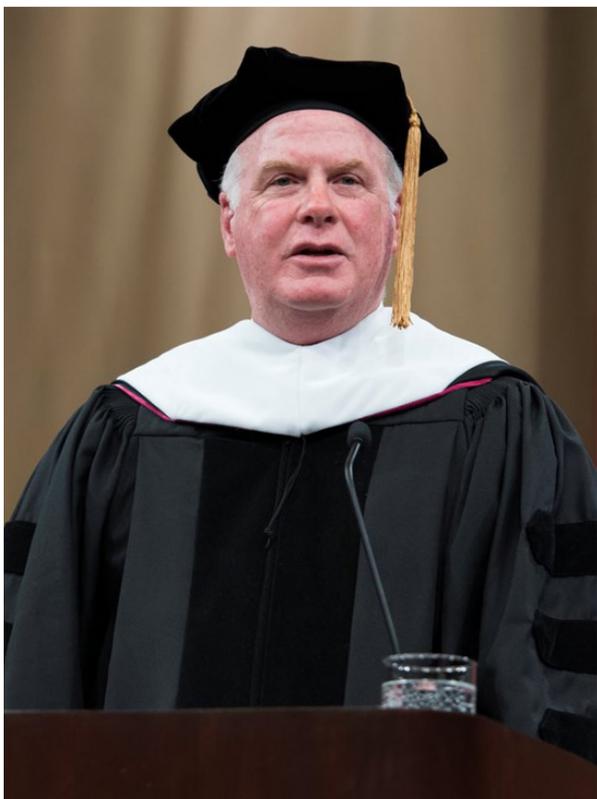


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Wes Elingburg speaks at Spring Convocation March 31.



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NewBridge Bank Park is located in downtown Greensboro.

### Elingburg bought into Grasshoppers after retiring from LabCorp

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Elon University presented an honorary doctorate to Wes Elingburg at Spring Convocation March 31. Elingburg retired as chief financial officer (CFO) at LabCorp in 2005 and has served on Elon's Board of Trustees since then, spending time as chair of the board from 2010 to 2012.

He and his wife, Cathy, have given to Elon on numerous occasions and helped develop the internship program between Love School of Business students and LabCorp.

But when he retired from LabCorp, Elingburg found himself looking for something new to do.

In Greensboro, a minor league baseball team toiled in a dilapidated ballpark and was on the brink of leaving the area. Elingburg bought into the team and helped privately finance a new downtown ballpark, NewBridge Bank Park, and the Greensboro Grasshoppers were officially reborn.

In the following Q&A, Elingburg takes us through his history with baseball, his time as the owner of the Grasshoppers and his future goals for the organization.

**Where did your love of baseball start, and when did it develop to this point?**

"I grew up in Asheville. All of my family were baseball fanatics, and I ended up spending a lot of time in my summers going to Asheville

Tourist games. We were all big baseball fans, and back then they were the Double-A team for the [Pittsburgh] Pirates. I saw Willie Stargell and all of these guys. I played baseball up until my freshman year of college."

**When did you think about getting into baseball as an owner and managing partner?**

"I retired as CFO at LabCorp in 2005, and leading up to the retirement, I was looking for other things to do. As luck had it, some opportunities came up for me to buy into the ownership group here. I took that opportunity and I bought in. When I retired from LabCorp, this was one of the first things I got into outside of that world. And it wasn't to make money. It never has been about making money. It's always been about the love of the game."

**Since you helped open NewBridge Bank Park, what's been the response that you've gotten?**

"Everyone loves coming out here. It's been all good, and everyone is always complimentary of the staff here and the entertainment. We still have LabCorp outings here, and occasionally there's been Elon outings. It's fun to have them all come out to the ballpark. This facility has meant a lot to Greensboro, as you can see by all the construction going on around here. This ballpark has helped revitalize downtown Greensboro."

