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Campus announces switch to Gmail

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

On June 1, Elon University will convert all student e-mail accounts to Gmail, Google's e-mail client, expanding e-mail capacity and improving security.

After looking into Microsoft Live and Gmail as options for hosted e-mail, Tony Rose, assistant director of information systems and technologies, said Gmail better met what the university was looking for.

According to Rose, Gmail not only provides more space, but also many students already use Google's services and are familiar with them.

Rose said the security and back-up offered by Gmail is also superior to what the university can currently provide.

"Back-ups (of e-mails) are a huge cost and time-intensive," Rose said. "It's large amounts of data that take up staff time."

Rose said the current e-mail accounts provided for students, faculty and staff are housed on a server on campus. The university is responsible for buying upgrades, support and hardware for the server.

He said the university eventually realized through outsourcing e-mail services, others could provide the same services but better and cheaper.

"We looked at it and said, 'We can use our money and resources better and make students happier,'" Rose said. "Why spend money to

provide what's already being provided?"

While the support offered through the Technology Help Desk will still be available, Rose said other universities that have switched to Gmail have seen their costs for support decrease.

"We expect the Help Desk demand for e-mail services to go down," he said. "Students just get it."

As a result of the change, students will have seven gigabytes of storage for their e-mail, compared to the 100 megabytes currently available.

"Currently, there are no talks about moving staff and faculty to Gmail," Rose said.

One reason for this is the use of Cisco Messaging, which sends faculty voicemails to their e-mail inboxes. Rose said this function does not work with Gmail.

While Gmail is free, finances did not drive the university's decision, Rose said.

"Going to Gmail is more about the services that we couldn't do before more than financial problems," he said. "It costs us money to get the same thing they can give for free."

Among the services are Google applications such as Google Docs and Calendar, which Rose said will increase collaboration between faculty and students.

Students will keep their current e-mail addresses and passwords and will still have to go through the Elon homepage to access their accounts, he said.

Alumni will also be able to keep their

accounts for their lifetimes, which Rose said has never been possible before, but has been a goal for years.

While current students will not see advertisements, Rose said there will be advertisements once students graduate.

Though no savings will take place immediately June 1, Rose said the university will see cost reduction in the long term. It will no longer be necessary to update the hardware needed for the on-campus server, he said.

Rose said students have been involved in the process of transitioning and the decision does not come as a shock to anyone.

Kelly Reimer, coordinator of the Elite program, said that members of the technology department have student workers who talked to people about how they felt about Elon's e-mail system. She also noted the number of students already corresponding with her through Gmail accounts.

"We wanted to meet students where they are," said Katie DeGraff, assistant director for admissions communications.

Before officially announcing the decision through a campus-wide e-mail on May 6, Rose said it was presented at a Student Government Association meeting earlier that day to ensure that the organization was onboard. The announcement was met with overwhelming support, ensuring that the rest of the campus would be notified. Had SGA not been on board, Rose said a committee would have met to discuss the future of the plan.

GRAPHIC BY CAMILLE DEMERE

Local school system hopes for better test scores to offset past struggles

Laura Smith
Senior Reporter

During the week of May 17, principals, teachers and administration in the Alamance-Burlington School System will be holding their breath.

On May 17 students in grades three through eight will take their End-of-Grade tests, and the county is hoping test scores will improve.

In the past, ABSS has struggled with poor test scores and an overall stigma of subpar academic quality. While some still see it this way, others say the school system is beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

But, this light has always been harder to see for the schools in Alamance County.

Out of the 33 elementary, middle and high schools in the county, as well as one middle college and one alternative education center, 13 of the schools are considered Title One schools. Title One refers to schools that have a high percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. In turn, they receive supplemental funding from the United States' Department of Education. The schools must make adequate yearly progress (AYP) in order to keep receiving funds, a requirement that was passed under the No Child Left Behind Act signed in 2001 by former President George W. Bush.

In AYP, for every subgroup that a school has, a set percentage of each must pass the reading test and the math EOG tests (proficiency targets), according to Dain Butler, director of accountability services for ABSS.

A subgroup must include at least 40 students and is organized by demographics that include white, black, Hispanic, economically disadvantaged and limited English proficiency student, Butler said.

Each group is counted twice, once for the math test and once for the reading. They are counted once again for attendance in which 95 percent of each subgroup must be present at the test. Essentially, then, each subgroup is counted four times. If there are five subgroups in a school, then there are 20 targets. One extra target is always added. In this case, the school would need to make 21 out of 21 targets in order to make AYP.

When a school does not meet its AYP targets for two years in a row, it is considered a school "in school improvement." This means that parents have the option to send their child to another school outside their district. A school gets "out of school improvement" if it meets its AYP targets two years in a row, according to Butler.

In addition to serving mostly low-income schools, Alamance County



Students Zy'taja and Leya work on a project in their classroom at Andrews Elementary School.

BRYCE LITTLE | Staff Photographer

receives less federal funding than counties surrounding Alamance. ABSS Superintendent Randy Bridges said he does not know the reason for this. Every year ABSS submits a local budget to county commissioners.

"We try to communicate our needs, and at the same time, we do the best with what we've got," he said.

Testing tribulations

Since Bridges took his position as superintendent four years ago, he said he has seen vast improvement in testing

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Campus Kitchen plans to reduce food waste at Elon

Amanda Bender
Senior Reporter

When the evening meal at Colonnades is over and students leave, employees gather all the food that students did not eat and throw it out. Campus Kitchen, a new student organization coming to Elon University this fall, plans to reduce food waste on campus by packaging the extra food into meals for the homeless and less fortunate in the community.

Campus Kitchen is a national organization with 40 programs around the country, three of which are in North Carolina. These kitchens take any leftover food, prepare it, package it and distribute it to various organizations and individuals in need.

"It is difficult to walk into Colonnades as they are closing and see how much food they are throwing away," said Christina Strader, a junior who helped found Elon's branch of Campus Kitchen. "I am sure this is something that ARAMARK wanted to do something about but had no resources."

Campus Kitchen will partner with ARAMARK, Elon's food service provider, and Allied Churches, an organization that provides food and shelter to the community's homeless individuals. Strader said ARAMARK would provide the food, kitchen and storage space on campus that the organization needs.

Mary Morrison, director of the Kernodle Center for Service

Learning, said ARAMARK may have to adjust how much food is served to Elon students at a time, due to regulations on what food Campus Kitchen can serve.

The meals will be initially delivered to Allied Churches, which Morrison said serves 100 - 150 meals a day. On the weekends, the meals will go to Caring Kitchen, another organization in the Burlington area that provides meals to those who are less fortunate in the community.

"Ultimately, we would like to deliver the individually prepared meals that we create to individuals living at home as well as to Allied Churches," Strader said.

Morrison said Campus Kitchen is not trying to take over other organizations that meet this need but rather help supplement the work that is already being done to feed the Burlington community.

"We will prepare the food, we will deliver the food and frequently our students will eat with the people who are being served, so there will be opportunities to develop relationships," Morrison said.

Campus Kitchen will begin developing its staff this summer. In July, the group plans to hire a staff director and in September, it will hire the student-run executive board.

Strader said they plan to begin with six students on the board and grow from there.

She said there will be a wide variety of needs to be met, including someone to ensure the nutrition of the meals and



A worker at Colonnades Dining Hall prepares a meal for students. A new organization coming to campus in the fall looks to package leftovers for local organizations and individuals in need.

someone working to market and promote the organization in the community. Groups, classes and individuals will be able to volunteer to work shifts preparing and distributing the food.

Strader said this summer four of those involved with Campus Kitchen and the Kernodle Center will be attending a training session in Washington, D.C.

There are many

opportunities for growth, Morrison said. The program can expand to include the Elon community garden by using the food that students grow in the organization's prepared meals and programs where students can teach nutrition classes to the community.

Morrison learned about the program through North Carolina Campus Compact, which brings together colleges working to promote campus

participation in public service, according to its Web site. Wake Forest University presented the success that its Campus Kitchen has had to the members of the Compact.

"I thought (Campus Kitchen) sounds like something that would fit with Elon's values," Morrison said. "We have values around service, values around sustainability and values around student leadership, and it just fit all of that."

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ABSS works toward improvement

After low federal testing scores, schools remain optimistic

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through eight went up.

"Last year was a phenomenal year for ABSS," Bridges said.

EOG tests are administered to grades three through eight in math and reading at the end of every academic year. EOC tests are given to all high school grades in the areas of Algebra I, Algebra II, English I, Biology, Civics, U.S. History and Science at the end of each semester. Students take each if enrolled in all those classes. Algebra I, English I, Biology, Civics and U.S. History are required for graduation, Butler said.

The testing in Alamance County has not come without controversy and many do not feel comfortable with the testing system.

Burlington resident Leah Ann Godwin has two children in ABSS and said she thinks not enough is being done to prepare students for testing, nor is it stimulating enough.

"I don't think they prepare them through the school year," Godwin said, noting that her children receive testing review only about a week before the actual tests. "And I think they should make it more fun."

According to Deborah Long, Elon University education professor and director of the Elon Academy, testing in Alamance County is a crisis that needs attention.

"There's a lot of work to be done," Long said. "There's so much emphasis on testing that I think for a lot of teachers, the life has been drained out of them. I think there are a lot of really dedicated teachers who are working really hard and really care about the children that they're teaching, but the whole emphasis on testing has just taken the life out of teaching."

Associate communications professor Glenn Scott has an 11-year-old son in ABSS. He said that while tests are important, they should not be the only measure of performance.

"I don't worry that the school system here isn't testing enough," Scott said. "I wish that there was more energy put into other attempts to teach our children to think deeply and creatively because I think in the long run, that's what really makes fine, successful people."

He said overall, though, more focus is put on testing at a national level than it used to be.

"I'd like to see less ultimate influence on testing and more on the development of thinking and writing skills," Scott said.

Scott said for the most part, he has seen a great deal of commitment from parents with children in ABSS toward their children's education. Part of how well children learn, he said, depends on how much of an emphasis parents put on reviewing and learning at home.

"I think what we would all agree upon is that we wish the school district here would see gradual, sustained growth in performance of the students," he said.

David Cooper, dean of the Elon University School of Education, meets regularly with Bridges to enhance the relationship between the university and the school system. He said while scores are rising, more needs to be done to raise the bar.

"According to the way the state of North Carolina tests students, it's one of those glass-half-empty, glass-half-full kind of scenarios," Cooper said. "If you look at the ABSS data from one perspective, you would say there's progress particularly in the elementary areas at End-of-Grade scores. The glass-half-empty scenario is that the bar for that is set pretty low. Passing scores are not terrifically high."

He said the same of the system meeting the federal guidelines through AYP goals.

"The majority of schools are meeting the federal guideline ... The majority of ABSS schools are making that AYP status," Cooper said. "(But) in one sense, you can say, yes, they're meeting the federal standard mostly, and each year most schools meet that standard. On the other hand you could say, well, is that a standard you really want to aspire to?"

Why the low scores?

According to several members of the ABSS administration, though, the reason test scores have been low in the past is because of

a re-norming of EOG tests in recent years.

The math EOG test was re-normed in the 2005-2006 school year, and the reading EOG test was re-normed in the 2007-2008 school year.

When these tests are re-normed, they tend to be made more rigorous, Butler said.

"Any time a test becomes more rigorous or challenging, typically we see a drop in our overall scores," he said. "It doesn't mean our students are doing worse, per se, or they didn't do as well as they did last year, it just means that on this new, more challenging test, the scores are not going to indicate what we saw the year before because this is a different test. You're comparing apples to oranges."

The state of North Carolina hopes every school has at least 60 percent of its students pass the EOC and EOG tests and they make progress. If progress occurs, the school has made growth.

John Swajkoski, the principal at Turrentine Middle School, said when the tests were re-normed, he saw a 10-20 percent drop in Turrentine students' scores.

"Everybody took a major hit," he said. "So educators understood the fluctuation in test scores, but the general public I don't think did."

Last year, Turrentine did not make its AYP goals. It met 28 out of 29 subgroups, but because Turrentine is not a Title One school, it will not be affected by the option to have children attend another school outside their designated district.

"The public would see it as 'well Turrentine didn't meet their AYP goals,'" he said. "Well no, we didn't. But if you were a basketball player and hit 28 out of 29 free throws, that's pretty doggone good."

Martha Caulder, principal of Andrews Elementary School in Burlington, said her students' scores took the same dive.

"We continue to revamp the tests ... to fit what the state is expecting of all schools in North Carolina," she said. "A lot of people don't like it, but principals and staff alike just have to remember education is constantly changing. This is the standard that has been put before us, and this is what we have to do to meet it."

Finding a solution

Both the Turrentine and Andrews schools are making strides to combat the EOG test re-norming and are seeing improvement.

"We know that students need to be much more engaged in the lessons," Swajkoski said. "One of the things Turrentine is trying to do is to focus in on student engagement."

Turrentine's most recent approach has been the "Strive for five, be great with eight" initiative.

"If we can raise each individual child's test scores by five points, we'll improve in our scores," he said. "If we raise them by eight points, we'll have a shot at being a school of distinction, which is our goal."

Turrentine has also taken advantage of the Literacy First program, in which all ABSS middle schools are participating. In the program, teachers are trained in teaching specific concepts, such as phonics, word skills and word patterns in depth.

Student engagement is the main staple at Andrews, too.

"We're doing a lot," Caulder said. "At this school it's all about making sure the students are growing, the teachers are motivating students and students are engaged."

One part of the engagement is the Little Leaders program. The program, which is taken advantage of by four ABSS schools including Andrews, provides students with the opportunity to have the same teacher for four years from kindergarten through third grade.

The children attend school on a year-round basis and are able to go on field trips in the community. The program began last summer, and ABSS administration members are eager to see the impact it may have, Caulder said.

Last year, Andrews made all of its 21 AYP targets.

"Your job as a teacher is to make sure students are learning and growing, regardless of the testing umbrella that hangs over

everybody's head," Caulder said. "You still have to make sure you are coming to school to do the job you were hired to do, which is growing children and being motivators of children."

Making progress

The elementary and middle schools are not the only ones making strides to improve. In 2006, Cummings High School in Burlington was threatened to be shut down by the state because of the lack of quality.

Lynn Briggs was hired as one of the co-principals for Cummings, and every position, including the janitorial staff, was re-interviewed. Curriculum content coaches were also hired.

"We decided that in order for us to be successful, we had to build a strong, stable staff because the turnover here was unbelievable and the staff was not as strong as it needed to be," said Briggs, the current principal of Cummings. "We also had to change the culture here because the culture was 'come to the mall and have a good time.' Test scores were not what they needed to be."

Briggs said Cummings changed the culture by setting boundaries and high expectations as well as hiring well-qualified teachers. Since then, the school has made vast improvements, Briggs said.

"The first year, test scores dropped," Briggs said. "Anytime you change the culture of a school, that's what happens initially. Every year since then, they've shown steady growth."

Cummings still has a way to go, though. According to Briggs, 30 percent of students read at a seventh grade reading level or higher. Cummings also does not offer any in-school Advanced Placement classes because of lack of interest from students, Briggs said.

Cummings does allow students to go to nearby schools to take AP classes or students can take them online through the North Carolina Virtual Public High School.

The Elon Academy

Another helpful entity that has improved Cummings' achievements is the Elon Academy. The Elon Academy began in 2006 through a partnership with Cummings and Elon University when Cummings was threatened with closure.

