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Celebrating the Class of 2010



Seniors Catherine Siegel, Michelle Murphy, Mariah Koster and Jennifer Kennedy pose under the commemorative balloon archway at the Senior Picnic Wednesday. The picnic was held at the Moseley Center Green and students and faculty joined to celebrate commencement.

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Softball captures first-ever SoCon crown

Pam Richter
Editor-in-Chief

As the regionals for the 2010 NCAA softball tournament were announced, the Elon University softball team erupted in cheers when they saw that it would not face the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament, the University of Alabama. After being one of the final regionals announced and watching other teams learn their fates in the NCAA tournament, the Phoenix finally found out where it would be headed in the first round — Athens, Ga.

But for a team who captured its first-ever Southern Conference tournament win, which resulted in an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament, it was worth the wait.

"This was 10 years in the making," Elon head coach Patti Raduenz said. "We have a young team this year that has put in the hours, that has worked hard, stayed positive."

Raduenz is in her 10th season coaching the Phoenix, and this year the team recorded a program-best 38 wins.

"They have the passion day in and day out," Raduenz said. "I have two of the best assistant coaches in the country that help me bring the best out of these players."

The Phoenix found itself in the Athens Regional, along with Radford University, Florida State University and its first-game opponent, the University of Georgia. The Phoenix's first game of the tournament was at 5 p.m. Friday, May 21 against the Bulldogs.

Sixty-four teams in the NCAA softball tournament are broken into 16 regionals. The winner of each

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Recent graduates get creative with job search

Camille DeMere
Online Programs Director

Graduation day isn't a scary day. Don't believe it? Last year on graduation day, '09 graduates might not have bought it either. According to a survey from National Association of Colleges and Employers, only 19.7 percent of graduates last year had a job by the time they walked across the stage. The association reported this spring that employers plan to hire about 6 percent more graduates this year than last.

But some Elon University seniors will still toss their caps in the air today without knowing what exactly the job market holds. What do 2009 alumni say to that? Don't worry.

"People focus too much on after college," 2009 graduate Alex Nickodem said. "They should be making this much or have this job. Some of the happiest people I've seen now are working for AmeriCorps or different non profits."

When he received his diploma last year Nickodem had a few job offers, but decided not to take any of them.

"I didn't want to jump into an entry level job just for

the sake of have a job," he said. "I had to sit and think and pray about where I should be."

And he decided where he should be was in Buena Vista, Colo., working with two friends from Elon for Noah's Ark, a whitewater rafting company. He was a cook, combining his love of bringing people together over meals with taking time to find himself.

"I had four years of college and feel like the time frame is really man made," he said.

Nickodem spent the winter working at Copper Mountain Ski Resort in Summit City, Colo. and was considering returning to Noah's Ark for another season. But that changed when he applied for the Phoneathon Coordinator position at University Advancement, and put plans in motion to return to his home of four years.

"If there's anything people make fun of me because I like it so much, it's Elon," he said. "I never had a true amount of responsibility as this, so being around Elon is pretty awesome place to have the adventure."

Lindsay Borousch is now a special assistant on the climate initiative, but she was another senior without a job last May. She turned to the connections she made during her last semester. The representative she worked

for at the North Carolina General Assembly reached out to the political network in Washington, D.C. After two phone interviews and an in-person interview, the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in the capital offered her a job.

"I lucked out timing-wise," she said.

The week that the job offer was finalized was also her last week working for the North Carolina General Assembly. She started the job just two days after the offer.

"I felt really lucky because D.C. is one of the larger alumni associations," Borousch said. "My roommate has even helped some people in my graduating class get jobs."

Borousch said recent graduates should remember that even if they don't have a job, they shouldn't let their resume have a blank spot. She suggests volunteering or working a summer job, so a potential boss doesn't ask the graduate to explain six months of not doing anything.

"Your first job might not be your dream job — not everyone finds that their first year out, but don't be deterred," she said. "If you put in your time, you will get to where you want to be."

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Preparation, strategy go into developing graduation rain plan

Andie Diemer
Senior Reporter

When new students first arrive at Elon University, they meet Under the Oaks with all of their future classmates and President Leo Lambert, who makes a promise that they will meet again in the same spot four years later for graduation. But in the event that commencement cannot be held outside because of weather, Lambert may have to make a compromise on his promise.

Executive director of Cultural & Special Programs Jeff Clark said 11,000 chairs, for the estimated number of guests that will be attending, will be set up for graduation outside. But if it rains, graduation will be moved inside to Alumni and Jordan gyms, where each graduate will only be allowed two guests to accompany them because of a lack of space. All other guests can visit various locations around campus, such as LaRose Digital Theatre, McCrary Theatre and Yeager Recital Hall, which will have a direct feed of the broadcast of the two gyms.

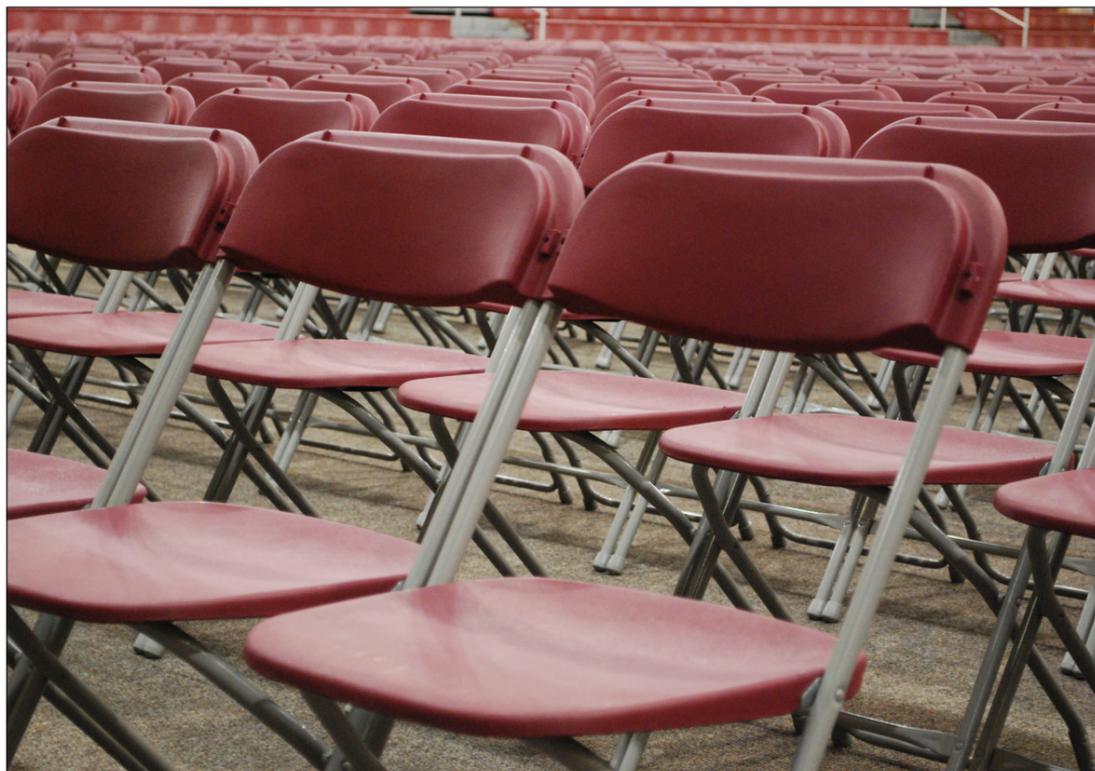
"The reason we want to be outside is because we accommodate everyone in the ceremony that way, and the ceremony will be done in its full glory outside," Clark said. "We have to keep it on that day and on campus because it's where the students spent their years here. It's a tradition — it's more meaningful."

Clark and his team work on commencement all year long, with a bulk of the job being completed during the three months leading up to May 22. Their preparation must include a strategy in case it rains, which includes the set up of alternate chairs, venues, air conditioners and catering, all of which have to be calculated into their costs.

While Clark said they make every effort to hold commencement outside, the final call will be made very early Saturday morning.