**What's been your best memory since becoming owner of the Grasshoppers?**

"Oh, it's the year we won the championship. When we won the

championship, there was nothing any better than that. We all got big championship rings. A lot of the guys from the team we had are currently in the Major Leagues. Mark Canha for the Oakland A's, [Christian] Yelich with the Marlins, [Marcell] Ozuna with the Marlins. Most of the members of that team are still in professional baseball, and some of them have made the Major Leagues. That was a fun time to be involved here."

**What's been the biggest challenge that you've faced with the team in your 11 years so far?**

"The biggest challenge was when we had that economic downturn a few years ago. It became increasingly difficult to [gain] corporate sponsorships. We had a little bit of a downturn, so our process of getting sponsors for events and signage became difficult. We were able to get through that period, but we're just like any other business — it affects baseball, too. Fans still come out because we're a cheap ticket and cheap entertainment, but you can't survive in baseball on ticket sales. You have to have corporate sponsorships."

**What are your goals going forward? What do you want the Grasshoppers to become?**

"Well, I'd like to see more involvement with the community. I'd like to see us do more for the community in our charitable work and giving. I'd like to see even more people coming to the ballpark — your ultimate goal is to see it sold out every night. We're in it for the community. We're in it for the families. I'd love to see us win a few more championships, but I have no control over that."

# Tennis teams on fire before CAA Tournament

*Strong play in buildup to hosting tournament brings big expectations*

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As all of the schools in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) arrive on Elon's campus, the Elon University men's and women's tennis teams enter the CAA Championships with some striking similarities.

Both teams are playing extremely well. The men's team has won nine of its last 10 matches, with the lone loss a close defeat to conference foe College of Charleston. Yet a few players have caught the "Elon plague," and head coach Michael Leonard is focusing on keeping his players on the court.

"We're just trying to stay healthy," Leonard said. "We're playing well, but we have a couple of guys under the weather. We just need to get them healthy for the tournament. That's our big thing right now."

But that pales in comparison to the women's team's ragged run, as Elon has won eight straight matches heading into the conference tournament. With four of those wins coming against CAA competition, their confidence is high entering

Friday's quarterfinal match.

"We're peaking really well, and at a good time," said head coach Elizabeth Anderson. "I think that's really good, and it's just a matter of fine-tuning things. ... As a team, everyone's playing their best tennis right now."

Overall, the women went 5-1 against CAA competition on the season, with the only loss coming to nationally-ranked College of William & Mary Jan. 29. Elon played all four North Carolina Atlantic Coast Conference schools early in the season, losing to all but gaining experience from the matches.

"I think it's made us better," Anderson said. "It was really hard in the beginning of the season because we are used to winning more than we were, but it built a lot more character and toughness in our team as a whole. Now, it's really made us a lot stronger of a team by going through that together."

While the women's team has won more matches recently, the men's team has the better record of the season, going 16-5 in the spring compared to the women's 13-9 record. With multiple key contributors — such as freshmen Felipe Sarrasague and Salvador Mijares — joining the program just 10 days before the season started, the success has been startling and satisfying.

"You never know because you don't know how they're going to deal with the moment," Leonard said. "We especially

have these two guys: Felipe, who's just a great competitor, and Salvador who's been our steady rock. They've really embraced it. Those guys were able to step in right away in singles and contribute. Those guys have tremendously helped our team."

Leonard mentioned that neither player has played doubles much this season, as playing with another player is more about chemistry than talent. He expects both will be able to contribute even more as sophomores, like women's tennis sophomore Erica Braschi has done this season.

Braschi went 15-4 in singles on the year and has won 11 straight matches in singles. Along with Sarrasague's 14-5 record in singles and 10 straight wins in singles, Elon has a candidate for CAA Player of the Year on each team. And each player has a chance to do it on their home court.

Elon's history of hosting championships at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center is strong, as the Phoenix hosted all five Big South Conference Championships it played in from 1999-2003. The Phoenix also hosted two Southern Conference Championships in 2009 and 2013.