The three-year program focuses on an intense college initiative for students with significant financial need and/or no family history of college. The program comprises three four-week residential summer experiences and year-round monthly Saturday programs.

Long became the director and began recruiting Alamance County students for the program in the fall of 2006.

About 2,000 letters were sent out to every Alamance County high school freshmen, and about 100 students completed an application, she said.

The first Elon Academy class began in 2007 with 26 members. These students have now been accepted to universities such as Radford, Wingate, Swarthmore, Middlebury and Smith. They will graduate from high school this month.

"We have these young people whom these colleges, as we hoped for, are really fighting over," Long said.

Currently, the Elon Academy works with seven ABSS schools.

In addition, Cummings also participates in the "Go 4 College" program that allows Cummings students to visit Elon's campus, sit in on classes and talk to other students.

"The way out of the cycle of poverty is by education, I think," Long said. "If we can start getting some of these students who are growing up in high poverty situations and get them an education so they can live a more fulfilling life ... when they have children, their children will be educated. It's a long-term solution."

Cooper said ABSS needs to set the bar higher.

"I think what ABSS could do to help itself is to aim higher," he said. "To adopt a view that is kind of like what Elon (University) has adopted, which is 'why not be great?'"

Why settle for adequate when great is within reach?"

Moving forward

One way to move from adequate to exceptional, Bridges said, is to adopt a new model of education, not just within ABSS, but globally.

"The traditional model doesn't work for all kids," he said. "What students need, really, is very simple: they need more time and they need more help. We have to figure out ways to address those two things."

Bridges said one way to replace the traditional model of teaching that has been used for years is to come up with more engaging solutions.

"Kids are smarter. They know more," he said. "Hopefully in my career, before that's over, we will make some significant changes in the model, the delivery system that we will provide to these kids. It's the same one they used when I was in school, and the two don't match."

According to Bridges, the key word in this puzzle is innovation. Technology, he said, is something kids need more of in the school system.

Currently, ABSS uses E-Rate money given by the federal government for special rates on telephone services and classroom technology to install new equipment.

Turrentine has a wireless campus, and each teacher has been given a laptop. The school is currently looking into getting a SMART Board, an interactive computerized board that students can work with.

Andrews has eight SMART Boards: one for every grade in kindergarten through fifth, one for gifted classes and one for English as a second language classes. All Andrews teachers have PC desktop computers as well.

Caulder says it's not enough, though.

"In my perspective as a principal, Andrews needs to raise the bar on technology," she said.

She is hoping to get more SMART Boards in the classroom.

"Most of the time schools have to be real creative with their money in regard to how you can get more technology," Caulder said. "That's something we're trying to do here."

Briggs has the same feeling for Cummings. The school has two computer labs, three mounted SMART Boards, one mounted active board and are in the process of obtaining another SMART Board.

"We're working towards more technology," Briggs said. "There's just not enough money to keep up with it. Any teacher that requests something, we try to honor it."

Briggs said it is difficult to compete with other schools in technology. Kids are coming into Cummings with more technological skills, and Cummings must try to fit that need. She said any leftover funds she has at the end of the year will go toward technology.

Bridges said ABSS is always trying to look for grants to obtain more technology in the schools.

"We are not where we need to be technology-wise, and resources have been scarce in that arena," Bridges said. "(But) I think we've been able to make some really good progress in the last three or four years. We have probably put more emphasis on technology in my time here than previously and that's driven by the students."

Bridges said that with new innovation and increasingly engaging curriculum, ABSS will continue to do better.

"The kids are expanding their knowledge and we can't be a barrier to that," he said. "We need to support that."

In addition, he said leadership is improving and teacher turnover rate is not as high. He hopes scores for the tests that take place next week will continue to improve as they did last year.

"We try to operate under the mindset that it's always about continuous improvement," he said. "How can we get better because we know there is room for improvement in everything that we do ... Do we have much work to do? Of course. But I feel really good about the direction that we're headed."

Number of financial aid applications decreases

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

As the 2009-2010 academic year winds down, Elon University's Office of Financial Planning has begun evaluating student financial aid applications for the 2010-2011 year.

The number of students at Elon applying for financial aid is beginning to fall back to its pre-recession levels, according to representatives from the Office of Financial Planning.

On average each year before the recession, about 50 percent of Elon's students applied for financial aid, and about 35 percent have some of their needs met. Pat Murphy, director of financial planning, said that need-based applications were 15 percent higher than average in 2009, but only five percent above normal this year.

In the upcoming academic year, the cost of attending Elon for an out-of-state student will be \$35,475 compared to \$33,625 for an in-state student.

Barry Bradberry, associate dean of admissions and financial planning, also said that prospective students and families don't seem to be driven away from Elon because of its price tag.

"People are looking for price and value," he said. "People are very aware that we spend our money wisely."

In 2009, Kiplinger's

magazine ranked Elon No. 28 for "best value" private colleges in the United States. Wake Forest University and Duke University ranked higher on the list, most likely because of the size of their endowments, according to Susan Klopman, vice president of admissions and financial planning.

"I always contend, however, that Elon offers the best educational value for the dollar," she said.

Murphy said a financial aid package comprises either one or a combination of scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs, and each student's package is unique.

"Our commitment to students when they come in is to maintain the package we gave them freshmen year," Murphy said.

The amount of aid the Office of Financial Planning is able to give away each year is determined by Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for business, finance and technology, and is based on the estimated tuition revenues for the upcoming year.

These funds go toward grants, Presidential scholarships and scholarships for select students in the Fellows programs.

Other scholarships come from university endowment.

"One of the primary goals of the Ever Elon campaign

FINANCIAL AID at Elon

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is to produce endowment money for scholarships," Murphy said.

Additional grant money is available to the Office of Financial Planning from the state of North Carolina for in-state students.

Loans are determined on the federal level, based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

A student's need-based aid is determined by their FAFSA, which calculates the "expected family contribution," or what a family can afford to contribute to a student's education in the upcoming year. The difference in the

cost of attending and this contribution indicates the student's need.

Incoming freshmen also turn in a College Scholarship Service Profile to help calculate their financial aid package.

Murphy said that if a student's financial situation changes during their time at Elon, for example, if a parent loses a job, the office will attempt to help compensate for that.

"We take it very seriously," Bradberry said. "We sit down and talk about (each student's situation). We look at everything that we can

find to help someone."

A recent New York Times article discussed colleges and universities receiving an increased number of financial aid appeals from students and their families, requesting more money than was initially given. Murphy said this isn't a common occurrence at Elon.

"We give them our best offer the first time," he said. "Most accept what it is."

Bradberry said he thinks that the economic situation is looking up.

"I don't feel it's as bad as people say it is," he said. "Last year was way worse."

Governor's ethics reform plan aims to increase transparency within government

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Managing Editor

When North Carolina lawmakers return to the General Assembly Wednesday, May 12, ethics reform will vie for attention among budget and unemployment woes. Gov. Bev Perdue's "Good Government Package" includes legislation and executive orders to "strengthen ethical guidelines in state government."

The plan, announced April 5, is part of a "15-month push for stronger ethics, transparency and accountability in state government," according to a press release from the Office of the Governor.

The ethic reform package follows six months of political controversies in North Carolina. Former Gov. Mike Easley is under federal investigation, Ruffin Poole, his former chief aid, pleaded guilty to tax evasion and fundraiser Rusty Carter was convicted of giving illegal campaign contributions to both Perdue and Senate leader Marc Basnight.

According to the press release, the legislation calls for a one-year cooling off period before high level state employees can register as a lobbyist and requires 75 percent attendance for appointees to boards and commissions. Furthermore, it creates a conflict of interest standard for certain boards and commissions not covered by the State Ethics Act, the power of the governor to remove governor appointments to a board or commission at will, without cause, and an executive order, that calls for full disclosure of an applicant's background.

The executive order states any conflicts of interest must be disclosed to the governor, along with criminal activities and financial information.

Connie Book, director of the Sunshine Center for the North

ETHICS REFORM

Gov. Bev Perdue's proposed package:

- enforces prohibitions on contractors allowing officeholders to oversee contracts
- enforces stricter requirements for appointees serving on boards and commissions
- increases ethical standards for state employees
- establishes a cooling off period for state employees working in private business or registering as lobbyists.

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Carolina Open Government Coalition, said to err on the side of transparency.

"If a person does say 'I have these conflicts of interest,' and there were no financial information next to it, you don't put a person at risk," Book said.

Christine Mackey, press secretary for Perdue, said the cooling off period makes government more transparent, and this measure prevents lobbyists from wielding power over legislators and board members.

An Elon University poll on April 26 found nearly 22 percent of respondents think it is too strict to have a rule that requires a person to wait a year before they can work for a company with which they do business as a state employee.

Other results found respondents saw a "good balance" for other rules including requiring a person to resign from their appointment if they miss more than a quarter of their meetings, requiring a person

to identify any conflicts of interest they have and requiring a person to refuse gifts from a company and organization they do business with.

One rule respondents found to not be strict enough was forcing a person to resign if accused of a felony and refusing to cooperate with an investigation in relation to their appointment.

Rick Gunn, who is running for N.C. state senator, said transparency has been lacking in the government for a long time.

"My feeling on this is we are striving for more transparency in the state government, something that has been lacking for years," Gunn said. "The more transparent we can be, the better off we can be for the public."

Mackey said ethics reforms remains one of the governor's top priorities.

"The governor is committed to more efficiency, accountability and transparency," Mackey said. "It has always been a priority."

Female student assaulted; suspect not identified

A female Elon University sophomore was assaulted on Saturday at approximately 2 a.m. on East Haggard Avenue near the Sheridan Place entrance. She did not require medical treatment.

According to the incident report, the offender grabbed her shoulder from behind and pushed her to the ground.

"I froze when the man turned around," the victim said. "I didn't know what to do at the time, but then I realized that I was in trouble and I kicked him."

The student said she then kicked the man in the thigh and ran away as he fell to the ground.

According to the incident report, the student turned around while she was running and said the suspect stood up, but made no attempt to follow her.

"I was really lucky," she said. "He didn't follow me and I was able to get back home safely."

The victim was unable to see his face, but she described the suspect as a white male in his 20s wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

The incident was an attempted assault and not sexually related. There are no suspect leads at this time.

False reports lead some to fear filing charges

Ashley Barnas
Senior Reporter

False reports have visibility right now, but they are certainly not a trend on campus. The February arrest of an Elon University student for filing a false report may prevent other students from reporting cases of sexual violence or any suspicious activity in general, according to university officials.

"Creating a lot of energy and visibility around false reporting can certainly prevent people from reporting, so it's dangerous to do even though the facts of the story may be accurate and there may have been a false report," said Leigh-Anne Royster, coordinator for personal health programs and community well-being on campus. "To highly publicize that, I think, makes students second-guess themselves."

Students should not hesitate to report things they see for fear of a similar charge, said Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for student life. She has been at Elon for nearly 24 years, and this is only the second time someone has been charged with filing a false report.

"The federal percentage at which crimes are falsely reported is 2 percent," Royster said. "Things like sexual violence, intimate partner violence, those sort of things have the same sort of rate ... as all other federal crime statistics like breaking and entering."

Police need very clear information to indicate it is a false report, Patterson said.

"There has to be significant evidence that there was intentional fabrication in order for someone to be arrested for false reporting," Royster said. "If you sense that something dangerous is happening but you're not exactly sure if it is, and you're not exactly sure what it might be, you shouldn't hesitate to call for services because that is not going to result in a false report."

People second-guess their instincts or misinterpret stories such as the recent false report, but students should not err on the side of not reporting.

"A false report arrest is made when there is significant evidence that a person has intentionally fabricated information, not just when they're unsure," Royster said.

Students should not be afraid to report what they think they saw, Patterson said. An arrest cannot be made for simply reporting suspicious activity. Video

surveillance and other kinds of electronic records can be checked to verify reports, but the standard of proof is pretty high for filing a false police report.

"(The police) understand that people get anxious when they're talking about those kinds of things," Patterson said. "That's why the police are trying to ask very specific questions that sometimes may seem strange."

The police may ask the same question three different ways when trying to get consistent information, Patterson said. If the information involved an Elon student, the information is then distributed around campus through e-mails from Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life. Patterson said there is sometimes a time delay between the incident and the "Smith Jackson e-mail" because they want to be as accurate as possible and gather as much information as needed before disseminating it.

"Our stance has always been you treat every report as a legitimate report," Patterson said. "Doesn't matter the circumstances. You treat every report as a legitimate report until the point in time where it becomes obvious where there is strong evidence to support that that's not the truth."

Rape and all forms of sexual assault are one of the most underreported forms of assault, said Ann Cahill, associate professor of philosophy.

Such assault usually happens among people who know one another. The National Center for Victims of Crimes reported that "60 percent of acquaintance rapes on college campuses occur in casual or steady dating relationship."

In such cases, the social ramifications are different. The social narrative is that sexual violence is over reported, Cahill said, because of a belief that it's easy for a woman to accuse a man of sexual violence and destroy his life by doing so.

"Over 13 percent of college women report they have been stalked. Of these, 42 percent were stalked by a boyfriend or ex-boyfriend," according to a report by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

When there are reports of sexual violence, Cahill said the most common outcome, regardless of whether the man is found guilty or not, is for the woman to feel ostracized and leave the university. One of the reasons why sexual violence is drastically under reported

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Facts:

In 8 out of 10 rape cases, the victim knew the perpetrator.

One in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18.

Among college students nationwide, between 20 percent and 25 percent of women reported experiencing completed or attempted rape.

There is at least a 50 percent likelihood that a woman will develop Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) after being raped. Sexual assault is also closely associated with depression and anxiety disorders.

SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

is that women know it opens them up to social judgment and violates their privacy, she said.

It is very common for survivors of sexual violence to leave an institution and choose not to press charges, especially on a small campus, Cahill said.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, "women ages 16 to 24 experience the highest per capita rates of intimate violence — 16 per 1,000 women. The average rate of intimate violence against women as a whole is only 6 per 1,000 women."

There is a large discourse about women lying or being casual about being sexually abused, Cahill said, but Elon does a lot to create a culture where women have access to support, including access to people who are extremely well versed and can empower them.

That's where Royster's position comes into play. Most institutions have response options for survivors of sexual violence but often only have the community resource. Campuses are addressing these issues, but Elon holds it as a high priority.

"I think that Elon having my full-time position here says a

lot about Elon's commitment as a university to have a confidential space where students can feel comfortable checking in, exploring what's going for them with relationships or with incidents that happen to them," Royster said.

Royster can hold a confidential conversation without an official report and serve as a sounding board or a clearinghouse for information about resources. Her office is committed to working with community resources and creating good working relationships with law enforcement officials, local crisis response agencies and the like.

"As a professional, I will never suggest what course of action a student should take," Royster said. "I will help arm them with the knowledge of all the resources they have available."

One problem is sexual abuse survivors may not be familiar with the local police officers and won't know what they will get involved in after reporting the crime. Cahill, Royster and Patterson agree that the challenge as a community is to build a relationship with Royster and her office and with the police so women can be confident calling law

enforcement.

Students should not hesitate to call 911 if they feel they are in immediate danger. Dialing 911 will put the students in contact with the jurisdiction that can respond the quickest.

"It's just important that students know that the empowerment of their process after having an experience is respected here at Elon and that the university is serious about that and wants to support that in every way that they can," Royster said.

There is no single motivation for false reporting, but Royster suspects false reports happen because the reporter wants to see an outcome and does not know another way to find resources other than to say something more than what actually happened.