If they decide to move it inside, where it hasn't been held since 1998, the students would go to Jordan Gym as originally planned. But instead of moving outside to Under the Oaks, they would stay there as their guests filled Alumni Gym, which can hold around 2,500 people. The graduates would stay seated in Jordan Gym and then filter into Alumni Gym to walk across the stage and receive their diploma in front of the guests and then exit back to Jordan Gym as their classmates receive their degrees.

George Troxler, former dean of Cultural & Special Programs, said there has always been a rain plan, but as the number of students graduating grew, the plan had to change to accommodate the number of guests. First they excluded faculty from attending, then they tried to add more chairs and



Chairs await graduates in Alumni and Jordan Gyms in the event of rain on graduation day. The chairs were set up in advance, in case of rain.

ALEX TRICE | Photographer

other smaller changes, but it wasn't enough for the number of people they anticipated to attend.

"We had to rewrite everything last year, and I think that solution is the best thing we can do to preserve the ceremony," Troxler said.

By taking the graduates out of Alumni Gym, they were able to open up more space for those watching the graduates.

Both gyms will be outfitted with cameras and screens so they are able to broadcast to each other and on Elon TV around campus. Faculty members with the last name A-H will be permitted into commencement, while other faculty will host guests as they watch in the additional buildings or will hand Oak saplings out to students as they leave graduation. The post-graduation reception that is normally held on Scott Plaza will then be moved to buildings where the various schools are located.

Graduates will also not receive their real

diplomas inside, but instead a folder with instructions on where to obtain it, since there is not enough time to shift all of the diplomas in the correct order over to the gym. The graduates can pick their diplomas up at their respective reception after commencement.

Clark said if a decision is made to go with the rain plan, everything will change, but the workload will be spread out over many people to ensure it runs smoothly. Announcements will be made on the radio and on TV. As of May 17, chairs had already been set up in the alternate locations to completely prepare for the event.

If the ceremony has already started outside and then needs to be moved inside, an announcement will be made and the rain plan will go into action. If there are fewer than 100 diplomas left to distribute, the remaining students will be taken inside of West Parlor where they will receive them.

Updated weather information will also be available by calling 336-278-RAIN (7246).

Ground breaks on various construction projects for summer

Jack Dodson
News Editor

Construction will be underway at Elon University when students return for classes in the fall, according to Neil Bromilow, director of planning, design and construction management.

In addition to three dormitories being added to the Colonnades and five Greek houses to the Loy Center, Bromilow said, the summer will also bring renovations to Alumni Gym and Latham Park, the completion of the railroad tunnel and drilling for geothermal wells behind Koury Business Center.

Alumni Gym will be renovated with theater-style seating, upgraded lighting, new sound and video equipment, reorganized coaches offices, a new entrance and an outdoor plaza. The project is scheduled for completion at the end of the summer of 2011.

Latham Park will see upgrades, too, as FieldTurf will replace the grass playing field the baseball team now uses.

Colonnades will see the beginning stages of construction during the summer as ground will break on three new buildings: C, D and E, which Bromilow said in a previous interview will be more dorm style than the current Colonnades residence halls.

Construction has all ready begun on five Greek houses in the Loy Center. Both the Colonnades and the

Loy Center projects have a planned completion of fall 2011.

The new quad in the Colonnades created by the addition of three buildings will be the location of 112 geothermal wells, Bromilow said. This will be a source of power for the new housing, and drilling for the wells will begin this summer.

Bromilow said the wells are part of an energy system for the Colonnades approved by the Board of Trustees during the spring meeting, and they are 140 feet deep. He said they won't be standard on all new construction projects because they can get in the way.

"When they drill all these holes in the ground, they have to connect them with a pipe, and the pipes have to run to a pump house," he said.

Any new construction in the area would require digging up the pipes, he said, so it's not necessarily something that will occur with all new construction.

For Bromilow, the upcoming summer is an important one because it's a construction-heavy one. He said he is excited for summer 2011 because it will be a summer where a lot of the construction projects are completed and many beds will be added to campus.

"This summer is one of building things and next summer is one of turning over," Bromilow said. "Every summer you open up a whole bunch of residence hall beds, it's exciting."



Construction has begun in the Loy Center. Neil Bromilow, director of planning, design and construction management, said five new Greek houses will be added. The scheduled completion date is fall of 2011.

PAM RICHTER | Photographer

Al-Majali gives commencement speech for 2010 graduates

Jack Dodson
News Editor

Early in 2010, Laith Al-Majali received a call from Leo Lambert, the president of Elon University, offering him the chance to give the Class of 2010 commencement address — five years after he graduated from Elon.

“It was quite humbling and an honor to me,” Al-Majali said. “It will be cool, you know, five years after graduating and giving the speech.”

As a 2005 alumnus, Al-Majali received Elon’s Young Alumni of the Year award in fall 2008 after producing and editing the Jordanian film “Captain Abu Raed,” which went on to win an audience award for dramatic world cinema at the Sundance Film Festival in 2008.

Growing up in Jordan, he was the first recipient of a scholarship from Queen Noor of Jordan to come to Elon in 2000. He said he abandoned plans to go to a military institute when he got the scholarship.

“It was kind of like the natural thing to do, to join a military academy or something like that,” Al-Majali said. “To leave Jordan and study in the U.S., I really needed the scholarship to do that.”

He came as a broadcast major to Elon, trying to eventually get to the film industry. He went to Los Angeles through Elon programs and spent much of his time in the School of Communications editing bays, but he still involved himself in clubs.

Al-Majali was a Leadership Fellow on top of being involved in an international relations club and Model United Nations. On top of everything, he had a theatre minor.

He said it was during his time in the Elon in Los Angeles program that he met the producer and writer of “Captain Abu Raed” and was offered a chance to work on the project. A year after that, he said, he moved to Los Angeles.

Al-Majali said he helped develop the story of the movie with the writer, Amin Matalqa, and had different roles throughout filming. He helped coordinate shooting in Jordan and edited the movie in post-production.

Then, in 2008, the film won its audience award at Sundance.

“It was crazy,” Al-Majali said. “Having made a film in Jordan, people were already doubting us.”

He said despite the fact people had been doubting the project because of its origin, Sundance led to larger distribution for the film. The hesitation people had before about the film went away when it won the audience award.

Being from Jordan gave him a unique perspective



FILE PHOTO
Laith Al-Majali is a member of Elon’s Class of 2005 from Amman, Jordan. He majored in Communications and minored in Theatre at Elon. After graduation he produced and edited the film “Captain Abu Raed.”

at Elon, Al-Majali said. In a school that was beginning to develop a focus on global awareness, he had a heritage that set him apart from many students.

“I came with a whole different set of values and different cultural ideas,” he said. “I was the only Jordanian guy on campus.”

Al-Majali was at Elon during September 11, 2001. It was during his first two weeks as a freshman, and he was the only Arab student.

He said there were stereotypes and the threat of hate crimes during the time, but it also afforded an opportunity for him to talk about the Middle East

with people on campus.

“That kind of helped me to get people to know me at school,” he said.

For him, the move for Elon to become more globally focused was an important one. He said as the world becomes increasingly connected through tools like the Internet, universities need to recognize that and adapt to it. He said it’s about understanding the world.

“You’ve got the Elon bubble, and sometimes you’re stuck there,” he said. “You don’t know what’s going on. I’m all about bursting that bubble.”



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Commencement 2010 questions

Q: Where are the bathrooms?

There are bathrooms in McEwen Communications, McEwen Dining, and Alamance and Long buildings.

Q: Where do the different graduates sit?

B.A.: They will sit on the audience's left, near the McEwen Dining building, and a portion will sit in the front row on the audience's right, near Whitley Auditorium.

B.F.A.: They will sit on the audience's right near Whitley Auditorium.

B.S.: They will sit on the audience's right near Whitley Auditorium.

Q: Can I order a DVD or VHS of graduation?

Yes, there are two booths set up by Elon Television where copies can be purchased. One booth is Under the Oaks and one is near Fonville Fountain. ETV also has DVDs and tapes of Baccalaureate, M.B.A. and law graduations.

Q: Are professional photos available?

Yes, a professional photographer will take photos of students as they receive their diplomas. The proofs will be sent to each graduate's home address within two weeks.

