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DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor  
Members of Elon University's NPHC fraternities and sororities pose in their respective organizations' signs and gear.

## STEPPING INTO ACTION

Elon NPHC organizations seek more collaboration with campus

### Emmanuel Morgan

News Editor  
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The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity house stands out amid a sea of houses circling Elon University's Loy Center.

While similar in size and structure to its neighbors, the Alpha Phi Alpha house is the sole residential building in the village that

is also part of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the organization regulating historically black fraternities and sororities. Elon currently has 25 Greek affiliations on campus, and only six of them are NPHC.

While the NPHC organizations are outnumbered on a predominantly white campus, Alpha Phi Alpha president senior Kennedy Ojimadu said he believes the NPHC community is vibrant and influen-

tial to Elon. He said their culture is distinct and offers a unique point of view than those offered to the campus by Interfraternity Council (IFC) fraternities and Panhellenic Association (PHA) sororities.

Because NPHC organizations attract such a small number of students at Elon, they have to find creative ways to promote awareness of their presence and recruit potential members for their intake process. Last week, all

six of the organizations held collaborative events, all a part of "NPHC Week," that ranged from game nights to forum discussions that engaged the community.

"We offer a great amount of cultural and historic values to campus that people aren't

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## NC remains divided on major candidates

Plurality says NC reputation worse since HB2 enacted

### Bryan Anderson

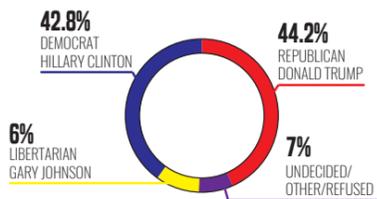
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Elon University Poll results released Monday and Tuesday show tight presidential, gubernatorial and senatorial races in North Carolina. Differences between first- and second-place finishers fell within the 3.86 percent margin of error.

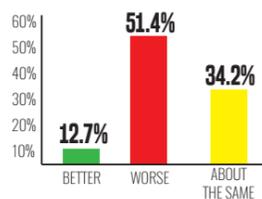
Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump captured a narrow victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton — Trump earned 44.2 percent of the vote, while Clinton got 42.8 percent. Libertarian Gary Johnson polled at 6 percent.

Republican incumbent Gov. Pat McCrory finished ahead of Democratic challenger Attorney General Roy Cooper, 48.7 percent to 46 percent. Democratic challenger Deborah Ross captured 44.4 percent of the vote for U.S.

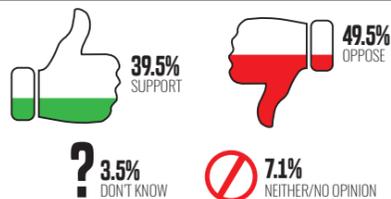
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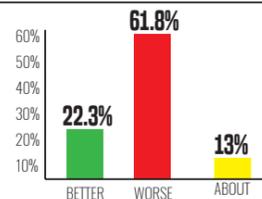
### CLINTON COMPARED TO PAST DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES



### HOUSE BILL 2:



### TRUMP COMPARED TO PAST REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES



POLLING MARGIN OF ERROR: ± 3.86  
STEPHANIE HAYS | Design Chief

Senate, ousting Republican incumbent Sen. Richard Burr by 1 percent.

Though the results show no clear winner, Elon Poll director Jason Husser said they reflect continuing divisiveness within the state.

"Everything is too close to call," Husser said. "What we'll probably see over the next couple months are polls

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## Latino, Hispanic students seek representation

Hispanic Heritage Month an opportunity for awareness

### Diego Pineda

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Elon University senior Philip Rodriguez thought Latinos on campus were non-existent.

The Cuban-American was born and raised in Miami, a melting pot of a town that exudes racial and cultural diversity.

That dynamic environment is drastically different from Elon, a predominantly white institution. Roughly 6 percent of students identify as Latino or Hispanic at Elon, an

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CRIME REPORT

September 16  
UNIVERSITY DRIVE, ELON  
TRAFFIC FATALITY

A head-on collision resulted in the death of a Gibsonville woman Thursday night, according to Town of Elon Police. A car crossed the center line and crashed into her car while they were traveling in opposite directions down University Drive.

Janice Denny, 60, was airlifted to UNC Hospital, where she later died from the injuries she sustained. The other driver, Steven Revis, 32, of Burlington, fled the scene of the crash and was later apprehended.

Revis has been charged with felony death by motor vehicle and driving while license revoked. He was placed in the Alamance County Jail under a \$150,000 bond.

The investigation into the colli-

sion is ongoing, and alcohol is believed to be a factor.

September 10  
LOY CENTER, ELON  
BREAKING AND ENTERING,  
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Seven Apple MacBook computers were damaged in a breaking and entering that occurred Saturday at the on-campus Sigma Sigma Sorority house in the Loy Center.

According to an Elon University Police report, damage to the laptops was reported around 2 p.m. Sept. 10. The laptops, in total, are valued at \$7,300. All seven belong to students.

The case is open for further investigation.

September 17  
EAST HAGGARD AVENUE, ELON  
VANDALISM

An Elon woman reported to Town of Elon police that her fiancé's vehicle had been vandalized with a knife, according to a police report.

The Chevrolet Impala, parked at Elon Place Apartments, sustained a large gash in the hood. The knife also cut the hose to the radiator overflow tank, which resulted in an estimated \$1,000 in damages, according to the report.

The case is open to further investigation.

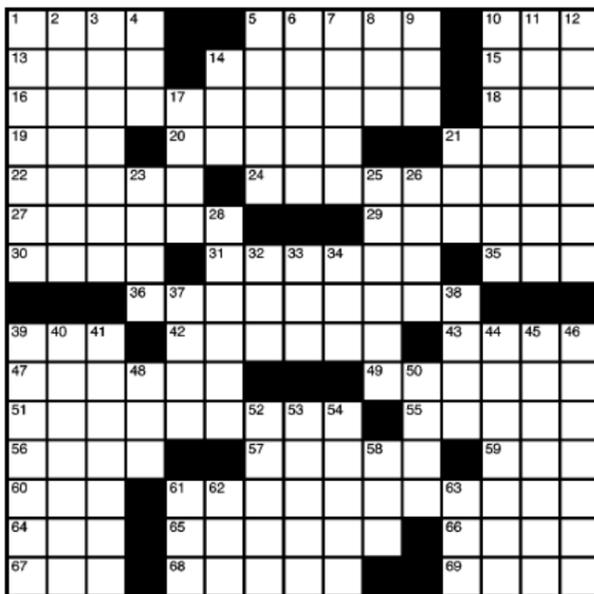
GAMES

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**  
1 Pour love (on)  
5 Sledding spot  
10 Work the aisles, slangily  
13 Very familiar with  
14 Not spontaneous  
15 Howe'er  
16 "Good Guys Wear Black" star  
18 Haul to the shop  
19 Sailor's pronoun  
20 Full of energy  
21 Stereotypical Geek Squad employee  
22 Mass-mailing tool  
24 Post-performance celebration  
27 Went astray  
29 Pupil's cover  
30 Drawn-out account  
31 Not as demanding  
35 USN clerk  
36 Stroke with a wedge  
39 Take steps  
42 Defiant retort  
43 \_\_\_-Seltzer  
47 Touchdown spot  
49 Log-shaped pastry  
51 Display for lecture illustrations  
55 "Siddhartha" author  
56 Charitable gift  
57 Instagram upload  
59 "\_\_\_matter of fact..."  
60 Young \_\_\_: tykes, in dialect  
61 Sofa decor  
64 Shear (off)  
65 Residences  
66 \_\_\_ Romeo  
67 Onetime rival of Delta  
68 Having a key, in music  
69 Go against

- DOWN**  
1 Title for Prince William's wife  
2 The "thee" in "Get thee to a nunnery"  
3 Seeing the sights  
4 Letter-bottom letters  
5 Dispassionate  
6 Coccoon contents  
7 Ungentle giants  
8 Shar-\_\_: wrinkly dog  
9 Paper staff, briefly  
10 Downright  
11 Skimpy nightgown  
12 Folksy greeting  
14 NBC skit show broadcast from 30 Rock  
17 Prince William's wife  
21 Scottish isle denial  
23 Finger-clicking sound  
25 A little laughter  
26 Prefix with technic  
28 Unhook, say  
32 "Crikey!"  
33 Sailor's pronoun  
34 Doctrinal suffix  
37 Desktop with an AppleCare option story  
38 "Canterbury"  
39 Guilty  
40 "Operators are standing by!"  
41 Bygone weight-loss pills



By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel 9/21/16

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 44 French explorer who named Louisiana  
45 Rude dismissal, in slang  
46 Passage between buildings  
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12 P.M.   Campus Sustainability Tour <b>21</b>	7:30 A.M.   Havana Cuba All-Stars in "Cuban Nights" <b>22</b>	3 P.M.   Sand Mandala closing ceremony <b>23</b>	7 A.M.   Men's Tennis Elon Invitational <b>24</b>	10:30 A.M.   La Fiesta del Pueblo <b>25</b>	9 P.M.   Presidential Debate Watch Event <b>26</b>	4:15 P.M.   Loy Farm Tour <b>27</b>
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# TOP PHOTOS



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer  
The Elon football team enters Rhodes Stadium prior to defeating Fayetteville State 26-3 Sept. 17.