When women experience serious forms of sexual violence, the average lapse between assault and reporting the incident is three years, Cahill said. Not every woman should have to press charges, but she should have access to resources for help, she said.

Any case of sexual violence has a ripple effect. The person who's assaulted holds the brunt of that, but Cahill said the harm ripples out to friends, and every party should know Elon has resources to take care of that.

President's office to see staff changes

After more than 40 years of serving Elon University in various capacities, most recently as special assistant to the president, Jo Williams will no longer be a staff member beginning in the fall. Williams, a 1955 alumna, will become a vice president emerita and will keep an office on campus.



Jo Williams
Special Assistant to the President

"She has been a constant force as special assistant to the president and a gracious

ambassador and advocate for Elon," said President Leo Lambert in a message to faculty and staff members May 6.

With the change, Lisa Keegan, who is currently special assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Trustees, will become the chief of staff in the president's office. Associate Dean of Students Jeff Stein will take over Keegan's current duties.

According to the message, Keegan will continue to work closely with senior staff members and will oversee operations in the president's office, while Stein will focus on external relations, working with trustees and the university advancement staff.

NEWS BRIEFS AND CORRECTIONS

Parking spots to be added, prices to change

An SGA meeting on May 6 confirmed two temporary parking spaces will be added by East and West areas. The legislation will also change prices of parking registration. Harper Center, Sloan, West and Virginia will see a \$20 increase while the Academic Village, Smith, HBB and Carolina dorms will see a \$20 decrease.

iMedia to showcase student work

Students from the Interactive Media masters program will display work May 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the second floor of Powell. All are invited to view the showcase.

Senior class picnic

At noon May 19 the Class of 2010 is invited to attend a class picnic between Moseley Center and the Loy Center. The event kicks off events throughout the week leading to graduation.

Corrections:

In the May 5 article "First generation students defy statistics, add diversity," senior student and Watson scholar Jenna Stout was incorrectly identified as Jenna Thompson. In the May 5 article "Elon University and the Town of Elon," it should have read that the university pays the town \$18,500 every year for auxiliary services.

Chile struggles to rebuild after earthquake

Lindsay Fendt
Reporter

SANTIAGO, CHILE—Immediately following the 8.8 magnitude earthquake Feb. 27, Chile was ravaged by tsunamis, sustained billions of dollars in damages and suffered 528 deaths. Two weeks after the catastrophe, the nation watched its new president, Sebastián Piñera, take his oath surrounded by swaying buildings during a 6.9 magnitude aftershock. And today 2,000 families remain without shelter, faced with southern Chile's harsh winter rains.

"It is true what the people say, Chile is a country of earthquakes," said Carla Asavedo, a former resident of the Chilean town of Talca. "But this was not an earthquake. It was a cataclysm. Talca looks like a bombed city."

While reconstruction has begun in Talca and other cities that suffered the brunt of the damage, there are still large numbers of people without any form of solid shelter. President Piñera announced his plan to construct 40,000 mediaguas, or temporary emergency housing, in April, but at this point only 60 percent of those have been built.

The Chilean army and Un Techo Para Chile, or "a roof for Chile," Chile's largest nonprofit organization, have been constructing an average of 2,000 mediaguas per day, scrambling to reach President Piñera's June 11 deadline for the completion of emergency housing.

Elon junior Renee Zale is spending the semester in Santiago and had been in Chile for less than two weeks when the earthquake happened. She described the disaster as a uniting force in Chilean society.

"In the 10 days I had been there, I had definitely noticed that Chile is a very divided society along social lines, political lines and economic lines," Zale said. "So I was really amazed to see the way people came together to rally for their country. They sort of put aside those divisions for a while to help out."

Cathi Meunier, a study abroad student from Trinity College and regular volunteer for Un Techo Para Chile, described the same camaraderie among student volunteers. Some of the universities extended their Holy Week breaks so students would have time to help out.

"It is hard to say you don't know how to get involved when there are trips every weekend," Meunier said. "Everyone just wants to work together to make a difference."

Repeated aftershocks have also been affecting the region and impeding the reconstruction process, causing fear among victims and, in some cases, death.

"A few days after the earthquake, I was in a store with one of my friends and there was a 7.2 aftershock," Asavedo said. "Everyone left for the street. Some were crying because of the memories."

Chile has gained fame for



A volunteer works to construct temporary housing with Un Techo Para Chile, the largest nonprofit organization in Chile. LINDSAY FENDT | Photographer

its powerful earthquakes throughout history, having fallen victim to the largest earthquake ever recorded in 1960, which went off the Richter scale. Because of its long history with natural disasters, construction in Chile's capital, Santiago, has strict earthquake codes and,

as a result, most of the city avoided serious damage.

While the volunteer efforts may help put homeless families under a roof, reconstructing permanent housing will likely take a minimum of five years. In the meantime, those affected by the earthquake have been trying to put their

lives back together.

"Every day I would see downtown, the destroyed buildings, the houses on the ground," Asavedo said. "This was my town, my city. I spent my whole life here, and now it is in ruins, but we need to continue with our lives. Chile needs to reconstruct itself."

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Voter turnout low in Alamance County for early voting, primary elections

Laura Smith
Senior Reporter

Either the economy, taxes and health care weren't enough to get Alamance County citizens to cast their ballots during early and primary voting, or many were content with how things are.

Out of the county's roughly 89,000 registered voters, only 1,032 had cast ballots by the time early voting ended on May 1, according to the Alamance County Board of Elections.

Republicans cast 610 primary ballots, 192 more than Democrats, who cast only 418. Whites cast 872 votes, blacks cast 149, women cast 566 and men cast 462.

Early voting opened April 15 to those who wanted to cast ballots early or cast absentee ballots.

The story was the same for the primary elections, which took place last Tuesday. As of Tuesday night, Alamance County had 9 percent of voter turnout and 8,098 ballots had been cast.

Margaret Edede-Nissen, the chief judge for Precinct No. 4, said only 69 people had come in to voted as of 1 p.m. on election day. The polls opened at 6:30 a.m. that morning.

"My guess is what we see today would parallel early voting," she said.

Alamance County Board of Elections Director Kathy Holland said the numbers were actually high compared to the last non-presidential early and primary elections in 2006. In 2006, only 287 people voted, she said.

But in 2008 during the

presidential election year, 6,758 voted early, she said.

"The only thing any of us can say because it was low throughout the state is that there's a lack of interest," Holland said.

Holland said by not voting, citizens waste not only their political expression but also their tax dollars. The Board of Elections spends a certain amount of money for polling and, as a citizen, people should get as much for their tax dollar as they can, Holland said.

"It's not only their right as a citizen," Holland said, "but it's their right as a taxpayer."

Burlington residents Kathy and Wayne Hubbard came to vote and said they were disappointed at the low number of voter turnout.

"I think it's important that if you have concerns about where things are going, and clearly the country does seem divided on what direction we should be taking, then it's up to each individual to make that commitment to have their voice heard," Kathy said. "I am surprised, and I'm disappointed that more individuals aren't taking advantage of that."

She said she thinks it is because there were not a lot of races, especially since it was not a presidential race.

"The fewer the races, the less the people take time out, but that's shameful of them that they're not taking the time to make their voice heard," she said.

Wayne said he was very surprised with the numbers.

"I actually thought there might be more with all the dissatisfaction in the

country," he said. "I thought there would be a lot of people voting."

According to political science professor and Elon University Poll Director Hunter Bacot, this type of turnout is not surprising.

"There's no race at the top of the ticket to bring people out," he said. "Generally, the rule of thumb is half the people register and half the people registered vote."

That results in only about 25 percent of actual voters making the decision for all, he said.

"For some people it makes no sense to vote. Economically it's just not feasible," he said.

Bacot cited barriers such as having work shifts during the designated primary voting times or not being in good enough health to get to the polls. But the reason for early voting is to break down some of these barriers, he said.

He also said legal barriers can pose a problem. If a citizen moves from one county to another, they have to suspend their registration and register with the new county, which some don't always do right away.

He said it could also be the result of an "apathetic public," meaning people are generally content with how things are until something happens to make them unhappy enough to go to the polls and cast their vote.

Burlington resident Larry Oakley said he believes voter turnout was low because it did not matter to many people. He said there are things that need to be done, such as providing more jobs

VOTER TURNOUT 2010

Election 2010 results as of May 7, 2010:

US Senate (Democrat):

Cal Cunningham- 39.15 percent of votes

US Senate (Republican):

Richard Burr- 78.92 percent of votes

US House of Representatives District 6- Howard Coble-60.39 percent of votes

US House of Representatives District 13- Bernie Reeves- 33.24 percent of votes

County Commissioner (Republican) - Tom Manning-55.84 percent of votes

Court of Appeals Judge, Calabria Seat- Ann Marie Calabria- 42.18 percent of votes

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and lowering taxes.

Burlington resident Nancy Lewis said she felt the same as Oakley.

"A lot of people just think 'oh well' and that's terrible," she said.

Her husband John said while voter turnout wasn't that surprising since it was not a presidential election, he was still disappointed over the turnout.

"I don't know why they're not taking advantage because we are in a very, very critical time of our country," he said. "What's been going on with the health care thing,

everybody is against that. Everybody is against cap and trade. People are not standing up for what is worth and the people who should be doing it are not."

Holland said she feels the same.

"I think every time is a crucial time to vote because you're electing people who are going to represent you," she said. "If you don't go out in the primary and vote for someone who you think is going to represent your interests, then that person might not move onto the November ballot."

Census participation rates on the rise for Alamance, Guilford counties in 2010

CENSUS 2010 PARTICIPATION

Alamance County, NC

||69 percent (2000) ||76 percent (2010)

Guilford County, NC

||72 percent (2000) ||74 percent (2010)

National rate:

||72 percent (2010)

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In Alamance County, 76 percent of residents filled out the U.S. Census this year, an increase from the 69 percent of residents who filled out the form in 2000. The rates in the county exceeded the national census return rate of 72 percent.

Guilford County had a rate of 74 percent, which was a 2 percent increase from the 2000 Census.

Students at Elon aided in getting the word out about the Census.

Five senior strategic communications majors made up the 2010 Elon team for the Bateman Competition. The 2010 Competition focused on spreading the word about the U.S. Census. Elon seniors Molly Calpin, Craig Orsi, Kaitlin Carlin, Ben Kaufman and Claire Derreberry participated in the competition. Carolyn Vanbrocklin, a junior strategic communications major, served as an alternate.

The campaign that Elon students implemented was called the "This is Why I Care" campaign.

May 1 began the non-response follow-up for people who did not fill out the Census the first time. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Web site, the non-response follow-up will have census workers travel door to door to gain more people's information.

During this time, the Census estimates that 48 million households will be visited by a census worker. This follow-up will take place until July 10.

Summit debates risks, benefits of biosolids



FILE PHOTO

Residents of the City of Burlington attended a conference in Raleigh to discuss the use of biosolids, created in the process of treating wastewater. Above, the South Burlington Wastewater Treatment facility in Graham produces biosolids.

Melissa Kansky
Multimedia Editor

Scientists, environmentalists and other individuals, including some from the City of Burlington, attended a summit in Raleigh the last week in April to discuss the risk surrounding land application of biosolids, or treated sludge, as fertilizer. Most presenters had a history of either studying biosolids or an involvement in the regulatory process for the Environmental Protection Agency or state. Although presenters did not reveal new information, the summit served as an educational forum to discuss the dispute.

"Do you know how many deaths have been linked to peanut butter?" said Eric Davis, Burlington's water and sewer operation's manager. "I don't mean to minimize the risk of anything associated with biosolids, but there is a risk in everything we do."

The Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League said it believes the possible benefits do not outweigh the plausible risks. Sue Dayton, BREDL's statewide coordinator, presented information opposing the land application of sludge, another term for biosolids.

She argued that disease in livestock and people was a common outcome in areas where the land application of biosolids took place. She cited seven instances throughout the nation beginning in 1991 where disease and death were attributed to this.

Louis Zeller, the science director for BREDL, recounted an occurrence in 1998 where cattle in Georgia died because of toxic materials found in sewage sludge that was used as fertilizer.

"They can't back it up with evidence. They back it up with anecdotal evidence," Davis said. "Sue Dayton got up and said the issues she thought were pressing, but scientists with a lot of credibility said that the calf's disease was not a result of biosolids."

Zeller said that differing opinions surround all issues, not just the argument over sludge.

"Sometimes information is not good information even though it comes from people that have studied it for a while," he said.

Organic nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous comprise biosolids. According to Davis, 95 percent of the product is water and five percent is waste. The organic material enables the fertilizer to be effective longer.

"When there is a complaint the state comes out and investigates," Davis said. "We have not violated our permits on any of those complaints."

Every five years, the state renews the permits.

Land application of biosolids began as a solution to ocean dumping. Although BREDL does not offer an alternative to land application, Zeller suggested placing warning signs and not applying biosolids near residential areas.



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The power of expectation

Demanding high performance in all levels of education prompts students to rise to the occasion

You walk into a Cummings High School classroom filled with 21 students. It's fifth period and you're ready to learn basic algebra. The teacher puts warm-up exercises on the board, but everyone is talking too loudly to notice. You look to your left, only to see a group of boys sitting on desks and talking about what is going on in the neighborhood this weekend. You look to your right and see girls putting on makeup and someone sleeping.

Twenty minutes go by, and the teacher is too busy trying to get everyone to pay attention to have taught anything. Most of your peers are taking this class for the second — or even third — time, and of the 21 students, only five are passing the class. You try to listen to the teacher, but you can't hear. You finally drop your head in defeat, muttering under your breath, "I wish I went to any other school, where people actually cared about learning."

This is an all-too-common scenario that high school students face. Day after day, week after week, students go to class and walk out having learned nothing because of their lack of effort and the lack of effort of those around them.

At first glance, the situation doesn't look quite so dire. Compared to the state average, the Alamance-Burlington School System is doing pretty well, graduating about 74 percent of its 2005 freshman class in 2009. North Carolina graduated

about 72 percent of that same group. But a majority of the students were white. Of the black students in the Alamance-Burlington School System, only about 70 percent graduated, and only about 58 percent of Hispanic students graduated.

Of the schools in the county, Hugh M. Cummings High School in Burlington sits at the bottom, with a 60.2 percent graduation rate in 2009. That is a 14-percentage-point difference from the county average. Cummings also has the highest percentage of minority students, and 63 percent of students are eligible for reduced-price or free lunches. In North Carolina, the average is 26 percent.

For many people, this validates beliefs that these kids aren't going anywhere with their lives. These statistics give them grounds to point and say, "See, I told you they couldn't succeed. They can't even graduate from high school." It reaffirms prejudices about race and class.

But in reality, it's these stigmas and prejudices that start the cycle to begin with. There are no expectations to succeed. In fact, the expectation is to fail, so that's exactly what happens.

In "The War Against Boys," Christina Hoff Sommers explains that over-zealous feminists are raising the expectations of females in classrooms at the expense of boys. As a result, females are doing much better, but the neglected males are not. In 1928, American

sociologist William Isaac Thomas looked at the phenomenon as such: "If men define situations as real, they are real in their consequences." Then, in 1948, Robert K. Merton defined the concept as the self-fulfilling prophecy.

It is this very idea that shapes the lives of high school students not just at Cummings High School, but at high schools across the country. Preconceived notions dictate that low-income and minority students won't succeed at high school and will end up living in the ghetto. Overcoming such expectations is like asking a student to get off the couch and climb Mount Everest. It may happen once in a while, but the majority of people are never going to reach the peak.