Q: Can I take photos?

The letter of the last name of the graduates currently on stage will be held up in the photo area to the right of the stage. When the graduate's letter is held up, the photographer can enter the photo area to the right of the stage.

Q: Where is the first aid station?

It's beneath the tent between Whitley Auditorium and the parking lot.

Q: Is there a special needs section?

Yes, there is a special needs section located on the left side of the audience near McEwen Communications Building. Individuals with special needs are allowed to have their



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families sit with them. They can also watch the ceremony from inside of McEwen Communications Building.

Q: Where do I meet my graduate after the ceremony?

There will be signs for each of the academic departments above the tables located in front of Alamance. All attendees should meet near the sign of their student's academic major.

Q: Where is the Campus Safety and Police communications center?

It will be located in the tent with first aid between Whitley

Auditorium and the parking lot.

Q: Where is the lost and found?

During the ceremony, lost items should be taken to the information table at the back of the graduation site. After the ceremony, lost and found items will be in the Campus Safety and Police office in the Oaks apartments.

Q: Where can I find water during the ceremony?

Water stations are located behind the seating Under the Oaks.

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4,849 students	4,995 students
60 percent female	59 percent female
40 percent male	41 percent male
Student to faculty ratio: 14.2	Student to faculty ratio: 13.4
381 graduate students	671 graduate students
tuition \$20,171	tuition \$25,159
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Commencement makes the move to Under the Oaks

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

Vickie Somers was on a mission. Her position was in the purchasing department, and it was her job to find 5,000 chairs for commencement. But they weren't just any 5,000 chairs. Every one of them had to be the same color, and this was proving to be a challenge.

Somers remembered she had a friend at Duke University, also in purchasing, and she gave her a call. From her, Somers found a company in Durham with enough chairs. There were only "Duke blue" ones.

"At least they were all the same color," she said. "We used those for several years."

The year was 1987, and Elon University was attempting its first commencement Under the Oaks.

Previously, the ceremony had been held inside Alumni Gym, where there was no air conditioning and seating was limited.

Then-Provost Warren Board introduced the idea of moving graduation, and the conversation began.

"Board encouraged a lot of discussion," said Ron Klepcyk, dean of student affairs at the time. "He insisted we do commencement outside."

Once the decision was made, Elon staff had to decide how commencement would operate in a different location. Those involved had to assess how things were done inside and look at how that translated to an outdoor setting, evaluating each person's responsibilities.

"I don't think students realize how many people it took to pull that off," Somers said. "It was all hands on deck."

Klepcyk was in charge of getting the students across the stage in a speedy manner.

Registrar Mark Albertson and the rest of the office had reign over the diplomas, making sure they were in alphabetical order and ready to be handed to the graduates during the ceremony.

The graduates had to be assembled in Whitley, brought out through the front door and filed into commencement from the back. Every move had to be mapped out.

"It was pretty uneventful," said George Troxler, then-director of cultural programs.

One big advantage of sitting outside was the seating. Without the limitations predefined by the structure of a building, Elon could add enough chairs to accommodate



Faculty members greet students before graduation in 1987. Students walk through the receiving line before taking their seats for the ceremony.

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everyone who wanted to come.

Throughout the years, commencement has been able to grow from 5,000 chairs in 1987 to around 11,500 chairs today.

Moving outside didn't come without its challenges, though.

Without a covering, weather became a factor.

"We focused from the beginning on the rain plan," Troxler said.

Only once since moving Under the Oaks has the university had to put such plans into use. In 1999, commencement had to be moved to Alumni Gym.

"It was crazy," Albertson said. "The hardest part was that it was the first time in my memory that we had to make an adjustment. Any time it's the first time, it always catches you off-guard, even with good planning."

Somers said everyone learned more from having to adjust that year than they every could have from planning.

Every other year, the weather has always come through for the graduates, as it did that first year.

"We've had really good luck," Klepcyk said. "But we all held our breath for that first one (outside)."



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During the 1987 graduation, plans had to be made to accommodate for changes in weather.



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There were 5,000 chairs at the first graduation Under the Oaks in 1987. Today there are about 11,500 chairs.

Tradition uncovered: The Elon oak sapling

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

In 1991 Furman Moseley, Elon University alumnus and tree farmer in California, spoke at commencement. Along with his speech, he brought a gift that would live on in Elon history forever — tree saplings for the graduates to take with them as they scattered across the country and the globe.

"Each graduate got a redwood sapling," said George Troxler, the director of cultural programs at the time. "It was the same idea as now — of spreading Elon — but it just wasn't using an oak sapling."

The very next year, the tradition of the oak sapling began, with a switch in tree type. The graduates now receive nuttall oak saplings, a species of oak chosen specifically for its characteristics.

"They are one of the most hardy and the most adaptable oaks," said Tom Flood, the superintendent of landscaping and grounds. "These trees get taken all over the country."

While the oaks are hardy, they do not all end as grown trees. Sometimes,

the saplings do not make it past youth.

Landscaping hears all kinds of reasons for dead saplings, including "My dog ate my tree," Flood said.

For that very reason, he said Elon takes the left over saplings and plants them in 1-gallon pots to grow as replacements. That way, when alumni call about a dead oak, he can send them a new one.

"A really common reason is because they didn't have any place to plant it when they got out of college, but now, four or five years later, they have a house and want an oak," Flood said. "It happens all year long, so we always have extras."

Sometimes, everything doesn't go smoothly in getting the trees.

Last year, the heat caused problems in shipping the saplings. Flood said they were in poor condition when they arrived at Elon. He had to have them reshipped twice.

The final shipment arrived one day before commencement.

But while sometimes the preparation comes down to the wire, the saplings are always present come commencement time.

A look at the journey of the Elon oak sapling:

Step 1: Finding a Vendor

This year, the vendor was in Oklahoma. "It all depends on where I can get the largest quantity," Flood said.

Step 2: Shipping, Round One

The oaks are then shipped to a nursery in Virginia. There, the plants are put in plastic bags to keep the roots moist, and Flood travels to check on the saplings. "We have to locate the saplings, make sure they get here in good shape and are the right size plants," Flood said.

Step 3: Shipping, Round Two

Two days before commencement, the oaks are brought to North Carolina for preparation for the ceremony. "I personally go up and pick them up," Flood said.

Step 4: Preparation

On Friday afternoon, the landscaping team adds the tags to the plants, which are provided by the Alumni Association. "The information on the tags has information about the Alumni Association, as well as information about the plant and how to care for the tree," Flood said.

Step 5: Set up

Saturday morning, the team sets up the plants for commencement. "We bring them all out to the plaza area in front of Powell for the graduates to pick up," Flood said.

Senior takes next step to serve with the Peace Corps

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

While some seniors are packing up and heading to new apartments, graduate school or maybe moving back in with Mom and Dad, 22-year-old Avon, Conn.-native Emily Swords will be preparing to serve two years in the Peace Corps. Here she will be traveling wherever help and aid is needed. Swords majored in anthropology and minored in sociology and women and gender studies while at Elon.

"Anthropology took me on a service route," she said.

She participated in student government at Elon and served as the Leaders In Collaborative Service director for Elon Volunteers!

for the past two years. Swords also went abroad for each of her Winter Terms, to Australia, Guam, Honduras and this past winter to Ghana.

"I just fell in love," she said about travelling.

Swords' experience in Ghana led her to seek a Peace Corps appointment in either Africa or the South Pacific. She said the Corps makes assignments based on each person's interests and strengths.

"Depending on the program, there are a lot of areas I could do," she

said. "I'm hoping to work in HIV/AIDS education or women's sexual health."

Early in the fall, Swords will receive her Peace Corps assignment. She will train in the United States for three months and then move to her assigned location for two full years. Each month, she will receive two days off.

"I'm most looking forward to really experiencing a new culture firsthand and getting to spend a significant amount of time working on a specific project that will definitely make a difference to so many people," she said.

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**-EMILY SWORDS
ELON UNIVERSITY SENIOR**

"I'll be right back where I am right now," she said.

Graduate school and working for the Peace Corps full time are both options Swords said she is considering.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I've known I wanted to be a part of for a long time," she said. And Swords said she owes her interest in the Peace Corps partially to the experience she's had at Elon.