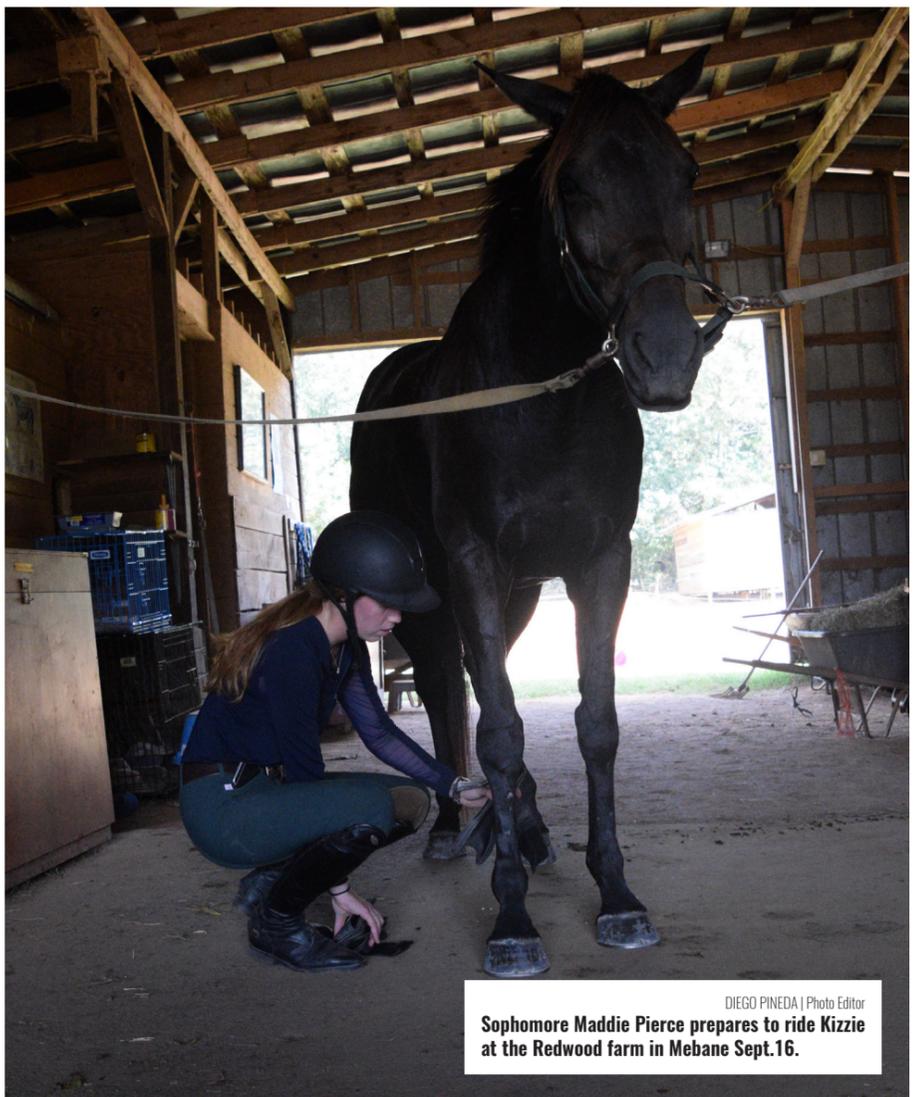
DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor  
Senior Ariana Lobo (left) and sophomore Sary Martinez (right) wave the Honduran flag in celebration of the country's independence Sept. 16.



ELISABETH BACHMANN | Photographer  
(Left to right) Junior Giorgio Comaschi, junior Samuele Vallone, and senior Fermin Correas del Prado engage in conversation during the Eid al-Adha celebration at the Truitt Center Sept. 15.



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor  
Seniors Jessica Womack (left) and Delaney Hinnant (right) laugh and smile before the Elon NPHC week movie night Sept. 16.



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor  
Sophomore Maddie Pierce prepares to ride Kizzie at the Redwood farm in Mebane Sept. 16.

# NCAA, ACC decisions on HB2 indirectly affect Elon

Major championships pulled from state because of HB2

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As North Carolina's House Bill 2 continues to attract national attention, Elon University athletics may see an impact come to its campus.

Last week, both the NCAA and the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) pulled their neutral-site championship events out of North Carolina, with the NCAA pulling four Division I championship events and the ACC pulling all eight of its neutral-site championships.

Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) commissioner Joe D'Antonio released a statement Wednesday, saying the conference is, "monitor[ing] all aspects of a conference championship event being held in the state of North Carolina."

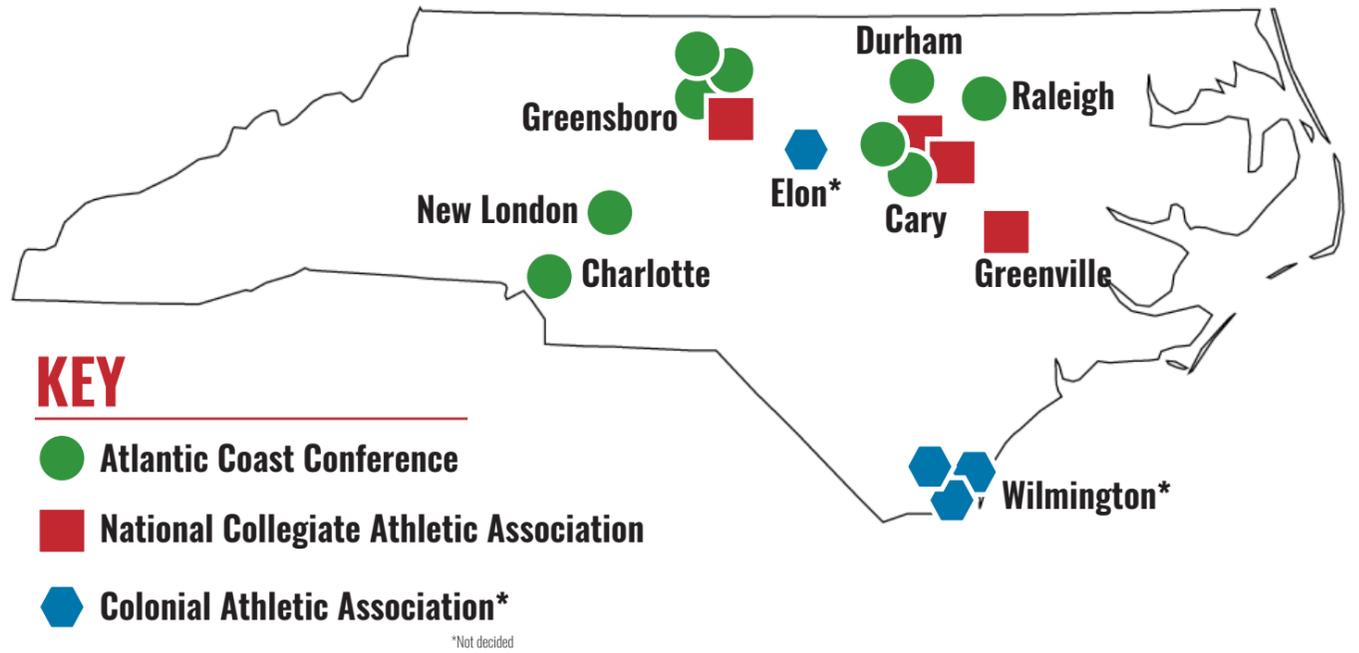
"At all CAA championship events, our goal is to provide an environment in which our fans, student-athletes, administrators and all people involved in the event are treated fairly and in a non-discriminatory manner," D'Antonio said. "I will continue to work with our Council of Presidents and athletic directors in assessing this matter going forward."

Elon is one of two full-time members in the CAA in North Carolina, along with the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. There are four in-state championship events in 2016-2017, with Elon hosting the tennis championships in April 2017. UNCW is hosting the volleyball and baseball championships, and the women's golf championship tournament will be held at the St. James Plantation golf course in Southport, North Carolina.

In an interview, D'Antonio stressed that, while there is no timetable for a verdict about the events in the state, the CAA will make a decision "relatively quickly."

While the ACC allowed for its six championships hosted by North Carolina universities

## WHERE D1 CHAMPIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN REMOVED IN NORTH CAROLINA



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**JOE D'ANTONIO**  
COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION COMMISSIONER

to remain on campus, D'Antonio said the CAA isn't differentiating between neutral-site events and events hosted by a participating school.

"As we analyze the situation at hand, we're

looking at all aspects and scenarios associated with our championships," he said. "Whether or not I see the two being distinctively different in terms of making decisions is irrelevant at this time, because we're looking every-

where. We're calling it a 'totality-of-the-circumstances' analysis."

In addition to the championships, Elon is the only North Carolina school in the 12-team CAA Football conference. The State University of New York at Albany is a public school in the CAA Football conference, but New York is one of five states to have passed a publicly funded travel ban to North Carolina.

This season, Elon travels to Albany on Oct. 29 to play in football, but Albany is supposed to return to Elon next season. D'Antonio said the conference is considering what to do about the travel situation, but made note that the Elon-Albany matchup is the only situation currently presenting an issue.

## ELON POLL

from cover

bouncing back and forth within two or three points."

The poll also asked likely voters for their stances on a range of issues, including House Bill 2, a bill passed by the state legislature in March that, among many things, requires people to use restrooms that correspond to the sex on their birth certificates. Of 644 likely voters surveyed, 95.4 percent of respondents said they heard of HB2.

Among those who said they heard of HB2, 49.5 percent oppose the bill, while 39.5 percent support it. Regardless of their personal feelings, 59.9 percent of respondents said North Carolina's reputation is worse since HB2 was passed. How McCrory handled HB2 made 36.2 percent of voters less likely to vote for him, while 34.6 percent said it made no difference.

Husser said the NCAA's decision last week to remove tournament games from North Carolina could have contributed to increased opposition. Even so, he explained the effects are largely unchanged.

"Most of the effects of HB2 have already been felt in the race," Husser said. "If there's a repeal or

modification of HB2, it can shake things up in ways we couldn't predict."