These expectations affect the way money is distributed to schools — "Why should we spend money on students who aren't going to achieve anything?" — and the way teachers approach classes. These students get the bottom rung of everything because no one wants to waste resources on children that aren't going to reap the benefits. But without such resources, they have no chance of achieving excellence. They are being set up to fail.

Over and over again, students hear, both in word and action, that they will never accomplish anything. When that is the only message given to them, how can we expect anything different?

We don't. And that's exactly the problem.

Revel in accomplishments to obtain happiness

When suffering from perpetual dissatisfaction, acknowledging hard work and giving credit for goals met makes for happier existence

"Lighten up and live a little" is probably the last piece of advice you'd expect to get during finals week. But it's something we all need to do.

In an article in the New York Times, Oprah Winfrey shared her opinions on why we constantly feel like we need to pile things onto our plates. Oprah said she believes we fill our schedules to the brim in order to validate ourselves. But the moment has come to take a little more time to really enjoy ourselves instead of running ourselves ragged.

We're all guilty of it. We pack too much into our daily schedules. Joining too many clubs, taking on too many responsibilities, taking really tough classes, losing sleep to get it all done and watching life fly by in a flash. This cycle begins at a young age because we watch our parents do the same thing, and we think that the only way to be truly successful is to overwork ourselves.

But life is meant to be lived, not

endured. For that reason, it's important to put your own personal happiness before anyone else's.

We all live our lives in different ways, but if you don't wake up in the morning with the intention to do something that makes you happy, then you're not really living. It may sound selfish, but sometimes it's essential to remember to put yourself first.

There's nothing wrong with a little friendly competition. And we should all motivate one another to work hard at everything we do. But constantly comparing yourself to others and measuring your accomplishments against theirs is fruitless. The only person you can control is yourself, so keep your focus there.

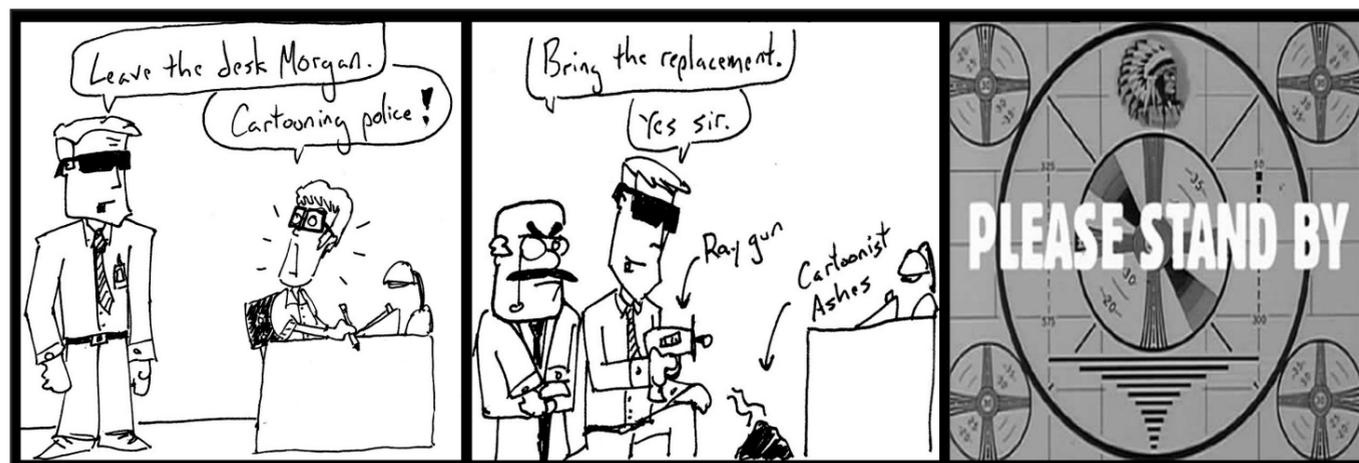
It's great to have drive, and we should all strive to do great things. But no one is perfect, and that's not something that we should ever strive to be. The only thing you should ever strive to be is yourself. The amount of drive

that we have to be the best is actually depreciating our sense of self. We all reach a certain point in the semester when we're just cranking out work to get it done. We type up a page, slap our name on it and call it a day. But we should be proud of something that our names are attached to. Because we're all so busy and over-worked, we don't end up putting our hearts into a lot of the things we do.

The simple solution to this problem is to scale back. Don't do things that you don't want to do. No one is forcing you to do anything. Do what you love and love what you do. Learn to say no. Know your limits. Take some time for yourself.

Treat your life as one of those plastic plates you get at family reunions. There are perfect spots to place all the correctly sized portions. It's easy to overfill it, but you're much more satisfied if you don't.

Put your life on a diet. You won't regret it.



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Legal immigrants shouldn't shoulder burden of proof



Anna Johnson
Columnist

Innocent until proven guilty. This cornerstone of the American justice system has successfully been chipped away with the recent passage of Arizona's

immigration law, SB1070. When Gov. Jan Brewer signed the legislation into law, she condemned thousands to clutch closely to immigration papers and walk in fear of a police officer finding "probable cause" that they entered the country illegally.

The law, passed April 23, is by far the broadest and harshest bill passed to date and forces immigrants to carry documentation to prove they followed the law and obeyed the stringent process to walk on American soil. Immigrants who enter the country legally are guaranteed protection from laws that discriminate based on race or ethnicity. This new immigration law is in direct contrast to these laws because it states a police officer can inquire about the legal status of an individual if there is a "reasonable suspicion" the person has illegally entered the country. But how is that reasonable suspicion determined?

Brewer doesn't know. After signing the law she signed an executive order requiring the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board to provide local police officers with training on what is considered reasonable suspicion. While it is a step in the right direction to demand training, to require this training after passing the law without knowing what the training will

entail does not inspire much confidence. Brewer was quoted by multiple sources saying she does not know what an illegal immigrant looks like and once the proper authorities have flushed out the details the "law will be enforced civilly, fairly and without discriminate points to it."

Her attempts to promise fairness and civility are weak at best. There is no American citizen or legal immigrant that should be subject to carry documentation to prove who he or she is. The burden of proof should not be placed on the common individual but instead on the police officers. There are multiple misdemeanors—littering, jay-walking or failure to yield—in which police officers can use to inquire about the legal status of an individual. If they see a young white woman litter will they stop and ask her to produce her license to prove she legally lives in Arizona? Or will that question be reserved for those of Hispanic or Latino descent?

The so-called safe guards against racial profiling are laughable. Brewer said we should trust our officers. But is that a trust that legal immigrants and American citizens alike can afford?

When police officers have histories of racial profiling can Americans trust a system where the guidelines for arrest are not clearly defined? The answer is no. This law has inspired other forms of legislation in other states and its momentum must be stopped before every American of Hispanic descent or legal immigrant is required to carry immigration papers. If local law enforcers want the power to eradicate illegal immigrants it should be their burden to bear, not the average citizens and immigrants who chose to legally call the United States home.

Mind over matter: Placebo effect reveals potential for advancements in medicine



Ashley Fahey
Columnist

Since the beginning of time, humans have found ways to heal their bodies, whether they are natural, holistic remedies or prescribed medications.

But what if, all along, we ourselves contained the key to healing and sustaining our well-being? What if, through the psychological labyrinths that comprise our brains, we have had the potential to cure ourselves?

The theory that discusses this phenomenon is commonly referred to as the "placebo effect." Physicians have tested the power of the placebo effect by administering substances that have no pharmaceutical effect to their patients. Unknowingly, these patients take these substances while believing they are actual medications. Consequently, they report to have been healed or to have felt a positive change in their ailment since taking the drug.

Humans have immense power over their mind and bodies, more so than most realize. We naturally run on emotions, expectations, hopes, regrets and millions of other characteristics that make us a unique and unpredictable species.

When something — an illness, injury or a related discomfort — is ailing us, our anxiety instinctively increases and a fervent desire to simply "feel better" subconsciously overtakes our way of thinking. In some cases, this leads to placebo behaviors and mindsets that make some people genuinely think they are feeling better.

So what exactly does this amount to? Is "placebo healing" possibly a new trend in a world where trillions of dollars have been spent to advance healing and medicinal technologies?

It can be argued that the placebo effect essentially holds relatively little weight in the grand scheme of things. Simply because a person is convinced that they have been healed does not mean that they are actually healed. This might possibly raise even more risk for the foiled patient, because they could be living with a health problem without recognizing the reality of the situation.

Additionally, an argument regarding ethics is raised, as a physician is essentially lying to their patient when prescribing a medication that is not the substance they claim it is. Those who succumb to the placebo effect are oftentimes described as irrational or easily swindled by others.

But beyond the bad reputation the placebo effect has, could there possibly be some positive aspects about it? Is it possible to harness the power of human psychology and somehow channel it to heal individuals?

The brain is powerful and its capabilities stretch beyond what humans can imagine, even at this point in time. The power to heal certainly should not be excluded from its possibilities. Of course, there are limits — an individual cannot believe they have undergone intensive surgery and be healed solely through the placebo effect as a result. But I think there are certainly circumstances and conditions that could speed up the healing process of relatively minor ailments through the immense power of the human brain.

Don't drill: Recent destruction digs a deeper hole of despair



Lauren Ramsdell
Columnist

As we enter the third week of the Gulf Coast oil spill, various strategies have tried and failed to stop the flow of 210,000 gallons of oil per day. These include, but are not limited to, roping off the area, a failed cap

system, untested chemical dispersants and even stuffing the hole with shredded tires.

Those 210,000 gallons have translated into roughly \$350 million in costs — at this point. While the news is abuzz with stopping the flow, we should be more concerned with stopping the flow of oil, for good.

It's now time that we stop paying for gasoline, along with its "mistakes," in the form of catastrophic oil spills and begin paying for environmentally-friendly alternatives.

That \$350 million could have been used for research into and the purchase of green technology had it not been swallowed up by the oil spill. For

between \$6,000 to \$22,000, individuals can buy a wind turbine to help power their own homes. Toyota Priuses retail for \$21,000. A simple reusable grocery bag is as cheap as \$0.99.

When the world seemed close to peak oil in the '70s, discussion was made about getting away from the stranglehold that oil has on the American economy. The Exxon-Valdez spill raised the same questions and the recent West Virginia mine disaster highlighted the human loss of life we must tolerate in order to run on fossil fuel.

Now, the sailors on board the British Petroleum oil rig have perished, as well as six seabirds. The cost in both life and money is too much. It is beyond time that America makes a firm stance: drilling here, drilling now, drilling anywhere is no longer a viable option.

Wind and water power technology is out there — the money just has to appear in order to make it a reality in American homes. I propose that BP, in addition to paying for the spill, contribute an equal amount to implementing green technology. Will that bankrupt the company? Maybe, but then there's one less company sucking and spilling oil from the earth.



SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

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THERE'S MORE TO ELON THAN WHAT YOU SEE

"Third floor Virginia (or 3VA, as we affectionately call it) will always be one of the most special places at Elon to me. I lived there my freshman year in the honors learning community, and I can't think of a better way to have started my college experience. "No one ever stayed in their rooms. Our first weekend there we ... played a massive game of Twister in the breezeway between Virginia and West. We also had many sleepovers in there even though we weren't supposed to. Sometimes we'd even move someone's television in there because we'd want to watch a movie and the breezeway was big enough to hold all of us. We'd always do our homework together sprawled out in the hallway, often into the wee hours of the morning. And on our last night on the hall, we had the most epic silly string and water gun fight in the history of silly string and water gun fights. I made some of my best friends on that hall, and we're still close now in our senior year. We still look back on our time on 3VA as one of the highlights of college."

-Alexa Milan



Ashley Jobe
Opinions Editor

On March 1, a spring scholarship appreciation dinner was held in McKinnon Hall. Women of various ages and grade levels ate a wonderful dinner, sharing stories about experiences at Elon and aspirations for the future. At one particular table sat Claire Shelton, a senior intending to graduate early, who was getting married March 20. She described her fiancé, Tim, who attended Intersarsity meetings with her and prayed with her during their time

dating. Tim proposed to Claire on a bench outside Long.

Students walk past that building every day and are probably unaware of the story behind that place — and that it holds special memories for this Elon couple. Claire Shelton is now Claire Anderson, happily married to Tim.

That chance encounter should make us think about the personal significance other places on campus hold for other students. Through the creation of the Facebook group "There's more to Elon than what you see," these are the stories our community has unearthed.

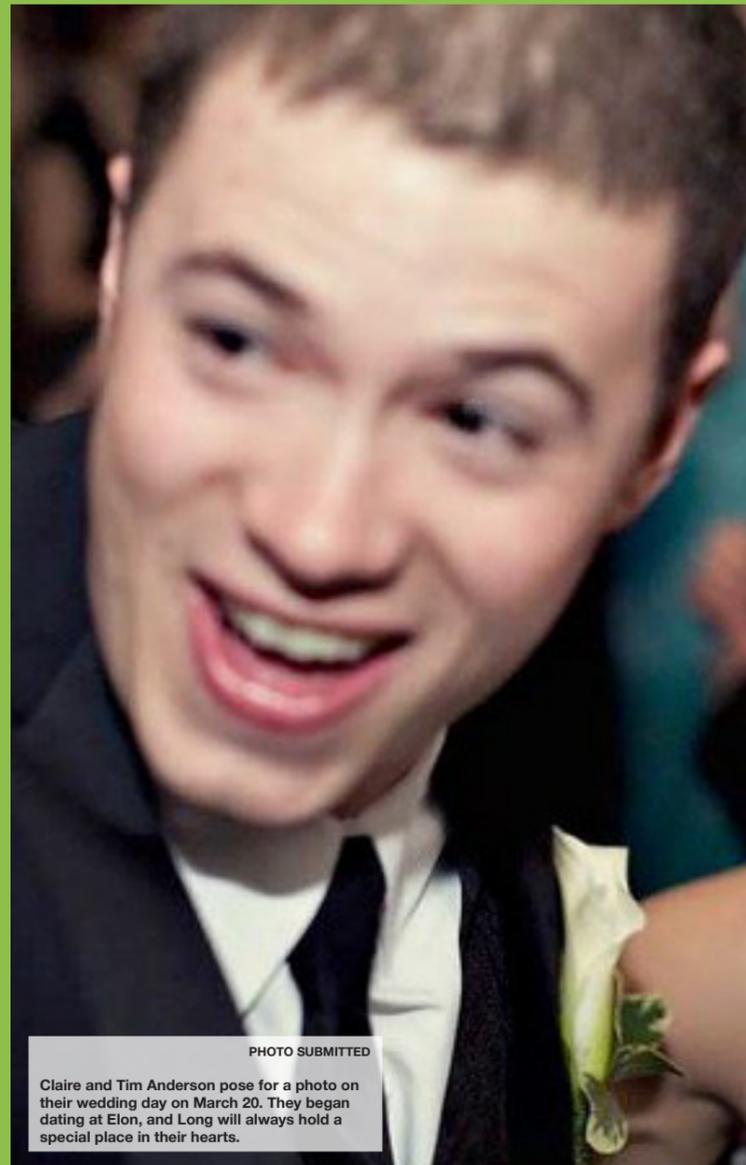


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Claire and Tim Anderson pose for a photo on their wedding day on March 20. They began dating at Elon, and Long will always hold a special place in their hearts.



"My parents had their first kiss on one of the stairs in Colclough around 1984 or so. I was supposed to be an RA in Colclough this semester, but I couldn't get anyone to sublet my apartment. My mom lived there her freshman year ... what's even freakier is that she lived on the second floor, and that's where I was supposed to be placed. My sister will be coming in as a freshman next year, and it'll be interesting to see if she ends up in Colclough."