"As cliché as it sounds, Elon has done a great job of creating a global citizen out of me," she said.



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Elon senior Emily Swords will join the Peace Corps in either Africa or South Pacific after graduation.

Members of the Class of 2010:

As this year's graduates receive their diplomas, Senior Class President Jay Reno will end his term with the Elon University Student Government Association. These are some of his last words of advice for the senior class.



Jay Reno
Senior Class President

Welcome to the "Real World."

Each year for the past 17 years of our lives has been structured much like the year preceding it. In the fall we set foot into a new classroom, learn many interesting things and see countless new faces. When the school year is through, we all head home to enjoy a relaxing summer with our friends and families, only to return to the beginning of another year in the fall. Schooling has been a vital part of our lives ever since we can remember. Yet after Saturday, the end of the cyclical era is upon us, and a new world awaits our presence.

You will hear many eager seniors exclaim, "We're done." Though it is true we have concluded our undergraduate schooling at Elon and will soon receive our diplomas, we remain far from "done." In fact, we should observe this ending as a starting line, a time in which to make ourselves. Our degrees are nothing more than a tool — go out there and create something extraordinary with it. Perhaps a more appropriate exclamation is, "We've begun."

This new world we are entering is filled with opportunities to finally use what we have learned during our past four years as undergraduate students here at Elon. It is important to recognize that without the help and dedication of our families and the numerous members of the Elon community, we would not have made it to where we are today. Be sure to extend thanks to those who have helped you along the way.

Let your friends know how much you've enjoyed their company over these past four years. They have been there for you with a shoulder to lean on and as a source of inspiration. Remember to keep in touch.

Finally be sure to celebrate the beginning of your journey — not the end. We all have bright futures ahead of us.

Good luck to you all.

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Jay Reno

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The bachelor and master's degree gowns are untrimmed. The doctorate's degree gown has three velvet bars across the front in the color representative of the graduate's field of study.



The Hood: Black and made of the same material as the gown. The length of the hood shows the degree obtained by the graduate: three feet long for bachelor's degree, 3 and 1/2 feet long for a master's degree and 4 feet for a doctorate's degree. The hood is lined with velvet in the university colors, while the edges are the color of the respective major.

The hood is trimmed in velvet, 2 inches, 3 inches and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's and doctorate's degrees respectively. If a person holds more than one degree they should only wear one hood.

The Cap: Made of cotton poplin, rayon or silk. But the caps for doctorate's degrees are made of velvet. The tassel is usually black or the color of the respective field of study. An exception is the doctorate's cap, which may be gold.

There are a few exceptions to the rules. The chief marshal may wear a specially designed gown approved by the institution. Any person who graduated from a foreign university may wear its respective gown. Any religious or military figure may also wear their respected uniforms instead of their academic gown.



Color:

Agriculture - Maize

Arts, Letters, Humanities - White

Commerce, Accountancy, Business - Drab

Dentistry - Lilac

Economics - Copper

Engineering - Orange

Fine Arts, Architecture - Brown

Forestry - Russet

Journalism - Crimson

Law - Purple

Library Science - Lemon

Medicine - Green

Music - Pink

Nursing - Apricot

Oratory - Silver Gray

Pharmacy - Olive Green

Philosophy - Dark Blue

Physical Education - Dark Blue

Public Administration, including Foreign Service - Peacock Blue

Public Health - Salmon Pink

Science - Golden Yellow

Social Work - Citron

Theology - Scarlet

Veterinary Science - Gray

Select color history:

Green was chosen for medicine because of healing herbs and the close color association made olive green an evident choice for pharmacy. Red was a traditional color for the church thus red was assigned to theology. And golden yellow represented the wealth science has brought and was therefore assigned to the sciences.

Cost:

Seniors' Graduation Fee (includes cost of diploma and cap and gown) : \$75

School's cost of cap and gown for bachelor's degree: \$50

School's cost of diploma for bachelor's degree: \$70

Cost of diploma for master's degree: \$110

Cost of diploma frame: \$150

Cost per chord: \$14

Custom:

The first academic gowns can be traced to the 12th and 13th centuries. The typical dress of a scholar was similar to the religious figures of the day and many gowns and hoods were long to keep professors warm in the unheated universities. The first universities to designate dress codes were Oxford and Cambridge but standardization in America would not come until much later.

In 1887, Gardner Cotrell Leonard designed gowns for Williams College and became fixated on the subject of academic dress code. He was asked to lead a commission to determine a set system of academic dress. The system determined the cut, color and material of the gowns.

A formalized committee authorized by the American Council on Education was issued in 1932 and redrafted in 1959 when several changes were made to the gowns. The last change was in 1986 when the committee clarified the use of dark blue for the Doctorate of Philosophy degree.

Elon University has two special academic dress customs. One is the Elon Medallion worn by President Leo Lambert. The medallion was a present, given in 1969. The 1969 senior class raised \$700 to buy the medallion that is made of gold and surrounded by rubies. The medallion's chain is a sequence of maroon and gold squares with the letters "E" and "C" inscribed on each square. The "E" and "C" stands for Elon College.

The other Elon tradition is the Mace. E.M. Martin gave the Mace as a gift in 1989. The seal is perched atop a silver replica of the brick colonnades located outside of Alamance. The seal has Elon's motto "Numen Lumen" written across it. The mace is carried by a different senior staff member chosen based on years of service at the university and is usually carried three times a year.

Right: The annual holiday tree lighting and luminary ceremony lit up campus from Moseley Center to Alamance in December. Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by for a visit, while secular and religious holiday songs were sung.



THEY



Above: Third Eye Blind and Shwayze performed in Alumni Gym for the annual Spring Show. The lead singer of Third Eye Blind (Stephan Jenkins) above makes "devil horns" at the audience.

Above right: Nicholas Kristof, New York Times columnist, urged students to find a cause they believed in at the 2010 Convocation for Honors. Before Kristof spoke, the Eta chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was installed.

Right: Sweet Signatures belts out its spring show with additional help from visiting alumnae.





Left: The Elon football team earned its first-ever NCAA Football Championship Subdivision tournament with a 9-3 overall record. The Phoenix also finished second in the Southern Conference and ranked No. 9 nationally. It was the first time in program history that the team ended the season ranked inside the top-10 in the country. Elon only had one SoCon loss, against Appalachian State University 10-27 Nov. 14, 2009.

Below: Belk Library actually became "Club Belk" during the library rave. Organizers blared Miley Cyrus, tossed glow sticks and overtook the first floor.

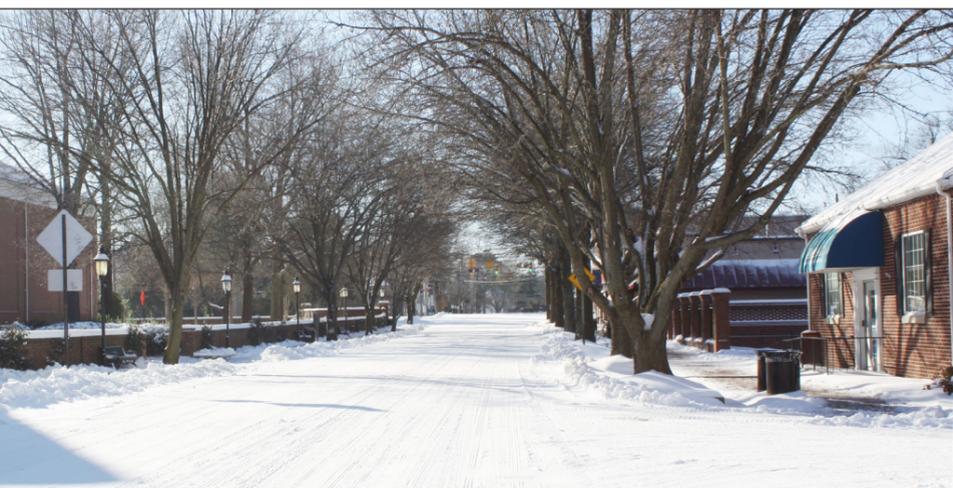


YEAR IN PHOTOS



Left: Repeated snowstorms left Elon, as well as much of North Carolina, blanketed in white. This photograph was taken during the Jan. 29-30 snowfall.