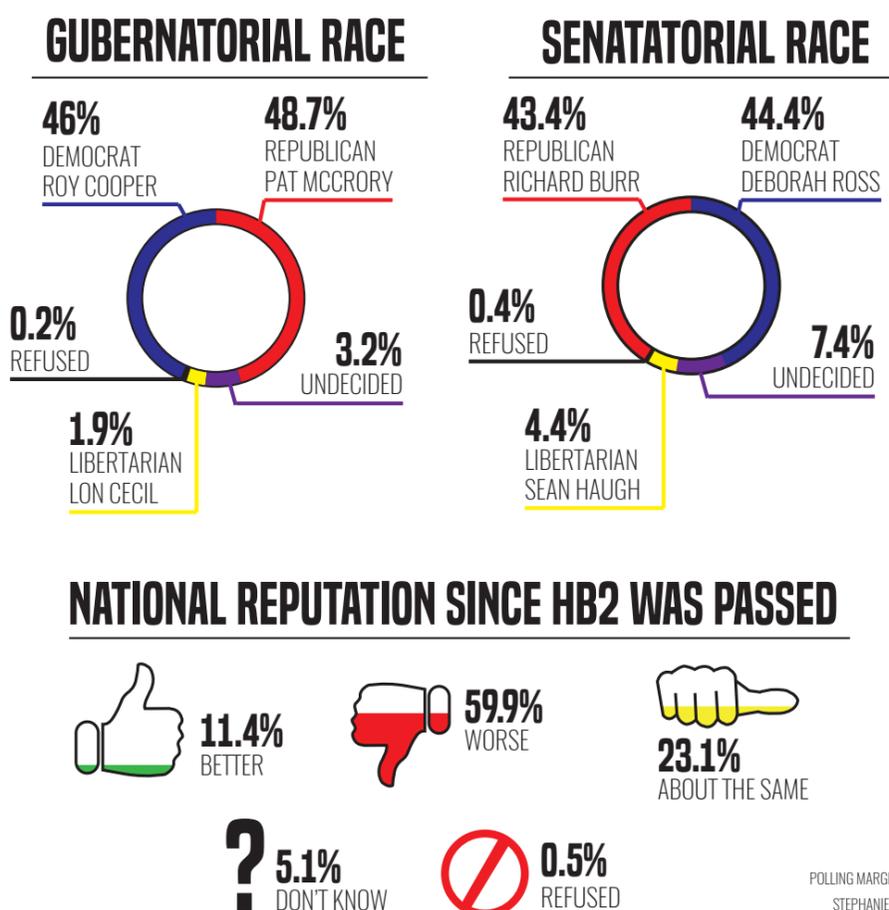
Elon Poll's full report noted HB2, "received a mixed response" and, "is a difficult issue for the McCrory coalition."

The poll added that McCrory's lead, "could be higher if a more popular issue like Connect NC infrastructure funding was the central campaign narrative instead of a divisive issue like HB2."

Issues related to HB2 and major

candidates took a prominent role in the Elon Poll but were not the only important questions asked to likely North Carolina voters.

The majority of respondents expressed frustration with the two major presidential candidates —



61.8 percent said Trump is a worse Republican candidate than usual, while 51.4 percent said Clinton is a worse Democratic candidate than usual.

Though the prospects of Clinton becoming the first female president may be appealing to some, 87.3 percent of likely voters surveyed said the opportunity to elect the first female president in U.S. history does not make much difference in how likely they are to vote on her behalf.

Respondents said Trump would do better with three demographics — rich people, men and whites — whereas Clinton would do better with poor people, middle-class people, women, African-Americans and Hispanics or Latinos.

One of the more interesting questions in the poll was whether U.S. President Barack Obama or Russian President Vladimir Putin was a better leader of his respective country. A three-fifths majority swung in Obama's favor, but the results were pretty mixed along party lines.

Democrats voted in favor of Obama, 94 percent to 4 percent. Republicans favored Putin, 39 percent to 29 percent. One-third of Republicans either refused to answer or didn't know whom to choose. Obama's overall approval rating was 46.2 percent.

## NPHC FRATERNITIES INCORPORATED

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:  
ALONZO CEE, KELLY  
BROOKS, TRES MCMICHAEL

## ALPHA PHI ALPHA



**Founded:** 1906, Cornell University  
**Famous Members:** Martin Luther King Jr., Jesse Owens, Stuart Scott  
**Motto:** "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All"  
**Colors:** Black and Old Gold

## OMEGA PSI PHI



**Founded:** 1911, Howard University  
**Famous Members:** Jesse Jackson, Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal  
**Motto:** "Friendship is Essential to the Soul"  
**Colors:** Royal Purple and Old Gold

## PHI BETA SIGMA

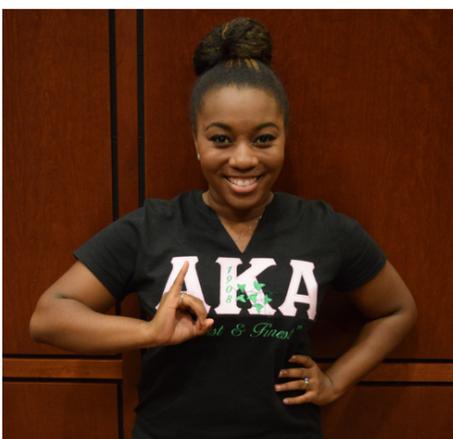


**Founded:** 1914, Howard University  
**Famous Members:** Al Sharpton, Emmitt Smith, Jerry Rice  
**Motto:** "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity"  
**Colors:** Royal Blue and Pure White

## NPHC SORORITIES INCORPORATED

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:  
JESSICA WOMACK, DELANEY  
HINNANT, BRIA SAMUELS

## ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA



**Founded:** 1908, Howard University  
**Famous Members:** Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou  
**Motto:** "By Culture and By Merit"  
**Colors:** Salmon and Apple Green

## DELTA SIGMA THETA



**Founded:** 1913, Howard University  
**Famous Members:** Soledad O'Brein, Aretha Franklin  
**Motto:** "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom"  
**Colors:** Crimson and Cream

## ZETA PHI BETA



**Founded:** 1920, Howard University  
**Famous Members:** Sheryl Underwood, Traci Braxton  
**Motto:** "Scholarship, Sisterly Love, Service, Finer Womanhood"  
**Colors:** Royal Blue and Pure White

NPHC  
from cover

going to be exposed to without our culture," Ojimadu said. "[NPHC organizations] are really impactful, not only to black history but to American history. We've put out some legendary people into society, and we continue to do that and uphold our morals as well as build upon those strong values."

Martin Luther King Jr., Michael Jordan and Maya Angelou are a few of the many influential figures in history who were members of one of the "Divine Nine" NPHC organizations. There would typically be nine organizations at a larger college, but Elon only has charters for three sororities — Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta — and four fraternities — Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Kappa Alpha Psi is no longer on campus, as all of its members graduated in 2012 without securing potential students to replace them. The strain of being unable to compile a new

class of members may seem foreign to Elon students, as IFC and PHA organizations constantly admit a fresh crop of new initiates every year, eager for the opportunity to become a brother or sister. But in total, there are only 29 members across the six NPHC organizations.

In contrast, Sigma Phi Epsilon, an IFC organization, has 71 members alone, according to its chapter's website.

Omega Psi Phi member Dre Howell said that while NPHC organizations are open to all races, they normally appeal to African Americans because of their heritage. At Elon, that group of students only represents about 6 percent of the population.

"Obviously, we are outnumbered because we have a different way of going about getting

members," Howell said. "We knew it was going to be hard because we are fishing in a small pond."

Ojimadu said NPHC Week was a large investment of time and effort, but he hopes the events served as a venue to stimulate more growth. Even though they may not categorize themselves with the majority of other Greek organizations at Elon, Ojimadu said NPHC organizations would not forfeit their identities — such as their hand signals or dance "stroll" or "step" routines — to appease people who may not understand them. When people stereotype NPHC organizations because of their traditions, he said it's counterproductive because they will brush them aside instead of trying to learn more about them.

"When people don't know what's going on and when people see something they don't understand, they get scared," Ojimadu said. "We're not afraid, and we're not going to lose what makes us special because people don't want to take the time to understand us. Being a part of an NPHC community is unlike any other experience because we are such a tight-knit family."

Aside from NPHC's inward bond, all of the organizations expressed interest in working together with Elon's IFC and PHA chapters. Ojimadu said he would love to "embrace organizations from different councils." Howell echoed Ojimadu's sentiments and said whether in their community service, philanthropy or on-campus presence, NPHC organizations simply want to build a rapport with other fraternities and sororities.

"We are not just NPHC members — we're also Elon students," Howell said. "We want to branch out and interact with every fraternity and organization on this campus. We're out here seeking friends and trying to make great relationships, not just in the community, but in the school as well."

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DRE HOWELL  
OMEGA PSI PHI MEMBER



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El Centro hosted "Fiesta de Independencia" to honor the independence of five Central American countries and Mexico Sept. 15.

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## SYLVIA MUNOZ

INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR THE CREDE

### HERITAGE from cover

increase of the population from 2002, when it was roughly 1.2 percent.

As Hispanic Heritage month nears its end, Rodriguez hopes his classmates will become more aware of the Latino/Hispanic community.

**Hispanic and Latino students made up 7 percent of the first year class. The Hispanic/Latino students are now the co-largest minority on campus.**

Events such as "Fiesta de Independencia," which was held last Friday, Sept. 15, introduced part of the Latin-American culture to Elon with food, music and dance.

Sophomore Kayla Ervin believes these events can have a positive impact on campus.

"I think it's great that one can bring our culture to campus," Ervin said.

"It is bringing some exposure. It's not where you want to be, but it's a good start. We're at the start of bringing more diversity."

Though Elon may pride itself on being a school that embraces different types of diversity, the Latino/Hispanic population still seeks to find its voice on campus.

Out of the 1,524 freshmen students enrolled at Elon this year, 19 percent identify as ethnically diverse. Latino and Hispanic students constitute 7 percent of the freshmen class, with African Americans and the Hispanic/Latino students at Elon now tied for the largest minority on campus, according to Greg Zaiser, vice president of admissions and financial planning.

Sophomore Kimberly Wilson, a native of New Jersey who comes from a biracial background, had a hard time finding friends of similar backgrounds during her first weeks at Elon until she visited El Centro de Espanol.

"When I walked into El Centro, I definitely felt immediately at home, just with the decorations and the language, music playing all the time, people eating food and talking while they

were doing homework or watching T.V. It has a really nice feel that you can't find anywhere [else] on campus," she said.