-Ashley Elizabeth Holland



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Karen and Kevin Holland pose for a photo in New York City on Valentine's Day.



ASHLEY JOBE | Photographer

Freshman Diane Simeon enjoys the sun as she stops for a break.

"During fall break my friend and I were some of the only people on campus, and we were just walking around campus one night. We decided to climb the big magnolia right outside Mooney, and we ended up staying up there talking for about an hour. It was an amazing night, and I think of it every time I pass the tree."

-Laura Lee Sturm

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Alexa Milan and Jenna and in their former



"(Do you know about) that hole in the ground right outside Colclough? (On the other side of Chandler), it's to the right of the piece of pavement that you can drive up to drop stuff off (the laundry room closest to Chandler would be on your left.) Anyway, after it rains and it fills up with water, sometimes you can find ducks in it. ... Or two years after you no longer live there, you can be reminded of it after all of the snow and ice ... and get your (Ford) Explorer stuck in it for a good 25 minutes."

-Justin Berger



ASHLEY JOBE | Photographer
Senior Lisa Bodine relives fun moments with friends in the magnolia trees behind Alamance.

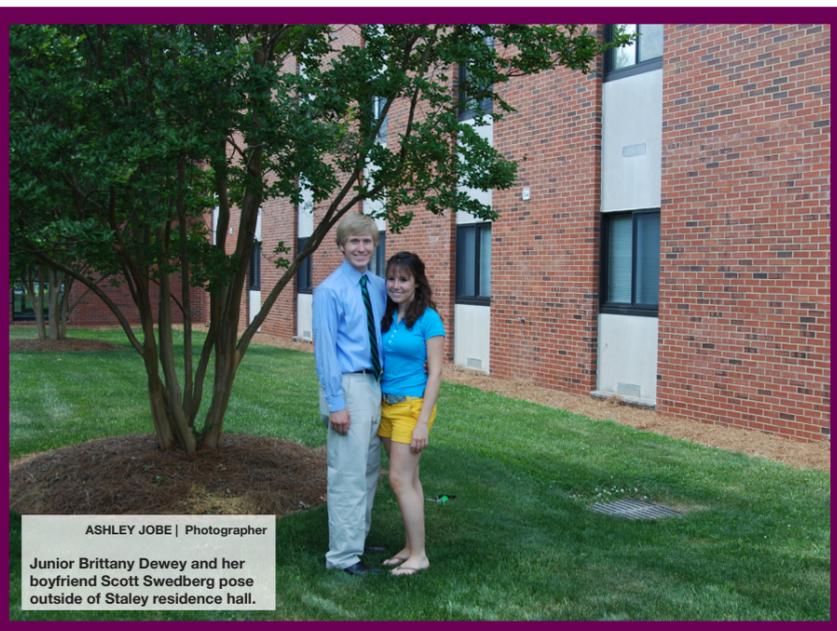
"Behind Alamance will always be one of my favorite places on campus because of the two huge, gorgeous magnolia trees. I climbed those trees with my best friends at Elon one evening in Winter Term of my sophomore year (2008) during a snowstorm. We had a snowball fight, roamed around campus, then ended up in those trees laughing and taking pictures."

-Lisa Bodine



"I learned how to ride a bike, and we had their first snowball fight."

-Diane Simeon



ASHLEY JOBE | Photographer
Junior Brittany Dewey and her boyfriend Scott Swedberg pose outside of Staley residence hall.

"My boyfriend and I had our first kiss our freshman year on the first floor of Staley. We've been dating nearly 2 1/2 years."

-Brittany Dewey

"My favorite thing I've ever seen happen on the boobs (Young Commons) was at 2 a.m. one night. I was leaving Moseley, and it was snowing. There were four people out there making an igloo with a laundry basket. I thought it was hilarious, and it turns out I knew them but didn't recognize them at the time because of all their snow gear."

-Brenna Nicole Lakeson

Style

elon bucket list



Nick Massa
Reporter

With graduation in about a week, it's a good idea to look back on things you've done in your time here. And if you haven't done everything you need to...hurry up. There's still time.

RUN THROUGH THE SPRINKLERS

You almost have to if you come back from the library late at night. Besides, they're aimed at the paths, so how can you avoid them?

STEAL A BRICK

Rumor has it that they replace missing bricks within the hour. Find out if this is true and get a great memento of your college experience. After all, if you're going to remember anything about Elon it might as well be the bricks.

SURVIVAL BINGO

This is one of the best midnight meals at which students get free food, can win lots of dorm necessities and partake in Bingo sayings like B4 ... AND AFTER!

SUBMIT A VIDEO FOR ABOUT: BELK

You must know a secret about Belk Library. Send in your video and forever be immortalized on one of Elon's newest library blogs.

A list of Elon traditions and experiences that seniors hopefully crossed off their to-do lists. If they are missing one or two, there are still a few days left.

WAL-MART AT 2 A.M.

Sure it's sketchy, but sometimes you just need a new pair of socks right now.

TALK TO SMITH JACKSON

He's more than a man with two last names and he knows pretty much everything about Elon. If you can find him, strike up a conversation. You might learn something.

LEO'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

A fun and classy holiday dinner with one of Elon's most revered figures.

STAY AT ELON DURING A BREAK

What would you do on campus if you had five days totally unsupervised? Stick around over Fall Break with the other dedicated Elon students and see what you miss during school hours.



ELON FOOTBALL GAMES

Go support the Phoenix on a Sunday in the fall and mingle with faculty, staff and Elon community members all cheering for the same team. And if you don't like football, you can watch the little kids sliding down the hill on pizza boxes.

WORK AT SAFE RIDES

Witness Elon's nightlife from a different perspective while picking up students from bars and parties around campus.



FESTIVUS

An Elon tradition comprising of a giant mud battle. Enough said.

N*W*C

A decidedly politically incorrect look at race relations in our culture. The hilarious show is performed by three men who have experienced it all first hand.

MOVIE ON THE LAWN

It's cold, wet, uncomfortable and a great way to squeeze up next to all your friends. Just bring a blanket or several.

PETE'S GRILL

Not many students know about this restaurant in Gibsonville, but the ones that do always come back. Stop by Pete's for some extremely cheap and extremely delicious Southern food (and don't forget to stay for dessert).

JUMP IN AN ELON FOUNTAIN.

There are two fountains on campus, and the desire to jump in a fountain starts early. Why not get wet? And see if the rumors are true — will you get fined per limb that enters the fountain?

JR'S OUTLETS

All of those signs are true. Especially "MUCHO CHEAPO!!"

ELON'S SPRING SHOW

Jack's Mannequin. Sister Hazel. Lupe Fiasco. Third Eye Blind. What do all these groups have in common? They all played awesome shows in Alumni Gym and are must-sees at Elon.



LATE NIGHT COOK-OUT RUNS

The employees there are getting paid to work until 2 a.m. Entertain them by stopping by for milkshakes, corndogs and chicken nuggets.

ELONTHON

Because what's not fun about standing on your feet listening to Jock Jams for 24 hours? Come on, do it for the kids (just pack some Clif bars, because Big Macs are not the best energy food).

TAKE A TRIP OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Downtown Burlington has a really nice park next to the train station. Stop by Zack's Hot Dogs for lunch and then hang out in the city some people never see.

N.C. STATE FAIR

If you can think it, they can fry it.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Because Lake Mary Nell gets sanitary when it's that cold. Trust me. It's science.

ALL-NIGHTER IN CLUB BELK

Get to know the night librarian. Go on a Cook-Out run with classmates. Take a nap on one of the incredibly comfortable couches in the back. And, of course, work on that project due at 8 a.m.



LUMINARIES

Campus lights up around Christmas time and the festival to kick it all off is a time-honored Elon tradition with a choral performance, hot chocolate and train rides around campus.

How To: Pack for summer

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

As the days grow longer and exams creep closer, break out the cardboard boxes and storage bins because it's time to move out for the summer. Packing up everything that makes a space feel like home may seem like a daunting task, but with some organization, it can be accomplished quickly so you can get back to what's really important during your last weekend at Elon: studying.

1. Make lists

Decide how to sort your belongings ahead of time and then pack one item at a time. Don't mix your hair products with your sweaters or your picture frames with your shoes. This is asking for trouble and a headache later.

2. Keep your boxes and bins neat

Stack books and fold clothes. It will make unpacking a lot easier and you'll fit more into each container and don't forget to label everything.

3. Don't overfill boxes

Filling a box too much will make it harder to carry and increases the chances of it breaking while you're moving it around.

4. Wash your bedding

Make sure it's completely dry before you pack it. When you unpack them in August, they will smell awful if they were wet when you packed them. Packing them when they're clean will ensure they last longer.

5. Buy Space bags

Take a note from infomercials and buy some Space bags. They really work. That comforter and all your pillows may seem to take up a lot of space, but a Space bag will decrease it greatly, either for storage or for fitting into the car for the ride home. They also come in a variety of sizes.

6. Get creative

Use your creativity when you pack. Put towels in a trash bag and stow them in your trash can or pack all your purses inside your backpack. Use all the space you possibly can.

7. Find storage space

Get a storage locker near campus or share one with friends. Is it really necessary to take that futon or box of notebooks and pencils home? Leave it nearby to cut back on the clutter over the summer. Check UStoreIt.com or CardinalSelfStorage.com for units near Elon University.

8. Follow directions

Pay attention at your final hall meeting if you live on campus and reread the conditions of your lease if you live off campus. Make sure to follow all move-out procedures. There's nothing worse than getting stuck with a fine for something that you could have easily taken care of.

9. Donate

Don't throw it out. Donate furniture, electronics and appliances to the Habitat for Humanity Restore furniture collection through May 25. Donate old electronic devices to the used electronics collection May 15. Both are located in the parking lot behind the Elon Community Church and benefit great causes. Any Residence Life office will also take furniture donations.

10. Downsize your closet

Use this opportunity to clear out unused clothes hanging around your room. Remember those T-shirts that have been crammed in the back of your drawer since August? Donate them to the Goodwill or Salvation Army in Burlington or drop them off at any Residence Life office. If you haven't worn something by now, you won't miss it.

11. Advertise

Don't forget about E-Net. You can advertise anything on there for free. Advertise your books, furniture, anything and get paid to get rid of stuff.

12. Plan

Plan ahead. Pack a little bit at a time and don't leave it all until the night before your last final. Get rid of what you don't need as soon as you can and packing will be easy and convenient, even if it isn't nearly as much fun as unpacking.

Hide and Seek becomes new intramural sport

Sarah Beth Costello
Graphics Editor

Running, tagging, hiding — all the elements of the childhood game of hide and seek are starting to appear across campus as college-age students prepare for the newest intramural sport.

"When my friends and I got back from spring break, there was no one on campus but the four of us," junior Alex Buttermore said, "so we played hide and seek and then I decided to see how many other people were interested."

Buttermore and sophomore Nick Maiorano decided reliving childhood memories through hide and seek was fun, enjoyable and even relaxing. They decided to begin the process of creating a new intramural sport.

Buttermore and Maiorano had more than 60 students stop by their table in Moseley and sign up for the hide and seek intramural team in one day. The Facebook fan page has nearly 400 members.

"Anybody can play," Buttermore said. "It's a sport for everybody. I anticipate lots more people will be interested."

Hide and seek intramural-style involves intense competition between two teams that take turns being the

hidiers and the seekers. A coin is flipped to determine which team hides first. The team to find the most people wins.

For hide and seek to be recognized as an official intramural sport, Buttermore and Maiorano were required to devise rules and guidelines. Some regulations are that players are not allowed inside to hide and that "hidiers" must be tagged to be "out." "We don't even need the intramural fields," Buttermore said. "We can play on the entire campus."

Buttermore submitted a proposal, but the club still needs confirmation from who they hope to be their adviser. It's not official yet, but Buttermore explained there's nothing stopping dozens of students from running around campus, hiding in bushes and trees and seeking each other out in an ultimate game of fun.

Buttermore and Maiorano just finished the group's bylaws completed, and are getting ready to submit them to the school. They had their inaugural game of hide and seek May 8.

"The game was very fun for us," Buttermore said. "We're hoping to keep that up next year."

Trail connects North Carolina from coast-to-coast

Rebecca Smith
Features Editor

Volunteers began digging parallel to the Haw River as the newest addition to a state-wide project, Mountains-to-Sea Trail, was being built in Alamance County.

The trail goes from one end of North Carolina to the other, totaling 950 miles. The trail begins at Clingman's Dome in the Great Smokey Mountains and goes to Jockey's Ridge in the Outer Banks. Clingman's Dome is the highest point of the Appalachian Trail and provides a 360 degree view of the mountains.

Jockey's Ridge is the tallest natural sand dune in the eastern United States.

"I like to say that it goes from one type of mountains to another type of mountain," Elon University associate professor Megan Squire said. "And its lucky that one part of it goes through our county."

The newly created Haw River Task Force of the Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail began work at 9 a.m. May 8 just north of Burlington. The volunteers were a mix of students and community members. Volunteers reported to Squire.

"I do a lot of running and I like trail

running and I started to wonder who makes these trails that I like to run on and I began making a mental list of trails and I saw this one," Squire said. "I went to a couple of workdays where they made the trail in Durham, and I liked doing that type of work."

This project is dependent on the work of volunteers. Even coordinators, like Squire, are volunteers. At this point these volunteers have worked to build 500 miles of the trail.

"This is a long term project," Squire said. "I am thinking that it could take decades. The faster we get volunteers the faster it will get completed."

Even though the trail will not be finished in the near

future, people can still hike through this area now. According to the Friends of the Mountain-to-Sea Trail, 16 known people have completed the entire trail.

People have previously hiked from the mountains of North Carolina to the beach without the trail. They have taken roads along the places where there have not been trails. Alamance County was one of those places where people would bike instead of hike because it was so boring looking, according to Squire.

"This will really make a difference for this county," Squire said. "This trail should last generations."

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-MEGAN SQUIRE
ELON UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR

the magic

of ben kweller



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer
Ben Kweller has been interested in music since age 8, and has been performing solo since 2002.

Merissa Blitz
Reporter

From the first moments that singer-songwriter Ben Kweller hopped onto the stage at Lighthouse Tavern and began strumming his guitar, the crowd went crazy. Almost every person in the room was singing along and dancing to his beats as Kweller's 1970s classic-rock vibe filled the room with infectious energy.

Kweller ended his first few songs with two lively strums on his guitar and made the joke that he was in a "bum bum" kind of mood that night. He made those double-strums a habit throughout the night to keep up the spirit.

Throughout the performance, Kweller displayed his diverse musical talents. Not only can he sing and play the guitar, but he also played the keyboard for many of his songs. He even surprised the crowd with a little harmonica playing.

The 28-year-old became interested in music at a very young age. When he was 8 years old he was listening to his dad's Beatles records when the song "All You Need is Love" came on. Kweller repeated the song multiple times and was so touched by the music that he started to cry.

"From then on, I knew all I wanted to do was write music so that I could make people feel that way," Kweller said.

The songs he played ranged from stories about girls to stories about his home in Texas and

stories about being homesick.

When asked if he was happy with where his music has taken him, Kweller said people are on the path they make for themselves. He said he feels like he had no other choice in life than to follow his path to music.

"I'm very happy where my music has taken me so far," Kweller said. He said might have felt differently about his path if he had picked any other type of music to play.