Above: Junior Emily Fournier ran during the 2009 women's cross country season. The women's team finished second in the Southern Conference meet. The men's team finished fifth in the SoCon meet. During the season both the men and the women's team hosted its first-ever home meet.





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Who's who:

Erin Burniston:



Hometown: Fairfax, Va.

High School: Lake Braddock

First realized she wanted to be on stage: When she began dancing at age 3. Also, when watching Disney movies and broadcasts of musicals as well as performing in church plays.

First role: A dancing poppy and Lullaby League member in "The Wizard of Oz" in seventh grade.

"Spring Awakening" role: "Chair of rock" performer and swing. "I sit in the on-stage seating and act like a normal person until I start singing," Burniston said of being a "chair of rock." A swing learns multiple parts so they can fill in for any number of people in the event of an emergency.

Christopher Wood:



Hometown: Dublin, Ohio

High School: Dublin Jerome

First realized he wanted to be on stage: After watching his sister perform in theatre.

First role: A rat/child in "The Pied Piper," age 6.

"Spring Awakening" role: Melchior. "He's been told 'no' his whole life, and he's tired of it," Wood said. "He's so fascinating. He's causing all this trouble, and you sort of have to connect to him."

Courtney Markowitz:



Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

High School: South Fayette

First realized she wanted to be on stage: At a performance of "Sesame Live." "My parents said, 'We should put her in dance,'" Markowitz said.

First role: Hometown production of "A Christmas Carol." Markowitz will be completing the circle by working with "A Christmas Carol" over the summer.

"Spring Awakening" role: Ilse. "She's one of the group of friends in the village, but she gets shunned because she comes from an abusive home," Markowitz said. "It forces her to grow up a lot faster than the others."

Music theatre seniors star in 'Spring Awakening' national tour

Lauren Ramsdell
A&E Editor

The music theatre program at Elon University has made is recognized as one of the best educations in the country for an aspiring Broadway star. Graduates from the esteemed program have landed roles on national tours and television spots, with roles ranging from "High School Musical" to "State Fair."

The 2010 graduating class features many talented actors and actresses who will be making their mark around the country in various performances and tours. Three of the graduates will be headed to the national tour of "Spring Awakening."

Erin Burniston, Courtney Markowitz and Christopher Wood leave Elon for a brief summer before starting rehearsals in September. Performances begin in October, and the shows are booked until May, with a possible four-month extension for more shows. The performers will travel across the country and into Canada, as well as stopping back by North Carolina in March.

"Spring Awakening" tells the story of several teenagers in a repressive German town in the late 19th century. The teens discover their burgeoning sexuality, much to the dismay of their prudish parents and teachers who would rather not talk about the subject. The original play was banned in Germany for more than a century because of its controversial themes.

"Maybe the grandparents can't see it," Wood said of the performance.

The characters in the play are all in their mid to late teens, and Elon's performers will graduate in their early twenties. The age difference between character and actor may help give the characters believability, though.

"It helps that we're above the age of the characters," Wood said. "We've gone through the experience, but can still tap into the innocence."

It is also helpful that the three actors will be able to rely on one another for support during the long tour.

"We're really happy that we have each other," Burniston said. "If it was just me, I'd be scared. But, for our first big job, we have each other."

Markowitz agreed and added that, with Elon's graduates finding success in the theater world, even when moving to New York, they won't miss friendly faces.

"(The department) is such a close-knit family," she said. "We won't be leaving that family, and it will be like that for our whole career."

Elon has prepared its graduates for life beyond the bricks, particularly



Christopher Wood and Courtney Markowitz co-starred in "Kiss Me Kate" as Fred Graham and Lilli Vanessi.

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in the music theater department. The hectic rehearsal schedule in "the real world" will mirror what the students have done for four years at school. At Elon, on top of daily classes, rehearsals start in the late afternoon and run until nearly the next day, while weekends contain more rehearsals and performances.

"Our days don't stop," Markowitz said.

But they all said they enjoyed their Elon experience and the range of opportunities it offered — particularly the ease and convenience of getting around a small campus.

"It won't be like that in New York," Wood said.

The actors credit Elon's program with building their skills as actors far beyond their comfort zones. Wood began his Elon career as a "glorified stage hand" and has portrayed characters from the dramatic (the title character of "Sweeney Todd") to the comical (Fred Graham in "Kiss Me Kate").

Burniston has portrayed very different characters as Amy in "Little Women," a dreamy and innocent character, in contrast with Snookie in "110 in the Shade," a flighty and flirty type.

Markowitz has played the elderly Madame Giry in "Phantom of the Opera" as well as 19-year-old Jo March in "Little Women."

"I've gotten to do a lot of things I thought I would never do," Markowitz said. "They all teach us to stretch and adapt."

Adaptability will come in handy as the trio makes its way to the national touring stage. Wood sings



Erin Burniston played as Snookie in "110 in the Shade," a character that she said was a stretch for her artistically. The actors credit Elon with allowing them to grow.

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in nearly every song, and Burniston, as a swing, has to memorize five different parts. Markowitz has to bring significant depth and emotion to a character with an abusive past but enough hope for her future.

The future for Wood, Burniston and Markowitz seems bright, as it does for other Elon graduates. "Six people are on national tours right now," Wood

said. "Every single person (in the graduating class) has gotten called in for something."

They credit their parents for letting them follow their dreams and supporting them in what might have seemed a risky education choice.

"As soon as I got the call, I called my mom," Markowitz said. "My mom said, 'Who said theatre majors can't get jobs?'"

'Don't Trash It' program encourages students to donate reusable items to local nonprofits

Mary Yost
Copy Editor

Items have accumulated in a dorm or apartment for four years of college. Now it is time to decide what to do with the items that are no longer needed. While it is easy to just throw them in the trash can, there are opportunities to donate reusable items to local nonprofit organizations, so a useful item does not become part of a landfill.

"According to my statistics from last year, we collected approximately 115,000 pounds of refuse on campus during the move-out process," said Daniel Worden, the director of environmental services at Elon University. "We have 30-yard collection dumpsters in several residential areas, 17 in total, that are on campus for a week during move-out."

This trash is contracted for removal through the Republic Waste Services, Worden said.

"They haul the waste to a transfer station in Greensboro where it is then placed on a trailer and hauled to the Uwharrie Landfill in Montgomery County here in North Carolina," he said.

The "Don't Trash It" program provides students with the opportunity to donate their reusable items that may otherwise end up in a landfill, Worden said. The program is run by Habitat for Humanity, Residence Life, the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates and the Sierra Club.

"This is a very successful program and has now been in place for three years," Worden said.

Local nonprofit organizations are accepting food and furniture donations that will otherwise end up in the Montgomery County landfill. Two of these organizations include Loaves and Fishes and Allied Churches.

Loaves and Fishes provides food to families in Alamance County and five surrounding counties. It accepts donations of nonperishable food in cans, boxes or bags, perishable food in good condition,



Signs remind students not to pitch all of their old belongings and instead to consider donating them.

frozen food, fresh fruits and vegetables and toilet paper.

"Their hard work is not possible without generous donations from the community," junior and Loaves and Fishes volunteer Jen Petinge said. "The more donations they receive, the more people they can afford to help."

Donation drop-offs are received at 509 S. Lexington Ave. in downtown Burlington. Students can also donate their items to drop-off boxes that are located in Belk Library and Sidetrack Grill.

"What may seem useless or unnecessary to a student could be something of value to someone in need," Petinge said. "It is always a far better option to contribute, because then you've rid yourself of the item, but you have also put it to good use elsewhere."

Allied Churches is a homeless shelter located in downtown Burlington. Elon's Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life is hosting a bicycle collection for the residents of the shelter so they can use the bicycles to travel to work and ride around the Burlington area.

"I think Allied Churches really needs the bicycles because they allow shelter guests to get to interviews and jobs, allowing them to get back on their feet,"



The Habitat for Humanity ReStore is just one of many donation locations for students to get rid of unwanted furniture or clothes.

said Eric Zelenkofske, sophomore and Leaders In Collaborative Service coordinator for Allied Churches.