With resources such as El Centro, the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education (CREDE), Latin American Student Organization (LASO) and the newly established Latina sorority, Chi Epsilon Sigma, the Elon community is becoming more aware of the Latino/Hispanic presence. Though these resources may promote Latino/Hispanic cultures, there is still a wide gap within the Latino/Hispanic community on campus.

Sylvia Munoz, interim director for the CREDE, believes that the Latino/Hispanic population is spread out at Elon because every student who may identify with this ethnicity is at a different stage of their identity development.

Munoz explained that there are international students coming from their native regions in Latin America or Spain to study at Elon for four years; first-generation Latino/Hispanic students, those who came to the United States when they were little or were born here, but whose parents immigrated from Latin America; and second- or third-generation students who may identify with the ethnicity because their grandparents or other ancestors were from those countries.

All of these groups identify with their ethnicity on different levels.

"People assume you have to speak Spanish in order to be considered Latino or Hispanic," Munoz said. "We need to get out of the stereotypical notion of what a Hispanic or Latino should look like or behave like."

Because of the different stages of identity development that Latino/Hispanic students express on campus, it's not easy to group or identify students that make up this ethnicity.

Munoz has worked at Elon for 18 years and has seen a huge growth of the Latino/Hispanic population during the past decade, and even more in the past five years. She realizes Elon does not have a large population of Latinos/Hispanics because there are major political and social issues that come with the nature of attending a private university.

"We don't have a big endowment, so it's going to be hard to recruit diverse students where socioeconomic factors have a big say in that," said Munoz. "Elon is trying, and you can see the efforts."

Though enrollment has increased, Rodriguez and Munoz acknowledge that socioeconomic factors, such as lack of documentation, financial aid issues and family traditions, all have impeded the ability of many Latinos and Hispanics to attend college.

Outside factors keep some Latinos and Hispanics from going to college, but once they get to college, there are internal factors that result in fragmentation of these communities.

"The wide range of backgrounds that are within our Latino/Hispanic community has made me pause," Munoz said. "There is not a 'one program fits all.' Instead of working through our differences, we should work through our similarities."

Latinos and Hispanics cannot be placed into a specific group because this ethnicity includes multiple countries with various cultures and traditions.

"If we kind of accept that grouping and really realize that if we work together for a common goal, we can almost accomplish anything," Rodriguez said.

LASO is trying to become an umbrella organization for all Latinos and Hispanics on campus while El Centro hosts multiple events throughout Hispanic Heritage month and the rest of the year in order to unite the Elon community.

"I would love us to come together to present ourselves as a united group and make a difference on campus," Wilson said.

Rodriguez agreed with Wilson and hopes that the awareness brought by Hispanic Heritage month will lead to more interaction between different cultures on Elon's campus.

"I hope that the Hispanic/Latino community can come together and reach out to all other communities on campus," Rodriguez said. "I hope the Hispanic/Latino community creates an influence of welcoming and warm culture that we know."

# SUNKEN AND DRUNKEN TRUTH:

## An inside look at Elon's fake ID culture

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**A study conducted by researchers from the National Center for Biotechnology Information found that 17 percent of U.S. college freshmen and 32 percent of U.S. college seniors have owned or have used a fake ID to obtain alcohol.**

Brittany, whose name has been changed to protect her identity, is a senior at Elon University. She's in a sorority and plays a club sport.

Though many of her peers know her from her on-campus involvement, many also know her as a distributor of fake IDs at Elon.

"I've probably placed close to 30 orders," Brittany said. "It's how I make a lot of my own personal spending money."

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According to Brittany, Elon is no exception. "People [here] are always looking for fakes," she said.

### A consistent and profitable habit

Brittany learned of the social impact a fake ID can have long before she came to Elon.

"In high school, my friends were pretty avid drinkers. It was pretty hard for us to do anything in our hometown because our parents didn't really want us having parties at our houses," she said.

Since house parties weren't an option, Brittany and her high school friends turned to the bar scene near a local university.

"I was all about it, but that obviously won't fly unless you have a fake," Brittany said.

She got her first fake ID through a large group order when she was a sophomore in high school, but she said she knew the quality of that ID wasn't good enough to "work" in college. So when she moved to North Carolina in fall 2013, she turned to other means: the black market.

But going through the black market was expensive, costing Brittany nearly \$100 for a better fake ID. Then, two years ago, she met a man in graduate school for business in California who makes them. And while she doesn't see him regularly, they have formed a partnership — Brittany collecting orders and her friend in California printing the IDs.

"We, more or less, started a business,"

Brittany said." So I don't make them. I don't know how to make them with the printer. It's a very complicated technological process."

The whole process to get students their fake IDs takes about two weeks. The first week, Brittany gets a picture of her client as well as other information that appears on the ID. She inputs the information into a template and then sends it to her friend in California. He then makes the ID, and within a week, it appears in Brittany's campus box at Elon.

It didn't take long for word of Brittany's business to spread around Elon's campus. She said underage students are looking for the most economical option, which she said she provides. Brittany sells for \$80 per fake ID, \$60 for her friend in California and \$20 for herself, and a lower price per ID in a group order.

But Brittany said it's not just the price that makes her operation stand out.

"Obviously, they're going to go through someone who they can relate to and they can trust," she said. "I'm not some sketchy person

Town of Elon Police, knows Elon's fake ID situation well.

"I wouldn't say it's not prevalent, but many students have the fake IDs," Walker said. "We stumble across them every now and again."

But stumbling across the IDs means the person in possession could get a Class 2 misdemeanor, which equates to up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine.

A Class 1 misdemeanor is issued if a police officer catches a person using a fake ID to get into a bar or club or to purchase alcohol. Class 1 misdemeanors can result in up to 120 days of community punishment and fines as much as the court deems appropriate.

Brittany said there's another element to potential punishment for being found in possession of fake IDs: the use of her own campus box.

"I have all the liability because I get the IDs shipped to me in my campus box," she said.

The potential repercussions do not stop Brittany or a 19-year-old student named

Rachel, whose name has also been changed to protect her identity — though Rachel is less nonchalant about her fake ID than Brittany.

"I still get really scared when I use it," Rachel said.

Similar to Brittany, Rachel has a summer birthday and considers herself young for her age. But unlike Brittany,

Rachel has never used her fake ID at a liquor store. She's from outside a large city and likes to go into the city with her friends to get drinks when she's home, and she keeps her fake ID on her while at school in case she wants to purchase alcohol from a grocery store.

"I just like to buy wine and champagne from Harris Teeter," Rachel said.

According to Brittany, these situations are why she distributes fake IDs.

"I just want people to enjoy their lives, and if they're choosing to drink, I want them to be able to do it when they want," Brittany said. "And although there's a reason the drinking age is 21, I honestly believe that if you de-stigmatize drinking and teach kids how to drink responsibly from a young age, there will be a lot less alcoholism and a lot less drunk driving fatalities."

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BRITTANY  
SENIOR

from the town over. I'm an Elon girl. A lot of people know me on campus.

"Whenever new freshmen or sophomores are trying to invest in a fake, their friends are like, 'Oh yeah, I know this girl who's really nice and in a certain sorority — she can probably hook you up.'"

Brittany said the reputation she earns from distributing the fake IDs is just as important as the money she earns.

"[Students] just kind of respect you more if you can hook them up with things," Brittany said. "That's kind of lame, but now people know I do it and they're not going to mess with me."

### Knowingly breaking the law

Thomas Walker, Master Police Officer for



## CHEAT SHEET: EXPLOSION IN MANHATTAN

Want a complicated news story explained? Email [enn@elon.edu](mailto:enn@elon.edu) and find it in next week's Cheat Sheet.

### LOCATION OF EXPLOSION IN NEW YORK CITY

The explosion occurred at approximately 8:30 p.m. Saturday night at 23rd street and 6th avenue in Manhattan. Ahmad Khan Rahami is suspected to be the man on a surveillance camera who placed a duffel bag down before the explosion.



Twenty-nine people were injured Saturday night after an explosion in Chelsea, a neighborhood in Manhattan, New York. Sam Smith, a nearby resident, told CNN he saw a bright light and then heard a nearby explosion, and it "took [him] an hour and a half before [he] could hear again."

The suspect, Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, was found sleeping near the doorway of a bar in New Jersey Monday, and the owner called police after he recognized him, according to CNN. Rahami was captured

after a frantic manhunt and shootout that injured him and required surgery. Some news reports attribute the explosion to terrorism, but others deny its involvement.

"We have every reason to believe this was an act of terror," said New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio Monday.

A pressure cooker draped with wires and a cell phone was found near the scene of the explosion, and FBI Special Agent William Sweeney said Rahami was "directly linked" to it. Authorities also believe Ra-

hami was the man seen in a surveillance video placing a duffel bag near the scene of the explosion. During the shootout Monday, two officers were hit — one in the vest and the other in the hand.

On Monday, President Barack Obama applauded the citizens of New York and New Jersey for their strength and grit.

"Folks around here, they don't get scared," he said. "They're tough. They're resilient. They go about their business every single day."

## Folding origami elephants for conservation awareness

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After hours of learning and diligently folding paper elephants, Elon University associate professor of mathematics Alan Russell's class, "COR 325: Math Origami," donated 1,005 of them to the Wildlife Conservation Society Sept. 16.

To raise awareness for elephant hunting — and to break a Guinness World record — the donations were part of a challenge to break the Guinness World Records title for the largest display of origami elephants and

"The record stands at 33,000, so they're pushing for 35,000," Russell said. "I thought, 'Well, my students can crank out a thousand without any trouble.'"

The class has been offered since 2002 and looks at origami through various lenses, such as culture, math, art and history for a final capstone project. Though students are writing about the art, they spend a lot of time learning to fold before getting into it.

"If you don't learn the craft, you don't know what you're writing about," Russell said.

In the past, the class created 1,000 paper cranes for a peace project in Japan and Seattle. Another year, they made black and orange cranes to recreate the Virginia Tech ribbon after the 2007 shooting and donated it to the school.