Kweller's music has taken him to many different places, both nationally and abroad. Some of his favorite places to play in are little towns in France.

"They like to feed you there," he said.

Kweller also loves to play in Austin, Texas and in New York City because those places feel like home to him. He was born in Texas and lived in New York while his music career was taking off. He's also played in Tokyo, Sydney, Australia and Germany, among many other places.

"Elon was a pretty awesome place to play at," Kweller said.

He said he liked the energy of the crowd and was glad so many people attended the concert.

Before Kweller performed, the crowd was alive with excitement with the help of Frank Hurd, a junior at Elon University, and Shannon McArthur, a musician from Charlotte.

Kweller's next album is due for release in 2011, following seven albums, seven EPs, seven singles and nine compilations.

Students have high hopes for 2010 Bonnaroo



Crowds will flood into Manchester, Tenn. this summer for the eighth annual Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival, a four-day communal experience with seven stages of music.

Jack Dodson
News Editor

Four days, 700 acres of farmland, more than 150 bands and thousands of music fans will greet Elon University students in June. Bonnaroo Music and Arts festival draws thousands from across the country, and Elon will be represented among the multitude.

Headlining bands this year include the Dave Matthews Band, Jay-Z, Weezer, The National, Phoenix, The Flaming Lips playing "Dark Side of the Moon" and Kings of Leon.

For Corrinne Holder, a junior at Elon, the trip to Bonnaroo this year will be her second and she said she's excited to see all the bands. She attended the festival in 2007, after her senior year in high school, and looks forward to returning.

The festival for her is like going to a modern Woodstock. She said people don't shower, they wear the same outfit during the four days

of the festival, everyone gets along and enjoys the music.

"If I could ever picture what Woodstock was like, that's what Bonnaroo is like," she said. "You basically become like flower children."

Freshman Gabriel Noble said he plans to go on a road trip with friends from school to attend the concert. He said he hopes the festival will be "life-changing" for him.

Noble said he's looking forward to a unique experience. "Something I've never experienced before."

For Noble, meeting a lot of the people at the festival is something he anticipates enjoying. He wants to meet everyone from the younger crowds to the older people who go every year, he said.

He said he's most excited to see the Flaming Lips because they play a late-night show and is looking forward to the on-stage antics of frontman Wayne Coyne.

It's not just the fans who are anticipating a good weekend. Members of the bands said in a phone conference they are just as excited as the fans for Bonnaroo.

"I definitely think Bonnaroo has a good atmosphere," said Aaron Dessner, bassist for The National. "And you know it's very, it just feels very American in like a warm, familiar way to us, which I think is really nice for a festival because most of the festivals we play are abroad, you know, where you're in Belgium or Holland or something. It's a different feeling."

The National played at the festival before when its album "Boxer" came out. This time, the band is will be playing only a month after its new album, "High Violet," hits music stands. Dessner said playing Bonnaroo is fun for bands because of the high energy of the crowds.

"It's always crazy when you get up there and there's a sea of people," he said. "The audiences at Bonnaroo

are really enthusiastic and peppy and full of energy, you ride that, and it's a great feeling."

Dessner said he's hoping to be there to see some of the other musical artists that will be performing such as Kris Kofferson and Stevie Wonder.

For Scott Shriner, the bassist from Weezer, Bonnaroo is a good opportunity to see some other artists.

"I think it's cool that Kid Cudi's playing and Jay-Z, so that will be cool to see. Something different," Shriner said.

Being based on the west coast, though, Shriner said he's looking forward to playing a show all the way across the country in Tennessee.

"This just seems like an extremely diverse festival," he said. "I'm really excited about a lot of the bands that are going to be doing it. It's always fun to kind of play in the South."

DANCE REVIEW



Interpreting the 'Elements' through *movement*



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer

Dancers perform choreography to represent the elements of earth, water, air, fire and space at the Elements Dance Concert.

Kit Arbuckle
Reviewer

The Elon Dance Concert presented the Elements Dance Concert, performed from May 6 to 8 in McCrary Theatre. The concert was composed of eight pieces based on the elements in earth, water, air, fire and space. Director Lauren Kearns said she "thought it would be an interesting artistic challenge to ask each choreographer to create a dance based on one of a combination of the five elements." Each piece received the attention and dedication of a different choreographer.

Four dance genres were represented in the concert, including contemporary modern, classical modern, contemporary pointe ballet and classical pointe ballet. Each piece also demanded its own challenging movement in its genre, with athletic partnering, exact balance and precision and performing difficult movement, while balanced on the tip of a pointe shoe. While every piece was beautifully executed in its own right, Kearns' elemental vision carried over to some pieces better than others.

Kearns choreographed "And the tempest cries ..." which drew its inspiration from the changing nature of all the elements. But the most prevalent was the fluidity and turbulence of water. The 11 dancers conveyed a literal translation of a tempest, a violent storm, through the primal choreography and intense partner combinations. They twisted and flowed around each other as if actual ocean ripples and currents.

Amy Love Beasley choreographed "I fall in, I burn up, I float, I fall again," with contributions from eight dancers. This metaphorical translation of fire focused on the human flame — emotion and passion. The dancers literalized the title of the piece by continually falling, bursting into movement, leaping or getting lifted into the air and falling again. The more urban set and use of spotlights was a good contrast to the primordial themes of "And the tempest cries ..."

Jane Wellford's "Ruach: Divine Wind" began the second act to much excitement from the

audience. The piece opened with rippling fabric concealing the dancers in waves as they moved onstage, mimicking the continuity of wind. The choreography did threaten to come off as more spastic than windy at times, but the two pairs of dancers movingly conveyed the three sections of the piece — "Initial Breath, Shared Breath of Relationships and Healing Breath (the Wind of Hope)."

The second-to-last piece, "Upon the Remembered Earth," was choreographed by Jen Guy Metcalf and explored the element of earth. Three male-female pairs took the stage in this contemporary pointe ballet piece, exhibiting a strength and dependence on one another that reflected earth. The set was a cloth screen onto which moving images were projected. While at first the images seemed distracting, the excellence of the performance shined the projections into the background and let the performance shine on its own.

A few pieces did not convey Kearns' vision of the Elements as well. "The Presentation," while beautifully choreographed, performed and costumed, did not reflect the element of space. The classical pointe ballet was an abrupt transition from the previous modern dances. "Esprit" had similar, though not as severe, difficulties expressing the element of air. Putting male dancers in ankle-length skirts to match their female counterparts was a questionable wardrobe choice in this piece and added to the difficult interpretation.

Despite this, the performance ended on a jaw-dropping note with Leslie Scott's "Loft," a visual feast of texture and movement as well as a conflict between earth and air. Rebecca Hutchins' "lines, circles, squares and maybe squiggles" also provided a comprehensive embodiment of the element of space. Throughout the concert, the costumes reflected the usual attention to detail of Jack Smith and Matthew Emig.

While the nearly two-and-a-half-hour length of the program may be a bit much for the casual audience member, the 2009-2010 Elon Dance Company produced a moving concert.

French film festival makes its Elon debut

Madelyn Smith
Reporter

The Elon community experienced five unique French films last week at the first-ever Tournées French Film Festival, held May 4 to May 8 in LaRose Digital Theatre.

The French department continued its Haiti fundraising efforts by donating Tuesday night's proceeds to earthquake relief.

Sarah Glasco, assistant professor of French at Elon University, applied for a special grant from the French American Cultural Exchange to cover the cost of copyrights to play each film.

Each year, FACE awards 50 U.S. universities the rights to play the films, allowing each school to choose five from a list of contemporary French films. This year's selection included "Azur et Asmar," "The Witnesses," "Being Jewish in France," "Days of Glory" and "The Secret of the Grain."

One visually stunning animated film was Michel Ocelot's "Azur et Asmar."

"Azur" tells the story of two boys of different races who are brought up by the same wise and caring woman. Both are separated as children and reunite as men to rescue the Djinn Fairy, a highly regarded figure who claims she will marry the first man who rescues her.

There is humor and rich storytelling in the film as well as compelling characters. For instance, Azur, the blond-haired blue-eyed boy, washes ashore on a land whose inhabitants believe his blue eyes are bad luck. The people steer clear of him until he decides to better acclimate to their culture by pretending he is blind simply by closing his eyes during his journey.

The 3-D animation in "Azur et Asmar" was vivid, crisp and colorful and complemented the richness of the storyline.

"Many people are unaware of France's ties to the Arab world and Africa," Glasco said.

She said she hopes the film's use of French and Arabic will shed light on this aspect of French culture.

Glasco said she chose "Azur et Asmar" and the other contemporary films for their numerous multicultural themes, which include racism, intolerance and superstition.

She hopes that Elon students and the public will become more aware of the cultural diversity of France and that they will become more open-minded when it comes to Franco-American relations, especially with the "love/hate" relationship that has existed between the two countries in recent years.

Glasco was very pleased with the turnout of the first Tournées Film Festival held at Elon. She said she hopes the event will become self-sustaining in the years to follow.

VIDEO GAME COLUMN

The future of video games



Jon Moore
Video Game Columnist

Last week, Roger Ebert's criticism of gaming as an art form inspired the idea that, to be "art," interactive experiences must abandon their focus on challenge and incorporate the idea into a larger spectrum of individual choice-based interactivity. Already, we see games beginning to embrace

this, to mixed effectiveness (e.g., the emphasis on decision-making in "Mass Effect 2" or the environment-altering psychoanalysis of "Silent Hill: Shattered Memories"). Other developers are pursuing the technological side of immersion in an attempt to create a stronger sense of emotional investment through more accurate physical involvement.

The most apparent advocate of such technological innovation has been Nintendo and the Wii, but other console developers are not far behind. Sony has recently revealed its answer to the Wii in its Playstation Move and Microsoft continues to work feverishly on the upcoming Project Natal. Already, the 3-D craze has, as it has with movies, begun to exert its influence on the gaming industry. Untold numbers of technologies certainly loom on the horizon, but industry analysts still debate whether this trend is a fad or a force of permanent change for the medium. As these technologies mature, will their ability to aid immersion synthesize with the interactive art movement, or will they be delegated to nostalgic near-oblivion like the Virtual Boy and Power Glove?

Prior to the Wii's launch, gamers were hopeful for a hardcore gaming system that could incorporate one-to-one physical response for games that involved swordplay or shooting, but contrary to their hopes, one-to-one response was still years away. Though the Wii gained large numbers in the demographic of casual gamers by inundating the market with quickly made mini-game style shovelware (with a few exceptions), the hardcore fans — those most likely to be sympathetic to an artistic gaming endeavor — were disappointed. Consequently, although there are now games like "Red Steel 2" that use the full potential of the Wii, Nintendo stands at a disadvantage if it wishes to argue that gaming can be an art form — though all signs, including quotes from Shigeru Miyamoto himself, show they do not.

Likewise, Playstation Move will do little more to create an immersive experience. From a business perspective, though, the reasoning is clear: since the Wii has created a new market with casual players, there is little reason Playstation should not repurpose its "Eye" technology and become a part of that market.

Microsoft has used this opportunity to do more than imitate technology. Though the casual observer regards Project Natal as little more than a glorified webcam, the technology behind it is far more fascinating and could have major repercussions in the medium. Natal is intended to be a fully realized 3-D camera with technology general enough to recognize a body's movement in 3-D space and precise enough to recognize changes in facial expressions. Obviously, because it has not yet been released, the efficacy of the claims cannot be corroborated by user satisfaction but, positive test results indicate the possibilities for the first kind experience of its kind.

Far from being limited to mini-games, Natal's ability to track the position of a user's eyes allows it to transform a screen into a window, adjusting the perspective of the image based on the perspective of the viewer and the actions of any of their four limbs at any time. Such immersion could only be aided by existing 3-D technology, creating a fully realized environment that can ideally respond to both position and emotional responses.

Unfortunately, the final piece of the immersion puzzle not yet realized by technology is force feedback. No interactive experience will be able to render a user completely immersed until it can duplicate the feeling of Newton's third, when any object upon which you exert force returns the force in kind. That technology is, at best, a long way out.

Of course, technology is by no means required to satisfy an artistic benchmark, but gadgets like Natal can certainly create an interactive experience so immersive that the medium's potential to emotionally move the user through interactivity could not be easily denied.

Strutting across the runway *and the globe* for Haiti

Edith Veremu
Reviewer

Members of the Black Cultural Society surpassed expectations as they walked the runway May 7 in McKinnon Hall. The BCS event collected money for the event to help support ongoing Haiti relief efforts.

In addition to showing off their fabulous style, Elon's Finest, Elon's hip-hop dance team, opened the show with a stunning medley of song and choreography followed by a collection of clothing that represented Los Angeles, New York and London.

"We put on a really good show this year," said Danaka Walker, senior marketing major and president of the Black Cultural Society. "We took it into a new direction. We wanted to do (the fashion show) more hands-on."

Sophomore Raafe-Ahmaad Purnsley emerged as one of the show's rising models. Rocking a slick faux hawk that put Cristiano Ronaldo's faux hawk mullet to shame, Purnsley was fashion-forward in sky blue and sweater vests from London and Milan, Italy. His female counterpart was freshman Trishelle Byrd. Byrd's emerald green flowing layered dress swept the floor as she channeled a young Naomi Campbell.

The color palate wavered back and forth from shimmering dresses to intricate coral and floral patterns shown in the international style of Los Angeles, Tokyo and Milan.

Pink continued to reign in all its shades, while green and yellow dominated from citrus lime to popping yellow and vibrant green.

Hot pants, like those that were resurrected in late 2007 by Kate Moss and black, nude and metallic gladiator heels that added elements of femininity, edginess and ruffles. Adding to the model's outfits was professional makeup. Elizabeth Sutton, a Lancome employee at Belk,



Elon sophomore Brea Hamilton participated in the fashion show on Friday in McKinnon Hall.

did the makeup for the models. Other sponsors for the fashion show included Rebecca & Co, perch by Rebecca & Co, MARTIN + OSA and Macy's.

Disappointing items were harem pants and sunglasses. Harem pants are just a fickle person's combination of a skirt and pants. If one's not sure of what to wear, a skirt or pair of pants will do, but not a combination of both unless that person happens to be MC Hammer.

Several male models in the fashion show donned aviator sunglasses. Unless one is protecting themselves from UV rays or plans on channeling Anna Wintour, wearing sunglasses inside a building should be avoided at all times.

Walker said she hopes this fashion show will encourage the audience to talk about the show as well as the Black Cultural Society.



Raafe-Ahmaad Purnsley was a male model in the show. Tickets were sold to raise money for Haiti relief efforts.

FASHION COLUMN

Easy, breezy, beautiful summer



Alexandra Johnston
Fashion Columnist

Temperatures are in the 80s, and the air feels like walking through a sticky sauna. While there is a temptation to wear as little as possible, such as swimsuits and short shorts, body-conscious individuals can sometimes feel uncomfortable. But, there are a few easy

ways to manipulate fashion to stay cool in the warmer weather.

Naturally cool

Wearing natural fibers will allow the body more breathing room than synthetic fibers. Try wearing organic and non-blend cotton, linen or silk tops rather than polyester, rayon, nylon or spandex. Natural fibers absorb perspiration quickly and allow body heat to escape, giving them breathability.

The exception to this rule is athletic performance wear that is usually synthetic but infused with the right combination of materials to make it lightweight and breathable.

Cotton is the most popular of the natural fibers and is found in everything from dresses to screen tees and shorts. Linen is another popular choice, but be wary when planning to wear it when moving from place to place because it tends to wrinkle easily. Linen can be great as a lightweight jacket as well and transitions well from daytime to evening.