But in each tournament, neither Elon team was able to find success, as the only

## WINNING STREAKS

**Men's team:** Nine of last 10 matches  
**Felipe Sarrasague:** 10 straight singles matches

**Women's team:** Eight straight matches  
**Erica Braschi:** 11 straight singles matches

conference championship in either program's history came in 2014 when both teams won their respective titles.

And both coaches and teams are fired up to have their team play in front of a home crowd.

"They're really excited," Anderson said. "A lot of their parents are coming, and families as well. To be able to play on your courts for the conference tournament is a really cool thing. I'm really excited for them to be able to experience that."

Leonard added, "I hope this place is just full of people, because it's going to be a great environment. I hope we can pack this place, as our guys are going to feed off of it. We've got guys who want a big crowd, so the more, the merrier."



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Note: Friday's men's tennis matches will be played at the Burlington Tennis Center. Every other match will be played at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS

 April 14  
6-1 

WOMEN'S LAX

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

 April 15  
7-9 

Away April 22  
7 p.m. 

Away April 24  
Noon 

MEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS

 April 16  
6-1 

BASEBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

 April 15-17  
3 W, 0 L 

 April 19  
Late 

Home April 20  
6:30 p.m. 

Home April 22-24  
3 games 

Home April 26  
6:30 p.m. 

SOFTBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

 April 13  
1-0 

 April 16-17  
1 W, 2 L 

Away April 20  
4 p.m. 

Away April 23-24  
3 games 



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Football, women's soccer working with Be The Match

The Elon University football and women's soccer teams will participate in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Football's Be The Match initiative April 20.

The Be The Match initiative was started by Villanova University head football coach Andy Talley to recruit potential marrow donors, and more than 30 football teams from schools across the country are partnering with Be The Match.

Elon's registration drive will go from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in McKinnon Hall, located inside of the Moseley Center. The goal is to recruit 5,000 new registry members.

Women's golf finishes 5th at CAA Championships

The Elon University women's golf team couldn't keep its strong start going at the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Championships, finishing in fifth place for the April 5-7 tournament.

The Phoenix was in second place after Day One thanks to a score of 309 (21 strokes over par), and trailed the University of North Carolina at Wilmington by just two strokes. But Elon shot 318 (+30) on Day Two and 317 (+29) on Day Three, finishing the tournament at 944 (+80).

Senior Emily Brooks finished tied for sixth place in the individual standings, shooting a 233 over the three-day championship (73-82-78, +17).

5 programs honored for APR excellence

Five of the Elon University athletic programs — men's basketball, men's cross country, women's basketball, women's golf and women's lacrosse — were recognized for strong multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) last Wednesday.

The NCAA recognizes teams scoring in the top 10 percent of their sport with APR scores. APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation rates of student-athletes and measures each team's academic performance.

Elon had the second-most teams honored in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), and the women's golf program became one of 13 programs in its sport to be recognized for the 10th consecutive year.

Football names honorary coaches for spring game

Elon University football head coach Rich Skrosky named two former players as honorary coaches for the annual spring game, which will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday.

David Harrison '10, who played offensive line while at Elon, and Brandon Wiggins '11, a linebacker, will be the honorary coaches. The two played together during Skrosky's first stint at Elon, when he was an offensive line coach and offensive coordinator.

Both former Elon student-athletes currently coach high school football, as Harrison is an assistant coach and teacher at West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte. Smith was named the new head coach at his alma mater, Ben L Smith High School in Greensboro, last week.



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Men's tennis junior Chris Humphreys (top left) and women's tennis freshman Maria Paraja (top right) swing at the ball in matches this season. The women's tennis team (left) heads into the conference championships as the No. 2 seed.

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Men's tennis freshman Salvador Mijares prepares to return a volley in a match against Old Dominion University March 5. Head coach Michael Leonard called Mijares the team's "steady rock" during the season.