The Truitt Center's bicycle collection runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 12-25, Monday through Friday.

"Donating is a mutual experience because it not only helps another individual, but it also benefits the donor because he or she can know that they were able to support another individual," Zelenkofske said. "Even if one student donates a bike that he or she wasn't using, that same bike can be used by a shelter guest to get to a job interview. If this individual gets a job, that student can know that he or she was able to get another individual

a job, simply by donating something that he or she wasn't even using."

The "Don't Trash It" program encourages students to not have their reusable items end up in Montgomery County's landfill. Local nonprofit organizations are in need of donations. Students can meet these organizations' needs by donating reusable items to them.

"I think donations are important, especially at Elon, because of the needs of the local communities," said senior Evan Small, the Residence Area Coordinator of North Area. "Students often do not realize how their items could help, but many residents of Burlington would gladly take a rug or lamp, even if it had been used."

Habitat for Humanity Restore Furniture Collection

Dates: May 12-25

Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Parking lot behind the Elon Community Church

Items Collecting: Gently used furniture, house wares, appliances that are in good shape and lamps.

Questions: Contact the Truitt Center via e-mail at truittcenter@elon.edu or call at 336-278-7729.

To arrange for pick-up, contact the Habitat for Human ReStore at 336-222-8292.

Loaves and Fishes Food Collection:

Location: On-campus drop-off locations are located at Belk Library and Sidetrack Grill. Donations are also accepted at 509 S. Lexington Ave.
Questions: Contact Loaves and Fishes at 336-570-4668.

Trollinger's Treasures Clothing Collection:

Trollinger's Treasures sells donated clothing to raise money to benefit Residential Treatment Services.

Location: 403 Trollinger St.
Items Collecting: Designer and boutique clothing.

Questions: Contact Trollinger's Treasures at 336-227-8500.

Good Samaritan Collection:

Donations to the Good Samaritan Thrift Store help support the Alamance Rescue Mission, which provides a home to men in need of assistance.

Location: 1636 N. Church St.
Items Collecting: Clothing, shoes, books, sporting equipment, furniture and other items.
Questions: Contact the Good Samaritan Thrift Store at 336-229-4900.

Salvation Army Thrift Store:

Location: 260 W. Davis St.
Items Collecting: Clothing, shoes, jewelry, handbags, furniture and sporting equipment.
Questions: Contact the Salvation Army Thrift Store at 336-570-2244.

Allied Churches Used Bicycle Collection:

Dates: May 12-25

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life

Items Collecting: Bicycles in good working condition.

Questions: Contact the Truitt Center via e-mail at truittcenter@elon.edu or call at 336-278-7729.

Residence Assistants make moving out less hectic

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

As students pack their bags and load their cars for the summer, Residence Life is hard at work ensuring the moving-out process goes smoothly.

MarQuita Barker, assistant director of residence life for Danieley Center, said her staff makes many preparations for closing.

"These include, but are not limited to, holding meetings to give students information on the proper way to check out," she said. "We also sent a lot of information electronically to the students."

Sophomore Chelsea Erskine, a resident assistant in Danieley Center, said the RA staff attends several meetings to go over paperwork and the process of moving out.

"If more help is needed, a SRA, a RA who has been on staff before, will go with you on your first checkout to make sure you have the gist of everything," she said.

To sign up for a checkout time, Erskine said signs are posted on each floor, and students must choose a time.

The RA then gets the student's specific Room Condition Form, which lists all of the damages noted prior to the time the resident checked in at the beginning of the year.

"Then you walk through the room and bathrooms, checking for any new damages including walls, windows, floors, mattresses and many other things," Erskine said. "If there is new damage, you mark it on the RCF, and fines will be determined later by the AD, Area Director."

After the room has been checked by the RA, the resident has to turn in their key and both sign the RCF.

"You give the resident the carbon copy and you lock the door behind them," Erskine said.

Barker said after all of the students leave the buildings, Resident Life staff makes sure all of the rooms are clean and ready for summer school and new apartment leases.

Erskine said she felt very well-trained for the moving out process this year.

"In addition to the two-week training before school

starts, we have continued training throughout the year, as well as meetings specifically for closing," she said. "If there is ever something that we have questions about, we can always call our RAC, Resident Area Coordinator, or AD."

Erskine said this year she was in charge of 36 residents, so the moving-out process was not too difficult. Other RAs have twice as many residents and probably have more difficulties, she said.

"The hardest part is planning your schedule around the sign-ups while studying for exams and trying to get everything done that you need to get done before going home, as well," she said. "The checkouts themselves aren't very hard. You just make observations and record them."

Erskine said RAs are expected to stay until graduation. Besides going through all of the rooms with the AD, there are also a lot of miscellaneous tasks to take care of.

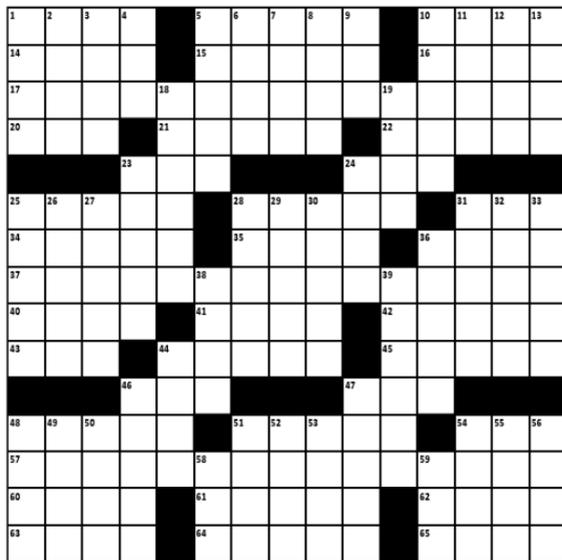
"These include office work and organizing the donation collection taken up from students in Danieley Commons," she said. "We also have a closing banquet."

JUST A LITTLE ENTERTAINMENT...

Divine Intervention by Steve Ferguson, Class of 2011

ACROSS

- 1 Factual information
- 5 Olympic centerpiece
- 10 Surrender
- 14 Matures
- 15 Spoken examinations
- 16 Warhol Superstar
- 17 Anaheim outfielder silencing the crowd?
- 20 Permit
- 21 Full of attitude
- 22 Proofreader's undos
- 23 Messy abode
- 24 Bro's companion
- 25 "The Emperor's New Groove" character
- 28 Locates
- 31 Floor cleaner
- 34 Renown
- 35 Usurp
- 36 _____ Bradley
- 37 Requesting assistance with a tee-off?
- 40 "The _____ of the Ancient Mariner"
- 41 Tennis star Roddick
- 42 Install in office
- 43 Lyrical poem
- 44 Fido's pet peeve
- 45 Istanbul inhabitants
- 46 _____ carte
- 47 Mon. follower
- 48 2008 Olympic Games site
- 51 Indian or Thai, e.g.
- 54 Seek punitive damages
- 57 Express boredom in a hurricane?
- 60 Jai _____
- 61 Shakespearian protagonist
- 62 Archaic descriptor
- 63 Olfactory organ