Headwear

While hats can be a great way to stay warm in the winter, they can also be great for keeping the sun off faces and tops of heads in the summer. Instead of opting for a traditional baseball cap, why not search for a wide-brimmed beach hat? It can be great in a plain or with a color or printed ribbon tied around it. Another place to look for hats is at the vintage or thrift stores because hats used to be a big part of fashion and these stores always have a plethora of ornately designed ones in stock.

Another way to keep cool is by pulling hair up into a ponytail or a bun and then adding a cute jeweled or decorated headband. These can be store bought or easily made from scratch with basic headbands and craft supplies.

Light and loose

It might be common sense, but lighter colors and looser silhouettes keep the body cooler than tight, dark colors. A great way to use this is by getting a light colored dress or top that doesn't hug the body and pair it with a belt or scarf around the waist. This will still allow the fabric to be away from the body, but also create a great silhouette. All light-colored outfits are huge this spring. Embrace the trend and maybe pack a Tide-to-go pen just in case. If the occasion calls for dark clothing, make sure the fabrics are light and appropriate for summer — try silks for dressier occasions and cotton for everyday.

Keep it sheer

Luckily, a big trend this spring and summer is sheer overlays on blouses and dresses. Invest in a great sheer jacket or wrap because it can be a good way for those who feel uncomfortable with their arms or shoulders to cover up and still stay cool. Sheer can also be quite romantic for evening and add an extra layer of warmth in the chilly evening wind.

Keeping cool in the hot summer months can be a constant struggle, but by sticking to natural fibers and embracing light color trends and sheer overlays, the blazing sun may become just a bit more bearable.

MOVIE REVIEW



Downey's charisma drives action-packed 'Iron Man 2'

Alexa Milan
Reviewer

Superhero sequels tend to fall on one of two extremes: they're either vast improvements over the first installment like "X2: X-Men United" or "The Dark Knight," or they're huge disappointments like the debacle that was "Spider-Man 3." The sequel to the surprise smash "Iron Man" isn't quite as strong as the first film, but it's a far cry from "Spider-Man 3."

"Iron Man 2" picks up six months after "Iron Man" left off. The world knows that Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is Iron Man, he's successfully made the world a peaceful place, and all the attention is beginning to go to his head.

Tony is soon knocked off his high horse when he faces scrutiny from the press and pressure from the government to share Tony's technology with the military, a point that causes tension with his best friend, Jim Rhodes (Don Cheadle).

Unable to maintain his Iron Man duties and run Stark Industries, he promotes his assistant Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow) to CEO of the company. But business pressures are the least of Tony's worries. Ivan Vanko (Mickey Rourke), a Russian physicist who has recreated his technology, wants him dead and Tony's business rival, Justin Hammer (Sam Rockwell), will do just about anything to bring him down.

Tony must also contend with a mysterious new assistant (Scarlett Johansson), the increased presence of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson), Agent Coulson (Clark Gregg) and a borderline midlife crisis.

The story doesn't feel quite as fresh as in the first "Iron Man," but the snappy dialogue and Downey's charisma still make it a fun ride. It's action-packed, hilarious and a surefire crowd pleaser.

It's also clear that director Jon Favreau is setting the stage for something greater: the upcoming "Avengers" film that unites Iron Man with fellow Marvel heroes Thor, Captain America and the Hulk. "Iron Man 2" contains a few shout-outs to the other Avengers that are sure to please fans of the comics.

As in the first installment, Downey's performance really carries the film. He's funny and charming, so it's impossible not to love him despite his ever-increasing narcissism. Tony isn't anywhere close to perfect, but that's exactly what makes him such an interesting hero.

Paltrow's chemistry with Downey is particularly magnetic in this film, and Cheadle seems to be a better fit for Rhodes than his predecessor, Terrence Howard.

The whole supporting cast is strong, but Rockwell in particular is a scene-stealer. His Justin Hammer is delightfully slimy. His desire to be as powerful as Tony is overwhelming, but his cowardice always gets in his way. Rockwell is probably one of the most underrated actors working today, and he has the chance to shine here.

"Iron Man 2" might not be as complex as "The Dark Knight," but it's the perfect blockbuster to kick off the summer movie season. Especially for fans of the first film, the sequel is a fun-filled adrenaline rush that will leave audiences walking away smiling.

Club lacrosse prepares for nationals



PHOTO SUBMITTED
The men's club lacrosse team won the SELC Division II tournament and a trip to the 2010 MCLA National Championships.

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

For the second time in the past three years, the Elon University men's club lacrosse team earned the right to compete in the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association National Championships.

This year, the team will travel approximately 1,600 miles to the Mile High City of Denver, Colo., to participate in the 16-team field as the No. 7 seed. The Phoenix secured a spot in the championship with a conference tournament victory.

"It was exciting to win the conference tournament," senior Zach Stone said. "People across the nation didn't think we could do that."

The road to the national

tournament began on Feb. 12, when the team traveled to Dayton, Ohio, to play the University of Dayton and Grove City College.

The team lost to both teams, who are seeded No. 2 and No. 9, respectively, in the national tournament.

Against Grove City, Elon lost 5-8. In the Dayton game, the Flyers defeated Elon 9-8, by a goal scored in overtime.

"Those were the only two games we lost," Stone said. "Even though we lost to Dayton, it was a great indicator of how the season would turn out."

After its first two losses, the team rode a 10-game winning streak to get to where it is now. Five of those victories were against the teams in Elon's conference, the Division II South Eastern Lacrosse

Conference.

The teams in Elon's division of the SELC are UNC Charlotte, Appalachian State University, Coastal Carolina University, Southern Virginia University and Davidson College.

The last step in getting to nationals for the Phoenix was an SELC Division II tournament win. This came at the expense of Kennesaw State University, who it met in the finals.

In the first quarter, Elon saw itself up 6-1 before Kennesaw State made a surge to go into halftime down 7-6.

"They started coming back, but we were able to win the game 12-10," Stone said.

The SELC Division II championship team is made up of 57 Elon students, led by seniors President Stone, vice president David Wheatley,

treasurer Riley Bonsall and coach Bailey Stephen.

The largest class represented on the team is the freshman class, with 24 players competing. Stone said this season many of them have only appeared in games, while being absent for practices because of fraternity commitments.

He said adding the freshmen in for games was an odd situation to face, but with their return to practices, the game play should be easier.

"A lot of our freshmen have been pledging, so they haven't been able to make it to practices," Stone said. "But now that it's over, it won't be as strange to play with them."

The team continued on its same practice schedule from the regular season after the Kennesaw State victory on April 25 to get ready for the national tournament, Stone said.

"We're preparing ourselves for teams that we've never seen before," he said. "We're trying now to pull everything together."

For the 11 seniors on the team, this tournament will be their last playing for the Phoenix.

These men have been very successful during their four years on the team, losing only eight games.

Stone said knowing he and his cohorts have been able to see such results is a incomparable feeling.

"It's been a great ride," Stone said. "It's neat to see how all our work has paid off. It's great to see it all come together in the end."

ELON ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

MAY 12 — MAY 17

Thursday 5/13

Softball vs. Georgia Southern — 11 a.m.

Friday 5/14

Softball (Southern Conference tournament) — TBA

ATHLETIC RESULTS

MAY 5 — MAY 10

Baseball	Elon 13
May 5	
Elon 9	Softball
UNC	May 6
Wilmington 2	Elon 0
	East Carolina 1
May 7	
Appalachian	May 6
State 4	Elon 0
Elon 5	East Carolina 8
May 8	May 8
Appalachian	Elon 6
State 1	Winthrop 3
Elon 6	
May 9	May 8
Appalachian	Elon 8
State 3	Winthrop 6

SPORTS BRIEFS

Day earns two titles as lone Phoenix at Duke Twilight

Junior jumper Veronica Day traveled to Durham May 9 as the only member of the Elon University track and field team to compete in the Duke Twilight meet.

Day competed in both the long and triple jump, taking home titles in each.

Student athletes help at the Phoenix Field Day

More than 100 Elon university student athletes took part in the Phoenix Field Day May 8, hosted by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Sophomore defensive lineman Khirey Walker, president of Elon's chapter of SAAC for 2010-11, coordinated the event.

The day began with a game of Duck, Duck, Goose in front of Koury Athletic Center for everyone to participate, and afterwards, the group divided up and toured campus. The groups ended at Hunt and Tucker Fields, where the children participated in field day events for the rest of the afternoon.

Pritchard honored nationally

Junior shortstop Neal Pritchard was named as one of 25 players on the 2010 Brooks Wallace Award quarterfinalist list. The award is given to nation's top shortstop by the College Baseball Foundation.

Pritchard was the only Southern Conference player to make the list, which includes players from 15 conferences, including the Southeastern Conference, the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Big 12, the Big 10 and the Pac 10.

Melillo ties homerun record

After earning his 37th career home run against Appalachian State University May 9, senior catcher Mike Melillo tied the Elon career home run record.

Melillo sits at the top of the record books, alongside Scott Brendle, who played at Elon from 1996 to 1999.

Breaking ground in Greensboro

On May 6, the groundbreaking for the ACC Hall of Champions was held at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. This venue will make the ACC the first college sports conference to have a hall of fame.

The hall is scheduled to open in March 2011. It will be located in the western portion of the Coliseum Complex's Special Events Center. The first phase will total in 8,100 square feet and will contain a historical timeline exhibit of the ACC's founding. The conference was founded in Greensboro, N.C. in 1953.

There will also be a 200-seat theater and a space to display memorabilia, trophies and historical event photos.

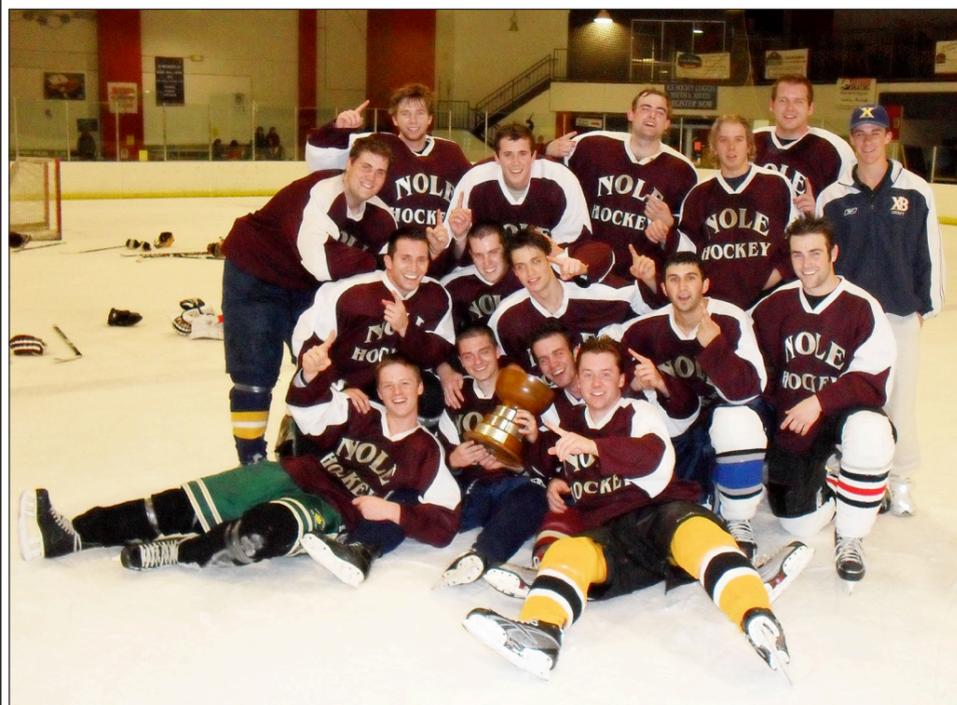
This is one of several projects that the Greensboro Coliseum is working on for the future.

The Coliseum is set to begin work on the new Greensboro Aquatic Center, a 58-thousand square foot facility. The groundbreaking for this addition took place the day before the ACC Hall of Champions, after being postponed from May 3.

More than a year ago, voters approved the plan for \$12 million to go to the construction of the facility.

According to plans that were released to WFMY News 2 in Greensboro, the center will hold approximately 2,000 people with a warming pool, competition-size pool and a diving vessel.

Elon students take on hockey league



PHOTOS SUBMITTED
At the end of April, a hockey team made up of Elon University students won the Greensboro men's league championships, known as the Manly Cup. The team played 16 games en route to winning the Cup — 13 regular season and 3 playoff.

Sophomores T.J. O'Malley and Rob Hackett and freshman Andrew Reilly (pictured left, from left to right) are just three of the men on the inaugural Nole (Elon spelled backwards) hockey team.

The 19 men on the team are pushing to make ice hockey a club sport at Elon University, but until then, O'Malley said the team will continue to play in the men's league. A lack of affiliation hasn't stopped them from getting to play other schools, so far. This season, the Wake Forest University club ice hockey team contacted the Nole team about setting up a game, and the men traveled to Winston-Salem for what O'Malley said was the highlight of the regular season.

Softball ready for start of SoCon Tournament

Conor O'Neill
Assistant Sports Editor

With the regular season behind it, the No. 2-seeded Elon University softball team will begin its postseason play Thursday with the momentum it gained throughout the season.

Elon was able to sweep Winthrop University in a Saturday double-header by scores of 6-3 and 8-6 after 10 innings.

The victories snapped a five-game losing streak for the club, which had been outscored 34-15 during the five-game skid.

"It's great momentum," head coach Patti Raduenz said. "We know that we're an offensive oriented team. We weren't hitting as well toward the end of the season as we were at the beginning of the season."

The Phoenix offense has hit a rough patch recently, mired in last week's double header loss to East Carolina University by scores of 1-0 and 8-0 after six innings.

Junior second baseman Jackie Gonzalez said she knew the importance of scoring runs, just like her coach.

"We wanted to get our bats going again because coach (Raduenz) always tells us we're defined by our hitting," Gonzalez said. "It's really nice to get our bats going again. We need to get ready to hit well for our conference tournament, because that's what it would be to win it for us."

With the weekend victories, the team set the program record for wins at the Division I level.

"It's a good pat on the back for

a group of players who have really worked hard," Raduenz said. "They've worked hard in practice and in games."

The team will head into its first game of the conference tournament tomorrow with a 35-19 record, 15-9 in SoCon action.

The improvement is evident from last season, when the team had a record of 15-32 overall.

The team earned two wins against ACC teams this season, including a 1-0 victory over No. 16 University of North Carolina on March 17.

"It's really great (for the wins record) because we've been having such a great season," Gonzalez said. "Just to be able to know that that record is not against weak teams has been really cool."

But it was also important for Raduenz to point out that the team cannot settle for its performance so far.

"That wasn't our goal though," Raduenz said of setting the program record for wins. "Our goal is to win the conference championship."

The opportunity for that will come this week, when the team will play its first round game in the tournament.

The team will take on No. 3 Georgia Southern University in the game, beginning at 11 a.m. The Eagles are the only SoCon team to beat the Phoenix in a three-game series this season.

At the beginning of May, the Eagles beat the Phoenix 3-2, 14-9 and 7-4 in Statesboro, Ga.

According to Gonzalez, the team is eager to get another shot at the Eagles



FILE PHOTO
Junior pitcher Lauren Taylor went 2-4 with an RBI in the second game against Winthrop University.

this season.