But this is the first time students are doing a massive folding project at the beginning of



Senior Brian Dawkins folds an origami elephant to help create 1,005 elephants for the Wildlife Conservation Society. The society hopes to collect 35,000 for its display.

the semester.

"Normally we do this project at the end of the semester and when I have time to fold a lot with them," Russell said. "They're much better folders, but here its just the first two weeks of class."

Each student had to fold at least 40 elephants. Russell said the elephant folds are not as complicated as folding a crane, with three options to choose from: a simple head, an intermediate head and a more challenging full elephant.

He also believes this challenge will make students better folders early on.

"Initially, we were given the assignment day one to make 40 of these when the most we folded was a square butterfly," said senior Riley Ellingson. "It was hard at first but after almost five elephants I was pumping them out like two a minute."

This constant folding has helped them with patterns beyond the elephants.

"Even just memorizing patterns," Ellingson said. "I was

able to fold something on Friday after doing it once."

After working both in class and their free time, students managed to attempt to fold all three animals while learning more about elephant conservation.

"I think its cool because some of my friends are like, 'Wait, why are you folding 40 elephants?'" said senior Briana O'Grady. "But when I told them the reason behind it they're like, 'Oh wait, that's actually kind of cool.'"



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Alumna receives the Elon Medallion

Edna Truitt Noiles '44 was presented with Elon University's top honor, The Elon Medallion. Her philanthropic efforts were one of the primary reasons the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life was built. Noiles was presented with the medallion this summer, but the award was announced during the 10th anniversary celebration of the Elon Academy Sept. 15.

### Renovations near McEwen may cause parking strife

The sidewalk area in front of Acorn Coffee Shop will be closed during the installation of a new awning. Both the sidewalk and the parking spaces will reopen as soon as work is complete, according to a Town of Elon Police press release.

The press release states that additionally, the four spaces along the wall outside the School of Communications on North Williamson Avenue will be closed from 6:00 a.m. to noon on Sept. 27, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 to allow for furniture delivery for the new School of Communications.

### Broken fuel pipeline causes shortage of gas in Elon

After an Alabama pipeline rupture, gas prices across the Deep South have increased and caused a frenzy at the pump. Currently, Kangaroo gas station near Elon University is out of regular gas, and premium gas has been raised to \$2.37 per gallon. Multiple other gas stations have been closed throughout the area, including the Shell on South Williamson Avenue. Half of the pumps are closed the Citgo on Haggard Avenue. The cheapest gas is at the Citgo on South Williamson Avenue, with regular gas costing \$2.19 per gallon.

### Elon named a top college safety town

According to a new list released by SafeWise, a home security brand promoting safety education, the Town of Elon is among 30 of the safest college towns in the United States. SafeWise awarded Elon University this title because of the crime awareness education and programs on Elon's campus, such as Safe Rides. Others on the list include Williamsburg, Virginia, and Athens, Ohio.

### Konnor Porro elected Class of 2020 Vice President

After Elon University freshmen Konnor Porro and Xavier Bryant each earned 349 votes, Porro won the position after a runoff election. The election took place Wednesday, Sept. 13, and only freshmen were allowed to vote. The first SGA meeting including all newly elected officers will be Thursday, Sept. 22.

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# OPINIONS

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Take advantage of Elon's interfaith opportunities

### HOW WE SEE IT

With so many opportunities to explore different faiths, students should not graduate from Elon with the same religious biases they may have brought to campus.

On Sept. 15, students and community members celebrated Eid al-Adha, the Muslim celebration of sacrifice, in McBride Gathering Space. While many students and community members were in attendance, the empty chairs and tables around the room could not be overlooked.

That sight raises the question: Where were all the students who flock to Young Commons every spring to engage in Holi? The Hindu festival of colors attracts countless students across campus in a celebration that involves plenty of paint-throwing and dancing.

Was the Eid dinner and discussion lacking in Instagram-worthy photos?

Food, colors and Instagram photo-taking opportunities don't have to be available for you to engage in a religious celebration that isn't of your own faith.

If those are the factors that determine your participation at an event, then you're overlooking a great opportunity at Elon University — an opportunity to engage in Interfaith

dialogue and understanding.

Considering the university's "Fighting Christians" mascot was changed only 16 years ago, the number of vibrant opportunities we have to engage in various religious, spiritual and nonreligious programming on campus today over such a short span of time is commendable.

Carrie Seigler, the multifaith and intern coordinator at the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, credits this rapid, university-wide shift toward interfaith to strong joint support between the administration and students.

She emphasized that what happened at Elon with regard to adopting interfaith programming is rare and important: Students didn't have to protest or rally for the administration to validate their ideas.

While Seigler added that things are not perfect — for example, she noted that the lack of campus-wide holidays for major celebrations for minority religions on campus that aren't Christian are examples of "Christian

privilege on campus" — she said the administration has remained open and willing to discuss the ways Elon can expand and grow its multifaith community.

Today, Elon has a platform for religious, spiritual and nonreligious programming that allows space for secular, agnostic and atheist questioning.

These initiatives are student-driven, with Truitt Center interns carefully researching and independently organizing events that provide students with the opportunity to engage in their own celebrations and in other traditions the opportunity to learn.

Often, deep thought and planning go into these events, and students should attend them with the intent to learn and display respectful curiosity.

What good are strong, student-driven and robust interfaith initiatives when only a fraction of the community takes advantage of them?

It would be a shame for students to graduate Elon with the same religious biases they may have brought to campus, especially when there are so many opportunities to engage and interact with a variety of religious, nonreligious and spiritual beliefs at Elon.

We attend a university where Eboo Patel, the founder and president of

Interfaith Youth Core, delivered a Baccalaureate address, prompting students to take a stand against Islamophobia, and where a Muslim prayer was read alongside a Christian prayer at a Spring Convocation.

We attend a university that hosts initiatives such as SAGES, a multi-faith, multicultural dialogue program that seeks to engage faculty, staff and students in open dialogue surrounding faith, culture, religion and tradition. And where students can engage in academic discussion and inquiry about several traditions in classes offered by the religious studies department.

In a world where current conflicts stem from religious intolerance, what is happening on this campus is uncommon.

Take advantage of them now because, chances are, these ideas and opportunities aren't available and supported everywhere.

And if hearing a prayer from a religion or belief system aside from your own makes you uncomfortable, that's fantastic.

You're going to face diversity and pluralism in the world beyond Elon anyway — why not start in a safe learning environment where you can display compassionate curiosity?

## Bring back the bagels, Elon



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One of the most beloved traditions at Elon University is College Coffee. And what's not to love? It's a chance to see friends and professors and learn what's happening on campus. It's also a chance for students to get a free snack and some coffee or juice.

There is something a little different about this tradition from past semesters — according to the online schedule, no bagels are being offered at College Coffee this fall.

I recognize that some people may be very happy about this. Everyone has their preference for what is offered, and no bagels means more opportunities for other treats. Some people get excited about the muffins, and others love the doughnut days.

I do enjoy the variety that is offered, but I love it when I walk past Numen Lumen and see bagels and cream cheese on those red-draped tables of Phi Beta Kappa Plaza. College Coffee is advertised on Elon's website as having, "snacks and beverages to sustain everyone until lunch."

Bagels were my favorite because they're generally the only College Coffee option that doesn't give me a sugar rush.

Doughnuts are delicious, but I can almost feel the glaze pumping through my veins in my next class. Bagels were the snack that actually sustained me until lunch.

Elon often reaffirms their desire to set their students up for successful, well-rounded lives. It's part of the reason for the Experiential Learning Requirements.

Professors are constantly encouraging students to take advantage of the Student Professional Development Center, the Center for Writing Excellence and Counseling Services. There are many ways for students to set themselves up for success in their future careers as well as in their personal lives.

Another way students can do that is eating well. So why are the College Coffee options always one step away from desserts? It is not the university's responsibility to make sure we are eating our

vegetables, but I do think that we deserve more.

If Elon is going to encourage students to come to an event, that event should help students — not set them up to crash in their next class. Bagels are not universally healthier than doughnuts, muffins or the occasional cultural celebration snack. But I'm not saying that bagels should be the only baked good offered at College Coffee.

I am saying that I'm disappointed to see the snack that I believe best met the description of the tradition gone from Phi Beta Kappa Plaza.

## Eating alone is perfectly OK



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I just finished my last class of the day, and I'm so intellectually exhausted that I need to replenish my energy with some nourishment. I go to a dining option on campus — it would probably be Varsity in this instance — and get my food. Things get weird, though. The workers behind the counter stare at me with pity. People who walk by my table sneer or even show signs of concern.

I can imagine the thoughts creeping into their heads: Is he OK? Maybe he needs someone to talk to? He's probably just going through a rough time.

I assure you, the only rough time I have while eating alone is when the wrong cheese gets put on my burger, and that's never happened, because the Varsity staff is awesome.

Obviously, I exaggerated the imagery of that anecdote to prove a point. We all seem to subconsciously fear attending public places to eat when we're without company.

When we see someone who does it all alone, we instantly assume the worst: They must be lonely, sad and desperately crying out for help.

Odds are, they're probably just enjoying the fact that nouse people aren't sitting with them while they try to enjoy a meal.

I have heard several people say they always need someone to eat with, or that they take food to go whenever nobody accom-

panies them. There is absolutely nothing wrong with eating alone in public, or eating alone at all for that matter.

It's easy for me to feel this way as someone who leans towards introversion, but everyone should feel the same way when it comes to this.

Our superficial society would have you believe that you can't feel validated as a successful human being with a social life unless you have someone to eat with every single time that you have a meal. That's just absurd, and yet, this notion is subconsciously drilled into our minds so much that we constantly fear eating alone.

We say it's because we're afraid people will notice and judge us. Who really cares, though? We have busy schedules as busy college students and, consequently, odd hours during which we eat. That's nothing to apologize for.

Confidence in oneself and the ability to recognize the fact that being alone in a public space for half an hour doesn't make you alone in the world is nothing to apologize for, either.

As someone who deals with social anxiety, I can tell you firsthand that adopting this attitude is surprisingly liberating and empowering.