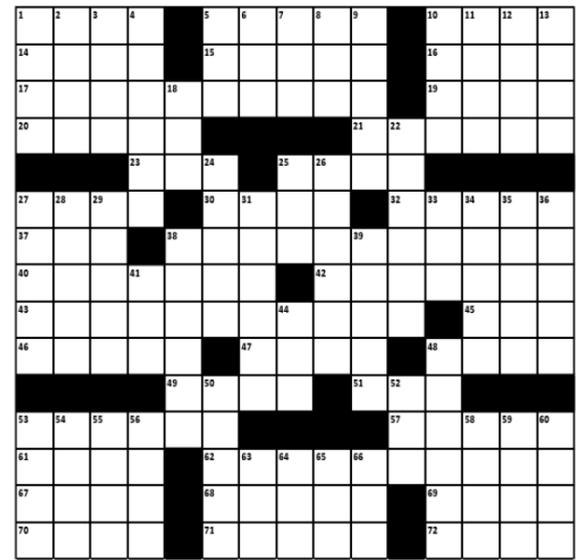
- 64 Vance sci-fi novel (with "The")
- 65 North Carolina college
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- 1 "James and the Giant Peach" author
- 2 Fever
- 3 Riddle
- 4 Fiery remnant
- 5 Present
- 6 Spheres
- 7 Tampa Bay baseballers
- 8 Sculptor's material
- 9 QVC competitor
- 10 Units of currency
- 11 Precipice
- 12 Atkins or Mediterranean
- 13 Snaky sea creatures
- 18 Person's net worth
- 19 Without warrant
- 23 Cut slightly
- 24 Musical interval
- 25 Napoleon Dynamite's pal
- 26 Bitter
- 27 Temperature zone
- 28 Diamond or ruby, e.g.
- 29 Endangered mammal
- 30 Gives permission
- 31 Author of "Twilight"
- 32 Vacuum cleaner brand
- 33 Components
- 36 Affix a price
- 38 "The Lion King" princess
- 39 Alter a pitch again
- 44 It could be fatal?
- 46 1977 Broadway musical
- 47 General Motors SUV
- 48 Color used for printing
- 49 Angel's feature
- 50 "_____ robbed!"
- 51 Like _____ of bricks
- 53 Goofy person: Var.
- 53 Needed to check out
- 54 Window base
- 55 Retract
- 56 Perfect place
- 58 Lyricist Gershwin
- 59 Sorrow



Big Picture by Steve Ferguson, Class of 2011

ACROSS

- 1 Shopping container
- 5 Academic area
- 10 1815 Austen novel
- 14 Actor Sharif
- 15 Make adjustments
- 16 Double, double, _____ and trouble
- 17 1964 Academy Award winner for Best Picture
- 19 Traffic marker
- 20 He portrayed Rudy in film
- 21 Cultural
- 23 Vegas beginner
- 25 Creamy color
- 27 Palm Pilots, e.g.
- 30 Where one might find Lance
- 32 Transportation fees
- 37 Bulgarian river
- 38 1994 Academy Award winner for Best Picture
- 40 Equivalent of two nickels
- 42 Pittsburgh pigskinner
- 43 2006 Academy Award winner for Best Picture
- 45 Before, to Keats
- 46 Out of _____
- 47 Prescribed amount
- 48 Literary theorist and author of "Anatomy of Criticism"
- 49 What every driver passed?
- 51 Loyal companion
- 53 S'more cracker
- 57 Stress-free
- 61 Body of knowledge
- 62 1943 Academy Award winner for Best Picture
- 67 With 25-Down, largest landmass
- 68 Unite secretly



- 69 What a goodbye elicits
- 70 It can be struck?
- 71 Maneuvered gently
- 72 Transatlantic travelers, formerly
- DOWN**
- 1 Unconscious state
- 2 Grant and Winehouse
- 3 Flotation device?
- 4 Park walkways
- 5 Distant
- 6 "_____ have you know..."
- 7 Greek vowel
- 8 Demonstrated
- 9 Maytag's specialty
- 10 Cut into
- 11 Night sight
- 12 Type of golf
- 13 Baldwin of "30 Rock"
- 18 _____ jiffy
- 22 Like some pillows
- 24 Popular dance routine
- 25 See 67-Across
- 26 Coats of arms
- 27 Portions of land
- 28 Hawaiian musical legend
- 29 Arab ruler: Var.
- 31 Mythological nymphs
- 33 What tree rings indicate
- 34 It's sure footed?
- 35 Hard mineral
- 36 Indulgent expedition
- 38 Cinco de Mayo event
- 39 Precipitous
- 41 Banned pesticide
- 44 Deteriorate
- 48 Malt shop treats
- 50 Ryan Seacrest, e.g.
- 52 Each and every one
- 53 Hefty competitor
- 54 Prickly plant
- 55 Operatic solo
- 56 Relieve of pain
- 58 Change for a five
- 59 Vocal instrumental
- 60 Units of maize
- 63 _____ mode
- 64 Call for help
- 65 Mimic
- 66 Serta locale



Where some Elon seniors are working:

- Research Coordinator at Corporate Executive Board (Va.)
- Financial Analyst Program in Commercial Banking at Wells Fargo (S.C.)
- Finance Management Associate Program at Bank of America (N.C.)
- JP Morgan (N.Y.)
- Merrill Lynch (N.J.)
- Target Corporation (Minn.)
- BAE Systems (Va.)
- Boeing (Pa.)
- Teach For America
- Volunteering at a hospital in Buffalo, N.Y. with a Child Life Specialist
- Teaching high school in Raleigh, N.C.
- Teaching at a school in Louisburg, N.C.
- Teaching at a school in Arizona
- Census Bureau - Silver Spring, Md.
- Los Angeles Sparks
- Bank of America

Elon Career Services:

The Elon career center is located in Duke 101. This office is home to various Elon career resources, including the Elon Career network. Through the career services Web site, students can access the network where there are different job postings. In addition, it is a networking resource for students and career professionals. According to the site, the "ECN allows Elon students to connect with parents and alumni who are willing to share their career experiences and advice."

At Elon, each school has its own career staff person that students can seek as a resource. In addition to having job postings, the ECN assists in mock interviews and resume building, and it hosts career fairs.

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Periclean Scholars graduating class raise funds to support Ghana

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

As the class of 2010 Periclean Scholars prepare to graduate from Elon University, the impact they have on a small community in Ghana will continue long after they leave campus.

According to Heidi Frontani, professor of geography at Elon and adviser to the scholars, the class passed the \$80,000 mark in donations for their class project.

"The 2010 class of Periclean Scholars set an initial goal of raising \$10,000 by May 2010 to support the construction of a five-room community health clinic in Kpoeta, Ghana," she said.

The idea originated from Francis Amedahe, who came to Elon as the Visiting Fulbright Scholar for the 2006-2007 year, from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana. Amedahe's rural hometown is located near the Ghana-Togo border, Frontani said.

"The students jumped into fundraising and, within three and a half weeks of meeting Dr. Amedahe in April 2007, had raised nearly \$3,500," she said. "By the third week of their first semester of their official Periclean coursework, they passed the \$10,000 fundraising mark."

According to Frontani, the class continued its hard work and now has pledges and donations in excess of \$83,000. Many scholars also secured scholarships and other awards for use at Elon, including five Lumen Prizes and two Monroe Awards, among others. The prizes total more than \$110,000.

She said numerous donors have given large pledges to the project.

"Johnson & Johnson (gave) \$10,000 to start up a drug store in the now completed 10-room Kpoeta Community Clinic which is staffed by two Government

of Ghana-posted nurses," Frontani said. "The Strickland Foundation (gave) \$5,000 to support establishing a \$10,000 endowment that would allow \$500 to be sent to Ghana annually for maintaining the clinic and meeting other needs well after May 2010."

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tennessee also gave \$8,000 toward a Heifer International Initiative in Sokode, Ghana.

"The 2010s took on secondary projects after they were collecting so many funds so quickly for their main project, the Kpoeta Community Clinic," Frontani said.

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PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY

According to the scholars' Web site, these included supporting this Heifer International Initiative, hosting speakers and an African Culture Festival at Elon and purchasing more than 500 children's books for an elementary school in Ghana.

Frontani said the scholars also received grants from Elon's Fund for Excellence program and a Project Pericles course enhancement grant.

"Most of the other \$50,000 or so came from letter-writing campaigns to friends and family, donations of \$20.10, symbolic gifts for the 2010 class in honor of their graduation from Elon faculty and staff, Ghana card sales and from ARAMARK via meal card swiping," she said.

Though exact totals are not known, Frontani said she estimates ARAMARK has been the biggest donor with more than \$10,000 earned from them through generous students donating extra meal plans.

The Kpoeta Community Clinic officially opened in January of 2009, according to the scholars' Web site. Medical staff housing is currently being built.

NEWS BRIEFS

Bud Warner to serve as Faculty Fellow for Civic Engagement

Bud Warner, an associate professor for Human Services Studies, came to Elon University in 2006. In 2007-2008 Warner was selected as a Service-Learning Faculty Scholar and later he was the Service-Learning Faculty Development Fellow.