Whether you're a freshman just starting to get situated or a senior with no time to breathe, recognize the fact that you are an independent individual who doesn't require the approval of strangers or the consistent company of companions.

So, next time you're out, put that laptop away and stop pretending to do work — we all know that you're just on Facebook anyway — and enjoy the simplest of primitive pleasures: chowing down.

# Stand with American Indians in their time of need



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“Mni Wiconi” — in English, “water is life” — has become the slogan for the protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline that is being constructed in North Dakota — on tribal lands, I might add. Both the project and the protest have received little attention from mainstream media, so I’ll provide some brief background information: The pipeline was approved in July and will span more than 1,000 miles, carrying crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois.

Here’s one of the many problems with this pipeline: If it were to rupture, the environmental impact would heavily affect the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, where the pipeline is being built just outside their reservation. Additionally, the pipeline crosses hundreds of bodies of water in both North and South Dakota, according to an injunction filed by the Standing Rock Sioux against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

On top of the potential — and likely, according to several environmentalists — rupture of this pipeline and the severe effect it could have on the Standing Rock Sioux, the construction of the pipeline threatens to destroy countless sacred sites. Bulldozers already plowed through a sacred burial ground in early September.

The abuse of American Indians peoples on this continent is nothing new. Actually I would argue that abusing American Indians is the United State’s favorite past-time, as it is 2016 and they are still fighting for their rights. Protectors — excuse me, “protesters” — have been pepper sprayed, arrested and bitten by dogs. Those among the bitten included a child and a preg-



An American Indian man participating in the Dakota Access pipeline protest stands in front of a group of demonstrators in North Dakota.

nant woman.

The protesters were unarmed and the security company is yet to be held accountable for attacking peaceful protestors. The United States prides itself on protecting freedom of speech and assembly, but hypocritically, the rhetoric does not apply if you’re an American Indian. As a response to this clear violation of past treaties and tribal sovereignty, more than 100 tribes have gathered at the construction site, with many claiming this to be the largest tribal gathering and protest in U.S. history.

Despite the arrests, dog attacks, pepper spray and even visits by political figures such as Bernie Sanders and Jill Stein, mainstream media has ultimately been silent. This is no surprise, given the content of our history books. American Indian history was swept aside long ago to make way for the “heroic” White Man and his conquest of the wild land. Pioneers, pilgrims, cowboys — all

heroes to the young, white kids who paint turkeys and wear little crayon-colored paper feathers, who get the sanitized version of what happened.

Newsflash: Thanksgiving is a lie, heroic cowboys are a lie and the true founding fathers are not named Washington or Jefferson, — they are named Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, Hiawatha and Tecumseh. The danger in erasing an entire people’s culture, history and identity is evident in U.S. society and a little closer to home than you would think — Elon University.

White girls who dress up as Pocahontas for Halloween. Dream catchers hanging from rearview mirrors as decoration. “Cowboy and Indian” themed parties that are grossly inappropriate and make light of past atrocities, wounds that have not quite healed. Everyone wants to be an Indian until it’s time to be an Indian.

I will change my tone here, because yelling and berating

people will not help the Standing Rock Sioux in their struggle for sovereignty, respect and survival. I mentioned before how mainstream media has left this quagmire of a political situation alone, for the most part, but MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell made a very poignant statement about the founding of this country: “When we finally stopped actively killing American Indians for the crime of living here before us, we then proceeded to violate every treaty we made with the tribes. Every single treaty.”

I understand that there are much bigger issues going on in this country than cultural appropriation.

But I ask that if you want to wear moccasins, hang dream catchers in your rooms and your cars and dress as an “Indian Princess,” you at least stand with Native peoples as they battle to protect and preserve our land and culture — a fight that has persisted

## DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE FACTS

**Location:** The proposed Dakota Access Pipeline would transport crude oil from North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa and into Illinois.

**Benefits:** Project developer, Dakota Access, estimates the pipeline would bring an estimated \$156 million in sales and income taxes to state and local governments as well as add 8,000 to 12,000 construction jobs.

**Backlash:** About 30 environmental groups, including the Sierra Club and Greenpeace, signed a letter to President Barack Obama, slamming the Dakota Access Pipeline.

for centuries.

Educate yourself about the Dakota Access Pipeline and the potential impact that it could have on the environment. The people of the Sacred Stone Camp, the main protest camp and the largest gathering of indigenous tribes in recent history, need donations if they are to continue their resistance.

You can learn more about the camp, needed supplies and recent news regarding the protest at [www.sacredstonecamp.org](http://www.sacredstonecamp.org).

The indigenous people of this land have suffered enough atrocities to last for generations. Stand with American Indians in their time of need. Mni Wiconi.

# Don’t underestimate the power of dating yourself



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We live in a world with seven billion people with millions of likes, dislikes, experiences, interests and hobbies.

But, a lot of times, the very best person with whom you should spend an ample amount of time is yourself.

Where a boyfriend can be too clingy, a close friend can drive you insane and a blind date can make you downright uncomfortable — there’s no one who knows you like yourself.

You tell yourself everything — I could never backstab myself. You know yourself, you love yourself (or at least I do —should you not, I love myself enough for a whole army, so I’ve got that covered for you), and you shouldn’t have to put up with anyone else.

This is why the very best dates I’ve been on in my life were parties of one.

I’ve never been late to a date with myself, never said something that pissed myself

off and yes, we’ve always gone home together after. Did I mention I found my date to be very funny? Things have been going well ever since.

Never underestimate the power of dating yourself.

Dating yourself is an incredibly healthy practice that many people, myself included, have been known to enjoy.

Rebecca Ratner, a professor at the Robert H. Smith School of Business, recently did a study about why people are so reluctant to spend time alone.

She conducted an experiment with a colleague centered around whether folks enjoyed going to an art gallery more by themselves or with another person.

What they found was this: people expected to enjoy the excursion less when they were alone, but they actually tended to have just as good of a time regardless of they were

with someone.

After the hundreds of people surveyed for this study proved that people can and do enjoy social time alone, why are there still so many people afraid to go to a movie alone, walk to get a sandwich by themselves

are desperate to find a friend willing to go to the bathroom with them?

The answer is this: Humans are overly self-conscious. People as a whole tend not to leave their homes and do an activity alone because they don’t want people thinking they’re lame or friendless.

“The reason we think we won’t have fun is because we’re worried about what other people will think,” Ratner said to the New York Times. “We end up staying at home instead of going out to do stuff because we’re afraid others will think they’re a ‘loser.’”

The reality is that humans in this day and

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REBECCA RATNER TO THE NEW YORK TIMES PROFESSOR AT THE ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Former professor of 30 years welcomes new opportunities

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Dressing in drag to benefit Pride

# LIFESTYLE



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor  
Sophomore Maddie Pierce, president of the hunter/jumper equestrian team, rides her horse, Kizzie, at Rosewood Farm in Mebane.

## JOINING THE SADDLE CLUB

Equestrian team works to train horses and compete in shows

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Each week, a group of 20 students travels 30 minutes each way to Rosewood Farm in Mebane. But the distance is worth it to the Elon University equestrian team to participate in riding lessons, care for their horses and prepare for horse shows against other collegiate riders.

**Hunters complete a sequence of jumps in a specific order. Dressage is judged on how well riders and horses execute a series of movements without jumping.**

The club team comprises a group of dedicated riders, all passionate enough about horses to come together and do what they love.

What used to be one large team is now separated into two: dressage and hunter/jumper. Hunters in competition must complete a sequence of jumps in specific order and are placed based on whether the horse knocks over a jump or trots quickly. Dressage is judged on how well riders and horses execute a series of movements without jumping.

“In dressage, working as a team is not possible because every movement is judged. It’s not just your overall performance.”

Over the last several years, the hunter/jumper club team has primarily competed against the likes of Wake Forest University and High Point University. But this semester they enter a new division, where they’ll play schools such as the University of North Carolina school system, Duke University and East Carolina University.

In addition to a new division, the team also welcomes a few new members.

“Since we’re a club sport, we can’t make cuts, so we have a show team,” said sophomore Maddie Pierce, president of the hunter/jumper team. “Everyone has lessons every week, but the show team is a little smaller. We pick and choose whoever’s doing really well in lessons, showing initiative or being good team sports, and we take those riders to shows.”

Last year, the dressage team dropped in popularity and numbers, so sophomore Alex Gaither, president of the dressage team, tried to recruit new members this past semester. This year, she hopes to build an atmosphere that promotes skill development in members and their horses.

“I think this semester is going to be really focused on building team bonding,” Gaither said. “Right now, we don’t have any shows yet. But for us, showing is great, but it’s not the first priority. I feel like the first priority is getting to know each other and the horses and developing your riding.”

“Practice, practice, practice” seems to be



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor

Pierce takes care of Kizzie at the stables after a day of training for Elon’s equestrian team.

the motto of these riders. Pierce heads to the barn at least three hours daily — sometimes longer on the weekends.

This semester offers many new opportunities for Pierce’s team. With 20 horses this year, there’s a chance for more girls to join the team and more opportunities to ride and improve. The hunter/jumper team used to be divided into A and B teams, but has since merged to train at the same barn, united and as a singular team.

This semester, their team will compete in five shows, the first of which is to take place in two weeks at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, North Carolina. Pierce and the coaches look at teamwork, lesson work and ability to determine who is ready to participate in shows.

Many of the team members have been rid-

ing since they were little, and some bring their horses to the barn to ride. But many others join the club completely new to riding, but just as interested, Gaither said.

For the equestrian team, riding and their weekly trips to the barn becomes a stress-reliever, as seeing their horses for even a few hours at a time can instantly improve their moods.

“Going out to the barn and having this experience with a horse is just amazing, because I know my horse,” Gaither said. “I can tell when they’re in a good mood. I can tell when they’re in a bad mood. It’s sort of like a dog, where they know that they love you and you love them, and you just want to love on them all the time.”

Aside from all the accolades and horse shows they’ve participated in, the Elon equestrian teams have created strong bonds of friendship that helped improve these girls’ college lives for the better, while simply doing what they love.

“Riding has always been a part of my life, and I can’t ever see myself not riding, so getting plugged into a group of people that love the same thing as me — an instant group of friends — was really cool,” Pierce said.

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**ALEX GAITHER**  
DRESSAGE TEAM PRESIDENT

# FINDING ZEN

Iron Tree Blooming Meditation Club acts as de-stresser for students

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Classes have been in session for nearly a month, and amid the papers and projects, one Elon University club is searching for positivity.

As students bustled across campus, yammering about this and that assignment, 26 others sat in a circle, coming together to share in peace. The Iron Tree Blooming club takes members and guests on a journey practicing meditation.

Every Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in the McBride Gathering Space at Numen Lumen, those who wish to take part will be met with guided and silent meditation, often practicing outside when the weather permits.

The sessions typically last 30-45 minutes in total, and all are welcome. In addition, on the second Sunday of every month, a Zen teacher comes for a longer, more formal sitting.

“When you sit with other people, you get this energy,” said senior Cayley Gosnell, treasurer of Iron Tree Blooming. “It’s accepting, inclusive and an idea of self-reflection — loving yourself and loving others.”

According to Iron Tree Blooming’s website, the club was founded to provide a space where anyone could come practice as a family.

In 1999, Brian Keating ’01 took professor Barbara Gordon’s “Zen and Writing” course, where his interest was first piqued. The two went on to create Iron Tree Blooming, which was recognized by SGA as an official organization in 2001.

Keating was the club’s first leader, establishing it as an environment rooted in the Japanese Rinzai Zen tradition. It’s affiliated with the North Carolina Zen Center, and is one of the oldest and longest-running organizations at Elon.

Today, sessions tend to begin with a lighthearted conversation, facilitated by a question of the day and a reminder of the principles that they will be sharing.

“Let’s go around and say your name, year and favorite mythological creature,” said junior Chris Bertrand, president of Iron Tree Blooming, at the last meeting.

Bertrand lightly tapped the gong, and those in the circle proceeded to close their eyes, breathe deeply and begin meditating. He gave instructions on posture and reminders to focus on the senses present, one of the main goals of Zen mediation. After that, there were 10 minutes of silence.

Bertrand tapped the gong once more, and everyone bowed toward the center. Then, he led the group in a reading.

“What am I?” he asked the group. “Most of us define ourselves in relation to the events we perceive as external to ourselves — ‘I am this because I do this, because I like this’ — so being is then contingent upon external events. Reality exists beyond events. To experience this is Zen.”

According to Bertrand, the purpose of holding these weekly meetings is to spread mindfulness and give students an outlet to take some time to de-stress while learning about another cultural practice.

“Iron Tree Blooming’s name is rooted in a Zen koan, which is a way of saying that language doesn’t always adequately express our experiences,” he said. “Koans are ways that Zen masters say ‘become enlightened,’ because they’re supposed to allude to a nonverbal world. Words can’t fully describe our everyday experiences.”

The club itself, as part of Rinzai Zen, uses koans to try to achieve enlightenment.

“It’s a guide to become awakened. And with Rinzai, you’re focusing through the senses — through koans,” Bertrand said.

It’s experiencing and learning, and those who practice get out of it what they put into it.

Along this path toward enlightenment, there are also several mental and physical health benefits through the practice.

“I found that I have increased awareness in everyday life,” Bertrand said. “I’m able to hold my concentration more. I don’t get stressed out as much, and when I do get stressed, I have a foundation to fall into.”



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Students sit in a circle near Numen Lumen Pavilion to meditate and de-stress from a week of classes and work.



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Chris Bertrand (center), president of Iron Tree Blooming, leads the group in meditation exercises.

# Making Disney magic during the semester

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When she was 12 years old, senior Reagan Ogle, wearing her “Priscilla and Dana’s Dance Studio” T-shirt, was exiting the Winnie the Pooh ride in Disney World when a Disney character approached her and asked to dance.

Ogle was shocked.

At the time, she felt discouraged and as if she wasn’t getting anywhere with dance. She said she couldn’t dance in the middle of the Winnie the Pooh store.

“He said, ‘No, no. Come on.’ And he started dancing with me in the store,” Ogle said. “He just made me feel really special and told me I should never stop chasing my dreams, and I shouldn’t let other people tell me I can or can’t do things. He just really changed my life in that moment.”

Ogle later found out the employee was a dancer in parades as part of the Disney College Program, an opportunity to take classes at Disney University and work at the park for a semester.

“Then I watched the parade and I saw him and I thought, ‘I really want to do this. I really want to make someone else feel this way,’” Ogle said.

Today as part of the same program, she works as a Fairy Godmother In-Training at the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique in the Magic Kingdom for the fall semester.

Ogle spends between six and eight hours a day doing hair, makeup and nails on girls from 3 to 12 years old. Using “Ariel’s Jellyfish Jelly” and “Elsa’s Freeze Spray,” she transforms them into mini-princesses before spinning them around in a chair so they can see their makeup for the first time.

“They’ve got pixie dust all over,” Ogle said.

“Their hair is done. They have a beautiful ball gown and the photographer is taking a picture of their expression. That’s the most magical moment — because that’s when they truly see themselves.”

Ogle isn’t the only Elon student working at Disney this semester — junior Mara Wilson is spending her Disney days dancing in parades.

After two rounds of online applications and a phone interview to be accepted into the program, Wilson auditioned to be a character performer. After three rounds of dance sessions, she was accepted.

Wilson had intense rehearsals for two days to learn the moves for the two different parades she performs in throughout the day, and she was also cast in the Christmas Castle Show.

“Almost every day is different because I can do so many things, so whatever they need me for during the day, I do it,” Wilson said. “My role is global unless I’m scheduled for a certain park that day.”

In the morning, Wilson greets at the park before getting ready for a parade, performing for an hour, taking a one-hour break and getting ready for another show.

Though Ogle and Wilson aren’t playing specific roles at Disney, their musical theatre involvement at Elon still helped prepare them for the program.

“Having a musical theatre background has helped me because I have to learn lines and how to work on my feet quickly,” Ogle said. “If a problem happens or I have to respond in a certain way, musical theater has helped me with my intuition.”

In addition to having free admission to the park during their free time, they are also taking classes at Disney University. Ogle is taking a Disney human resources class and a Disney entertainment class, while Wilson is taking Disney Heritage I and Disney Heritage II,



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARA WILSON  
Junior Mara Wilson gives Stitch a kiss at Disney World during her time off from dancing in parades.

which she said is the history of Disney and its science of happiness.

Both girls agree that the Disney College Program is a great to have on a resume.

What Wilson finds most incredible is the opportunity for growth in all areas of a park. She’s seen people who have been there for 30 years — beginning with pushing buttons for “It’s a Small World” to becoming an ambassador for Disney World.

“A lot of people ask me, ‘If I do the Disney college program, am I going to lose the magic of Disney?’” Wilson said. “I appreciate it more now than I ever did before, because I know how much it takes and how many people it takes to get the show running, and it’s just a magic of its own.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF REAGAN OGLE  
Senior Reagan Ogle, left, turns little girls into princesses at the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique.



## Elon Eats: Just like mom makes it

Little Italy brings the tastes of Southern Italy to Burlington

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Next time you’re craving a big bowl of pasta, skip Olive Garden and head across the street.

Located in the Target shopping plaza at 1441 C. University Drive, Little Italy stands with a plain storefront, sandwiched in the strip mall between two identical-looking buildings. But customers who venture in won’t be disappointed.

From the thick Italian accent of the server who enthusiastically greets patrons when they walk through the door to the perfectly crunchy-on-the-outside, chewy-on-the-inside bread served with olive oil and herb dip (the ingredients are a secret recipe, so don’t bother asking), customers know they are in for a great meal.

Restaurant owner Gino Carannante immigrated to the United States from Bacoli, Italy, a small coastal town 30 miles west from Naples, in 1996. In 2000, he moved to Winston-Salem and worked in a restaurant as the main chef for seven years before opening Little Italy with his cousin.

Family is important to Carannante and has always been the focus of the family-run restaurant. It was cooking with his family as a child that sparked his love for food.

“My mom was a stay-home mom, and that’s where I got my passion for cooking,”



Little Italy offers pizza, chewy bread served with olive oil and a variety of authentic Italian pasta dishes.

Carannante said. “All those nice memories of having her around and cooking those nice meals — memories come back with the smelling of the food.”

With more than 20 classic and baked pasta dishes on the menu, pasta is definitely first choice. The gnocchi bolognese is always a crowd pleaser, while the linguine pescatore is Carannante’s personal favorite.

Little Italy’s menu is heavily inspired by the foods of Carannante’s childhood and reminds him of his mother.

“It has a lot of flavors and brings back a lot of memories from when my mom used to cook,” Carannante said.

But he is quick to defend the other

dishes on his menu.

“I won’t serve anything I won’t eat,” he said.

Carannante’s care and love for his restaurant and Italian cuisine is apparent in each bite of food.

Childhood favorites, such as spaghetti and meatballs, are simple yet elevated, with a clean plating style and few garnishes to distract from the essence of the dish. The thick, homemade pasta is homey and hearty, the sauce rich and flavorful.

The gnocchi lives up to its promises, tender but chewy in a tasty sauce, but it is the cheese ravioli that is the star of the day. Bathing in a sea of marinara sauce, like the spaghetti, its simplicity is effective.

Patrons have four sauce options: alfredo, tomato, marinara or meat sauce, as well as garlic and olive oil. The prices are surprisingly low for the high quality of the food — most pastas run about \$12, give or take a few bucks, and lunchtime patrons have several specials on the lunch menu.

The restaurant also serves pizza, subs, salads and soups. For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free pasta and pizza are served on request.

With an extensive menu, there’s something for everyone, but Carannante hopes to expand his clientele base from regulars to include more Elon University students, and to encourage reinvesting into local businesses in the community.