Elon senior recipient of Fulbright Teaching Assistantship

Molly McKnight Costigan will use the funds from the assistantship to spend a year in Spain teaching in an elementary school in Spain. She also received the Senior Spanish Award and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi.

Elon ROTC Partake in SWAT Urban Training

Cadets in the Elon Army and Air Force ROTC, along with Burlington Police Department SWAT TEAM, participated in urban training May 11. Elon cadets conducted urban missions such as entering buildings, clearing rooms and breaching doorways.

Alumna featured on 'The State of Things'

2009 alumna Erin Barnett was featured on the May 20 broadcast of "The State of Things" at WUNC 91.5 FM. She is being featured for her documentary "My Name is Anita," a film about Anita Isaacs and HIV/AIDS activist in Namibia and former Periclean-in-Residence.

Department chair promoted to Associate Dean of Elon College

Angela Lewellyn Jones will assume the position of Associate Dean of Elon June 1. She previously was department chair of department of sociology and anthropology and served as the coordinator of women's/gender studies.

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Senior golfer ends time at Elon

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

When senior Jayson Judy was in the ninth grade, he had to make a choice. He had to decide which sport to pursue into college — equestrian or golf.

After much deliberation, golf won.

"Growing up, it was always golf and horses," Judy said. "I was just as competitive in equestrian as I am in golf."

Judy said he still rides, but there were more scholarship opportunities for males in golf than in equestrian, so he took that route.

He began playing at the age of four in his hometown of Gibsonville and hasn't stopped since.

"It's a family thing," Judy said. "It's always been said that if you're a male Judy in the family and don't play golf reasonably well, there's something wrong with you."

His uncle played professionally, and his dad would have had he not been in a motorcycle accident.

It was only natural that Judy followed suit. In 2006, he began competing on the Elon University team after being redshirted the year before.

"I don't know any other place where I could get my undergrad degree early, finish my graduate

degree and play golf," Judy said.

Throughout his time at Elon, Judy has played 47 tournaments, totaling 127 rounds. He averaged a score of 74.27 for each round.

In 2010, Judy saw his best finish at the season-ending Southern Conference tournament in the last round April 20. He shot his lowest score of the year — a 67 — on his way to a second-place finish, tied with Furman University's Garland Ferrell.

"He's a hard worker, very consistent, always wanting to do better, wanting to be the best," head men's golf coach Bill Morningstar said.

Morningstar said Judy's leadership shaped who he was as a member of the team. He also said Judy would definitely leave behind a strong legacy with the Phoenix based on such leadership and execution on the course.

But Judy said he wanted his legacy to be something much simpler.

"I want to be someone that the program looks back on fondly," Judy said.

Judy's time at Elon was not just spent on the golf course. He was also a student who was able to finish his undergraduate degree early and get a graduate degree in Elon's M.B.A. program.

He also contributed to service

efforts, heading up Elon golf's Eagles for Haiti drive, raising \$4,100 for Red Cross relief after the earthquake in Haiti in January.

"I think he's been a big asset not only for the golf program, but for the student body also," Morningstar said. "He's one of the finest individuals to play for us."

Judy described his time at Elon as wonderful, having only one regret in his five years at the university.

Judy never had the chance to study abroad. Because of the golf schedule, there was never a good time.

"We're playing in both the fall and spring," Judy said. "January was always the time when we catch back up."

After college, Judy said he wants to pursue a career as a collegiate golf coach. He said he after working as a counselor at summer camps, he really enjoys the opportunity to be a mentor to kids.

He's also getting married July 21 to Megan Thomas, a 2001 Elon graduate.

Morningstar said Judy is a well-rounded person who will succeed after leaving Elon.

"He'll do very well down the road," Morningstar said. "He's truly one of the most outstanding golfers to play for Elon in the 38 years that I've been here."



Senior golfer Jayson Judy played in 127 rounds of golf in his time at Elon. FILE PHOTO

Elon softball celebrates trip to NCAA tournament

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regional is determined through double elimination. After two losses in the bracket, a team is eliminated.

For the Phoenix, sitting in the Fat Frogg Bar and Grill last Sunday at the NCAA tournament viewing party, the tournament announcement came days after a dramatic SoCon tournament victory.

On May 14 the Phoenix earned a come-from-behind victory against the No. 4 seed in the tournament, UNC Greensboro.

Heading into the top of the seventh inning of the game, the Phoenix was down 2-1 to the Spartans. The inning began with freshman outfielder Tomeka Watson's leadoff double.

"Meka got us started with that hit, and that all started to follow up on that," junior second baseman Jackie Gonzalez said. "She gave us that spark we needed to get going."

Following that, Gonzalez recorded an infield single, and Watson scored on the next at-bat off of a Spartans throwing error. Then, junior outfielder Emerald Graham singled, sending Gonzalez home to put the Phoenix up 3-2. Elon added three more runs in the inning off of a home run from sophomore catcher Kaitlyn Piazzolla. The Phoenix entered the seventh inning up 6-2.

Junior pitcher Lauren Taylor surrendered one run in the bottom of the inning but eventually halted the Spartans' come back. Taylor secured her 17th win of the season, and the Phoenix secured its first-ever SoCon tournament victory and its first-ever appearance in the NCAA tournament.

"The character of this team is that we're fighters," junior infielder Ashlee Crewe said.

Raduenz echoed this statement, saying this isn't the first time this season the team fought back and won.

"That's been our season all season, all year long," she said. "Our team has never given up. We have fought all the way through against Carolina, Virginia and the games in Chattanooga."

University of Tennessee Chattanooga was the No. 1 seed in the tournament, and earlier in the season on April 17, the Phoenix swept a doubleheader against the Mocs and won the series 2-1. The Elon wins were the first SoCon losses of the season for the Mocs.

Gonzalez said the team is going to use the same fighting mentality as they head to Athens to face the No. 6 team in the nation.

"We're just going to keep doing what we've been doing all season," Gonzalez said. "We're not going to change anything."

The two teams previously met March 6, when the then-ranked No. 4 Bulldogs won 8-2.

"We've seen them and they are a good team," Crewe said.

She also said the Phoenix may have a little more of an advantage this time, having faced the Bulldogs already.

Heading into the regional, Raduenz said the main thing the team needs to focus on is executing its sacrifice bunts. But other than that, she said she doesn't anticipate many changes.

"They say if it ain't broke, don't fix it," Raduenz said. "We're going to do what we've been doing all year long and not change anything."



The Elon softball team and supporters gathered at the Fat Frogg Bar and Grill on Sunday for an NCAA tournament viewing party. Photo courtesy of Elon Athletics

Breaking down the Athens Regional

University of Georgia

The Bulldogs enter the post season as the No. 6 overall seed and the host of the Athens, Ga., regional. They have a 43-11 record. The team has played seven of the sixteen No. 1 seeds in the tournament, with wins against six of the teams. It's played both Elon and Florida State during the regular season, with an 8-2 win over Elon and a 3-4 loss against Florida State.

Florida State University

At the end of the ACC tournament, the Seminoles secured a 43-16 record. The team lost to the No. 8 seed Georgia Institute of Technology in its conference tournament. Florida State defeated Georgia once already this season (3-4), but it didn't play either Radford or Elon this season. The last time the Seminoles faced the Phoenix was in 2003, when Florida State won — its second win against Elon in as many games.

Radford University

Radford will begin the tournament with a 36-15 record after winning the Big South Championship. The most notable game for the Highlanders was against the No. 9-seeded University of Missouri, where the team lost 6-7 in 10 innings. Radford hasn't faced Elon since 2008, when it won the two-game series.

Player receives diploma before leaving for NCAA tournament

Most Elon University seniors will receive their diplomas on Saturday as they walk across the stage at commencement. But for Ashlee Crewe, this would not be possible. Instead, she received her diploma at her own separate ceremony.

Crewe, a senior infielder on the softball team, will not be present for graduation because the team is playing in the Athens Regional of the NCAA tournament.

Because of this, she received her diploma Wednesday, May 19 at the Woods Center. Elon President Leo M. Lambert was present at the ceremony.

Crewe is the only member of the softball team graduating. She is majoring in leisure and sport management.