“We’re not a chain — we’re family-owned, and I have my family eating here as well,” he said. “We always stand up to the quality of our product and make sure it’s the best ingredient — the best quality food — that we can offer to students.”

While Carannante doesn’t see himself opening a second restaurant in the near future, expansion plans include remodeling and working with Elon to get a Biobus stop near the restaurant.

“It could help us get more business from Elon students if they have the opportunity to get to us, because I understand a lot of freshmen do not have a car,” Carannante said.

With the current Biobus situation, students without a car can ride the University Drive line Wednesday-Sunday to Target and walk to the restaurant.

But if you’re craving authentic flavors and great tastes, the walk to Little Italy from the bus stop is well worth it. This restaurant is no impasta.

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# SPORTS

## ELON BEGINS MOVE TO UNDER ARMOUR

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Elon's men's soccer team has had a few  
"hiccups" in its transition to Under Armour.

A month in, a few 'gentle hiccups' show strength of apparel partnership

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It's been a month since Elon University athletic teams began competition in the 2016-2017 school year, which marked the beginning of Elon's apparel partnership with Under Armour.

**The men's soccer and volleyball team have been having the biggest issues with the apparel partnership with Under Armour.**

relationship between the school and company has been great.

"They've been outstanding with getting the equipment that we needed," Blank said. "I would give it an A right now. The relationship's been really well."

But the move to the Maryland-based apparel company hasn't been perfect. Blank described some of the issues as "gentle hiccups."

"In trying to take your time to get everything right, you're making a wholesale change," Blank said. "Sizes don't always match up. Equipment doesn't match to what you're used to having. So we're having some of those things."

The volleyball and men's soccer teams appear to have the biggest issues. According to Elon, Under Armour does not make volleyball shoes, so the team is wearing different brands.

Under Armour does make soccer cleats, but the team is not cur-

rently wearing them. The majority of the team has been wearing either Nike or Adidas because of two main issues with the cleats: sizing and availability.

The sizes haven't matched perfectly for some athletes, and there's been one player whose foot is larger than any shoe Under Armour initially supplied to Elon. The other issue is the sole of the cleat cannot be removed, which is a problem for players who want to replace them with custom-made, orthotic soles. The customization issue is something of which Blank is understanding.

"In athletics, and maybe in life, everything fits everyone differently," Blank said. "When it's really meticulous to you as an athlete, you need something to fit the way it's supposed to fit before you're comfortable in it. There's not only a sizing process, but also a breaking-in process to make sure that everything operates the way it's supposed to."

While Elon's contract with Under Armour is unavailable, and the company said a spokesperson is

not available at this time to discuss the contract, 10 agreements signed in the past decade between Under Armour and public universities all have clauses stating that, in the case that the company's cleats aren't available, athletes can wear other cleats, as long as the other company's logos are "covered."

Elon hasn't done that, but Blank said Under Armour is aware of the other cleats and — because of the transition — doesn't take issue with it.

"Everything we're doing with this transition is in communication with Under Armour," Blank said. "They know exactly what's going on. Taking our time to transition is important, but it's not like we're not getting there."

Blank hopes the transition will take only one year before full implementation, saying, "I can't gauge a spring sport in the fall." He also said the implementation process will happen each year with each incoming freshmen class, but appreciates Under Armour's comprehension of that.

"You're always going to have

new athletes. It's a situation where, 'How do you treat that?'" Blank said. "I think that's the importance of having a company like Under Armour that says, 'Tell us what the concerns are, even by the individual, because we want to work through that.'

"I think, in this situation, having enough time in advance to prepare for any of those types of issues that might come up, those are the things that you don't anticipate well enough. Now that we've got through that, particularly with fall sports, our transition for the next-year, first-year student-athletes can begin much earlier."

And while some in the athletic department have been worried about the transition period, Blank firmly believes all is well.

"There's no reason for anyone to worry about anything on this, because we are working so well with Under Armour," Blank said. "It's not like there's an agenda, or something to hide. I don't get that sense from anybody — even our student-athletes. They all feel like the product is going to be great."

JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer  
**Under Armour doesn't make volleyball shoes, which explains why Elon's volleyball team has been wearing Mizunos.**



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WOMEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

 Sept. 15  
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Home Sept. 23  
7 p.m. 

Home Sept. 25  
1 p.m. 

MEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

 Sept. 17  
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Away Sept. 24  
7 p.m. 

VOLLEYBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

 Bulldog Invitational  
Sept. 16-17  
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2 p.m. 

FOOTBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

 Sept. 17  
26-3 

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 SPORTS BRIEFS

Volleyball wins 3 of 4 in Bulldog Invitational

The Elon University volleyball team finished its slate of nonconference tournaments by going 3-1 in The Citadel's Bulldogs Invitational Sept. 16-17.

The Phoenix won both matches on Friday — against Savannah State University and The Citadel — by 3-0 scores, extending its winning streak to nine matches. Elon lost its first match on Saturday to Austin Peay University 3-1 to end the streak, but beat Charleston Southern University 3-0 later that day.

With just one nonconference match remaining on its schedule, the 13-3 Phoenix turns to Colonial Athletic Association play, starting against James Madison University 7 p.m. Friday night in Alumni Gym.

Men's tennis begins fall with strong showing

The Elon University men's tennis team began its fall season split between the Duke University James Bonk Invite and the East Carolina University Shootout Sept. 14-16.

At East Carolina, senior Petar Tomic swept his way through the Pirate Ship Singles draw, winning in the finals against College of Charleston junior Ryan Khan 7-5, 4-6 and 10-6.

Sophomore Felipe Sarrasague was Elon's biggest bright spot at Duke, winning three matches in the White Singles draw before losing in the finals. After losing his opening match, sophomore Mario Paccini bounced back to win the Consolation Finals in the Blue Singles Draw, going 3-1.

Cross country runners grab CAA awards

A pair of Elon University cross country runners were named Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Runners of the Week Sept. 13.

On the men's side, freshman Richie Kasper was named CAA Men's Runner of the Week after finishing second in the Elon Invitational Sept. 10. Kasper ran the eight-kilometer race in 27:07, leading Elon to a first-place finish.

Sophomore Coralea Geraniotis was the winner on the women's side of the Elon Invitational, finishing the five-kilometer race in 18:48. Elon swept the race, and Geraniotis was honored with the Women's Runner of the Week.

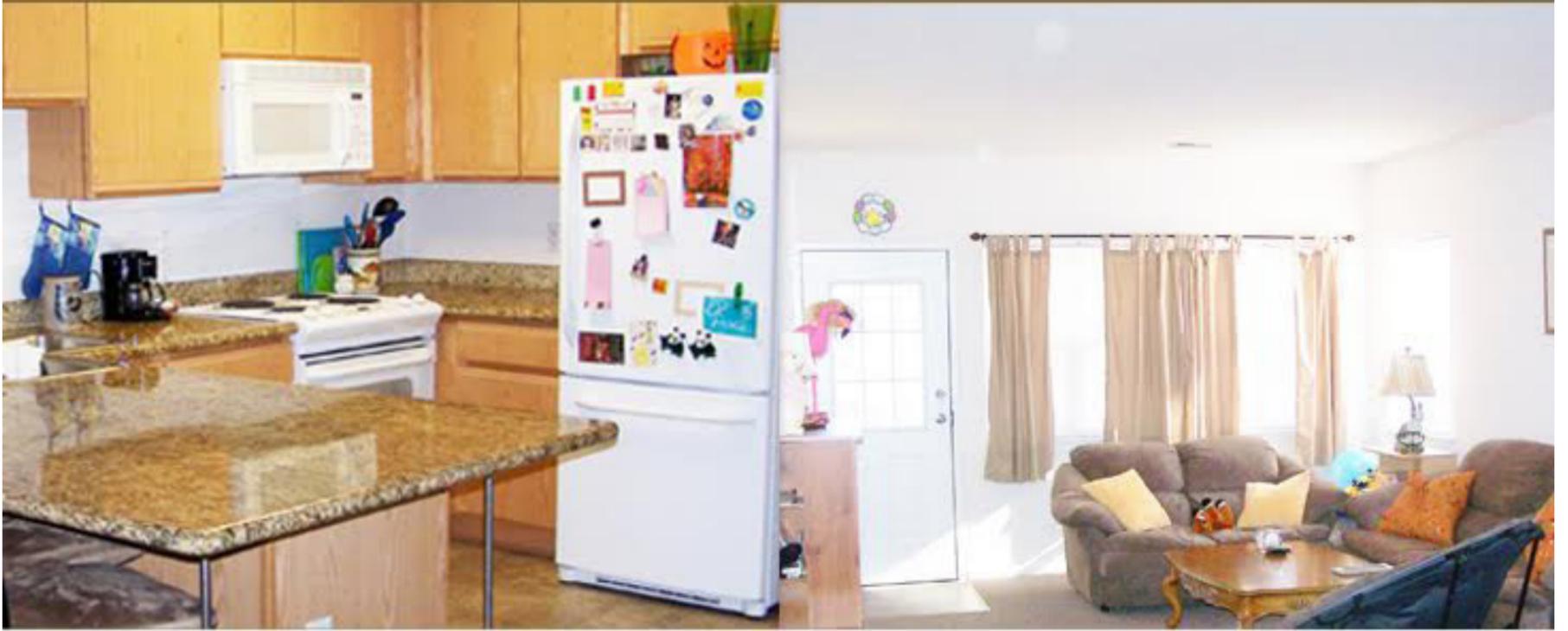
Men's golf finishes last in Tennessee tournament

The Elon University men's golf team finished in last place out of 14 schools at the Franklin American Mortgage Intercollegiate at The Grove tournament Sept. 18-20.

As a team, the Phoenix finished 64 shots over par (306-310-312--928), ending up 24 shots behind the next finisher.

Freshman William Harwood (76-74-76--226) and junior Charlie May (77-77-72--226) tied for the team lead, each shooting 10 over par.

The men's golf team will next compete Oct. 8-9 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Tar Heel Invitational. Elon will then host the Phoenix Invitational Oct. 17-18 at the Alamance Country Club.



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