"We want to face Georgia Southern again, to show them what we're really made of," Gonzalez said. "We fell apart a little bit when we played them in the regular season, so we want to beat them when it counts most."

If the Phoenix beats the Eagles, it would most likely set up a championship matchup against first-place University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

The Mocs hold a 19-5 SoCon record, but two of the losses came at the hands of the Phoenix April 17. Chattanooga was able to win the third game of the series, but the series victory gives the Phoenix a mental advantage, Gonzalez said.

"Having that confidence, knowing that we beat them two out of three already, is a big advantage if we play them for the championship," she said.

Coming off hard winter, golf courses refocus

Jack Dodson
News Editor

Coming off a particularly harsh winter — both in terms of weather and business — the Challenge Golf Club in Graham met its budget goals for April, but the months leading up to that weren't as easy. And it's not the only course having trouble.

Golf courses across the country have been struggling economically since 2005, according to reports from the National Golf Foundation, and courses in Alamance County are seeing the effects locally as they are having to cut back on staff or freeze pay increases.

Finances for the Challenge got difficult last year in the winter like they always do, general manager Mike Long said — but this was the toughest winter he said he's seen.

"You can't carry a golf course November, December, January and February," Long said. "You have to prepare for it."

But those months had worse weather than usual this year, which he said made business slower. The course sets different budget goals for every month, he said, and November through February are anticipated to be slow months.

He said despite knowing the lag in business was coming, the course missed its projected budget by 40 to 50 percent over that period of time.

Throughout the United States, the financial situation of golf courses has become worse in recent years, giving way to closures.

"Nobody's doing the rounds they were 10 years ago," he said.

NGF reports state that 139.5 courses were closed in the United States in 2009 — 90 more than were opened in the same year. In the last three years, the amount of rounds played has dropped by 10 million, and the number of actual golfers has gone down, too, by 1.4 million.

For a private club like Alamance Country Club in Burlington, the troubles are apparent but haven't taken quite the same toll.

According to General Manager Brad Ellinger, the country club put a freeze on its pay for head staff for three years, keeping them from getting a raise. He's worked at the club for nine years and

said this is the first time he's seen a pay freeze.

Ellinger said the head staff at the club got together and decided the freeze was the best way to go, as the other option would be to lay off staff members.

"We all are going to have to forfeit something for the benefit of the club," he said.

He said while the club is also private and doesn't rely on public participation for income, membership has dropped by more than 10 percent in the last few years. He said there used to be about 700 members two years ago, but that number's currently about 620.

"The only way we can offset this loss of income is by reducing expenses," he said, "which we have in every department — reduced staff, reduced hours, limiting hours of operations."

The health benefits have gone down for employees, too, he said. What used to be 100 percent coverage for employees has dropped to 70 percent.

But throughout all the cutting of expenses, the managers say the course itself is the most important part.

"We have tried to keep our golf course budget at the level that will not affect the conditions of the course," he said. "We feel that we need to keep making improvements to this course because it is the main reason members join this private club."

He also said offering other activities for members keeps people interested and coming back to a private club.

"You've got to create services that make (the members) utilize the facility," he said. "The most important thing is participation from membership."

Ellinger said there are wine tastings, golf and cooking classes and babysitting offered at events to encourage younger parents to come.

For Long, the situation is slightly different, but the priorities are the same — getting people to come out.

He said the Challenge has started offering more private parties, raffles and an Elvis night.

"There isn't a magic way to do it," he said. "You do the best you can."

For him, April's good business is a step in the right direction.

"We're stable and we know what we've got to deal with," Long said.



JACK DODSON | Photographer
Elon University senior Matt Skelly tees off at The Challenge Golf Club in Graham.



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Golf courses in Alamance County are seeing harder times coming off a tight economy and hard winter. The Challenge Golf Club missed its budget goals by 40 to 50 percent during the winter.

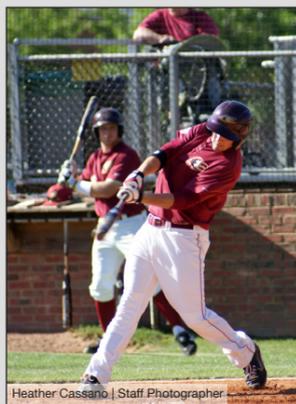
At the plate: Baseball players use variety of pump-up songs

Conor O'Neill
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For some baseball players, a walk-out song is an identity. For others, it's just a decision to make before the season that can be changed throughout the season. At Elon University, the Phoenix baseball players offer their insights on how they chose their songs, the process of selecting a song and whether they get pumped up for their song.



WELCOME HOME BY COHEED & CAMBRIA



SENIOR OUTFIELDER MATT HINSON

Q: How did you find your song?

A: I don't know. I don't even know where I heard it. But from the first time, I liked it. I know it's an interesting choice, but I just liked the way it sounded in the first 15 seconds.

Q: Does it get you pumped up?

A: Yes. I don't want a slow song walking up to the plate. I kind of like a song that pumps you up a little bit.

Q: Did you put a lot of thought into the choice?

A: Not really. We have to get our intro songs in at a certain point, and the day comes up and everybody is like 'Oh man, I haven't got my song yet.' I didn't put much thought into it.

Heather Cassano | Staff Photographer



MULTIPLE SONGS



SENIOR FIRST BASEMAN RYAN ADAMS

Q: Why has your song choice changed throughout the year?

A: This year, I didn't know if they were going to let me have my pick because it was real hardcore rap. I put my sophomore year song on there just in case they didn't let me have it. But now they've got them mixed up playing randomly, so I just go with whatever they play.

Q: So it's not superstition?

A: I try to do the same song all year. It's always rap for me just because I like rap music. It's never really superstitious. I like to hear my song and do different ones every year.

Q: Rap is the way to go to get you pumped up?

A: Oh yeah, that's all I listen to. That's what gets me going.

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ROCKSTAR BY R-KELLY AND LUDACRIS



JUNIOR INFILDER SCOTT RIDDLE

Q: How did you decide on your song choice?

A: I just looked through my iTunes and saw what songs I liked. I chose that one because it kind of fits me.

Q: Did you put a lot of thought into your choice?

A: Sure, I put a lot of thought into it. It's kind of like your identity every time you come up to bat. People know you by your song, I guess.

Q: Do you wish they could play a song on the football field every time you take the field?

A: That'd be kind of cool. But (football) is kind of a team thing, and there's no individual moments in a football game.

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SHUTES AND LADDERS BY KORN

JUNIOR PITCHER THOMAS GIRDWOOD

Q: How did you choose this song?

A: I don't really like the lyrics of the song. They're a little creepy. I always try to get warm before the lyrics come on. I just like the beat. Freshman year, someone just mentioned it, said it had a good intro with bagpipes. And then I heard the lyrics, and I said 'God I have to get loose before that comes on.' I don't want people thinking I'm creepy or something. I think people think that's what I listen to when I'm driving down the street, and I'm not that heavy metal.

Q: Is that the song that gets you most pumped up?

A: Oh yeah, how could it not? It's just bagpipes, kind of calm, then it hits hard. And then the lyrics are crazy. I kind of get judged by them, but it also gets me going.

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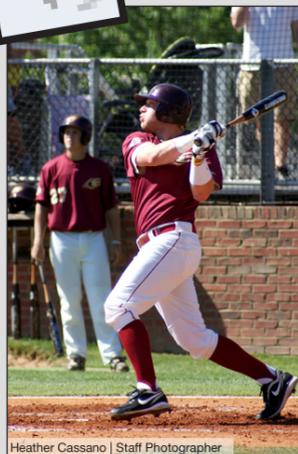
JUNIOR SHORT STOP NEAL PRITCHARD

Q: After two seasons of rap songs, why switch to country this year?

A: I think I finally realized that I'm just a country boy. I've been tired of getting too much crap for my rap songs. I did it for my mom, too. She's a big country woman, so I said 'You know what mom, I'm going to do something for you and go with a country song this year.'

Q: How much thought did you put into choosing your song?

A: I really didn't think about it until they started asking about it before the season. Then I started going through my Ipod, figuring out which songs would be good to walk out to. It's pretty tough because position players get 12 seconds, so you have to make it count. It took me a couple of days, but I got it.



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THANK GOD I'M A COUNTRY BOY BY JOHN DENVER

JUNIOR INFILDER SETH CANIPE

Q: Why did you change songs this year?

A: It started out with a team joke, about how country I am with my accent and everything. So I figured I can play 'Thank God I'm a Country Boy' and make everybody laugh a little bit. I was hitting the ball pretty well, then hit a patch where I was struggling, so I decided to change it up. You know how baseball players are superstitious. That didn't really work out for me, so I changed it back, and now I've started hitting well again.

Q: So it's not a song that gets you pumped up?

A: Not at all. I like country music. I don't think rap fits me, I don't think classic rock fits me, so I might as well stick with what I know.

Q: You couldn't find a country song to get you pumped up?

A: I actually was going to get 'Backwoods,' but I saw that Neal had it already, so I was like 'Dang, Neal.' Then I was going to get 'Whistling Dixie,' which is Daniel Britt's song, and he had that before I did, so I had to choose something else.

Q: Will you make sure you're one of the first to sign up for songs next year?

A: Yes, probably get in there and sign the sheet first to make sure I get what I want.



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TOM SAWYER BY RUSH

JUNIOR INFILDER BEN SCOTT

Q: Describe your song choice.

A: I like classic rock, and that's what I wanted to do. It gets me pumped up.

Q: Is that the song that gets you pumped up?

A: Yes, that's my favorite. I like to go old school. I know everyone loves rap, but I like the classic rock.

Q: Do you have superstitions about songs?

A: Not really.



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ONE DAY BY MATISYAHU

SENIOR CATCHER MIKE MELILLO

Q: How much thought do you put into song choice?

A: Not much, until the guys on the team make fun of me for what I select. I'm not big into the whole thing, but some guys love it. Scott Riddle, he'll tell you anybody's walk-out song, he's obsessed with it.

Q: Is there any superstition if you get into a slump?

A: No, I can't blame the music. It's always my fault, it's not the music's fault. I'd like to think that sometimes, probably feel better about myself at the end of the day, blame it on some other singer, but I take credit for (slumps).



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You've been shucked



Sophomore Will Dzugan tosses a bean bag in one game of the Campus Recreation Cornhole Tournament May 7. MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer



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Opinions Editor

A brightly colored bean bag lands on a slanted wood board. Spectators look on as the soft square hurtles through the air toward its target. In the mid-afternoon sun, players squint and wipe rivulets of sweat off their brows. The intensity is palpable as each team aims for the softball-sized hole. This is the Campus Recreation Cornhole Tournament.

On May 7, Elon students gathered in front of the fitness center for four rounds of cornhole. Competition was fierce and the stakes were high — the winners were given two corn hole boards of their own. Competitor senior Jonathan Mahlandt spoke wistfully of defeat.

"My only reservation about corn hole is how much athleticism it requires ... and that I don't have it," he said. "We got knocked out in the second round."

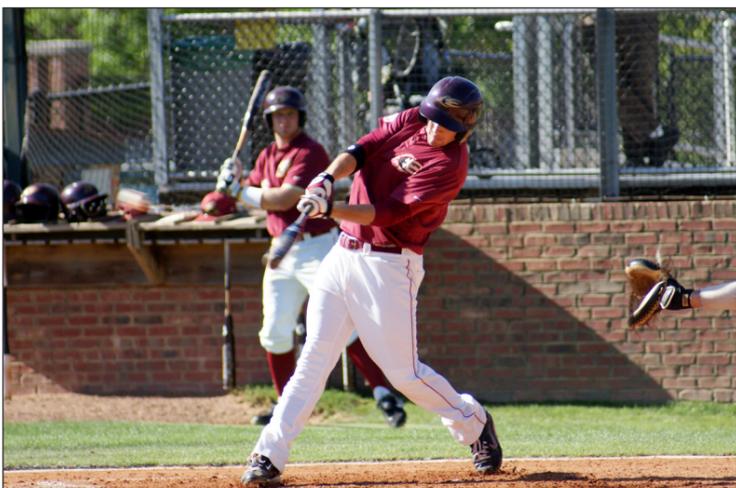
In the end, four teams made it to the semi-finals.

Sophomores Cameron Scales and Ryan Keur battled it out on the lawn against Zach Keller and Oliver Reed, both sophomores. In the opposing bracket, sophomores Jack Rodenfels and Patrick Reynolds fought to beat freshmen Bruce Baughman and Scott Richardson. In the end, Baughman and Richardson came out on top.

Richardson, of "The Washbucket" team spoke of the victory.

"Well, I'm playing with the intramural champion, and I'm honored to be chosen," he said. "I'm proud that I kept up."

Baseball sweeps ASU



HEATHER CASSANO | Staff Photographer

Five Southern Conference series removed from its last weekend sweep, the Elon University baseball team took all three games from Appalachian State University May 7 through May 9, 5-4, 6-1 and 13-3, respectively. Senior outfielder Matt Hinson (top) scored two runs with two hits and two walks for the weekend, while senior catcher Mike Melillo (bottom) had four runs and four hits against the Mountaineers.

The team has one more SoCon series before beginning the conference tournament May 26. The Phoenix will take on Samford University at 7 p.m. May 19 at home to begin the three-game stretch that will be its last. Elon is currently fourth in the SoCon with a 17-10 conference record.

Healthy Exam Tips from S.P.A.R.K.S

1. Avoid stressful people.

Stress actually is contagious. During exam week, resist the urge to have a study session with your super-tense friend, especially if he or she's complaining about all the work he or she has to do and breaking pencils all over the place. His or her stress will only add to your stress.

2. Eat healthy and exercise.

This seems like a no-brainer, but it's a wonder how many people forget it. Skip the sugar, which will make you crash, and go for snacks like granola bars, healthy cereal or fruits and veggies to keep your blood sugar stable. If you're studying for a long period of time, eat some protein too. Also, try to get some form of exercise. Even a 10 minute walk will leave you calmer and more focused.

3. Just say NO.

I don't mean to drugs, although I'm not recommending them or anything. What you need to say no to are the people who want to take up your time. There will probably be a friend who needs to talk to you for hours about their life, or a keg party the night before your final, and if you say yes, you'll probably be tempted to blow off studying. Resist the urge. Say no to the distractions and be selfish for a day. You want a good GPA, right?

4. Force yourself to take breaks.

For every hour or so that you work, take a 10 or 15 minute break. Let yourself do whatever you want (check Facebook, check out that guy or girl sitting nearby, stare off into space, call a friend, etc.) for those 10-15 mins, then start working again. This gives your brain a little rest and will help keep you more focused when you are actually doing work.

5. Visualize it all going right.

This is actually my favorite tip of all, even though it sounds kind of nuts. Imagine yourself taking the test and feeling confident that you know all the information. Picture getting all of the answers right, and focus on how relaxed you feel. Then picture the A on your test paper. When you imagine a happy ending, that's often what happens, because you make the decisions that lead to it without even realizing.

6. If you've studied all you can, get up your confidence!

When test-time rolls around, it's time to get yourself into confidence mode. You've prepared as much as you could, and now it's time to ace the test. The tip here is to do whatever works to convince yourself you are going to do really well. Again, I know this tip sounds a little crazy but you just have to try it for yourself. I think you'll like the results.

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Sports

THE BEST OF 2009-2010 Elon Athletics

Sam Calvert and Conor O'Neill
Executive Editors

Throughout the past nine months, Elon University's sports teams have been competing both at home and across the country to be No. 1. There have been ups — women's tennis earned more wins than ever before — and downs — volleyball missed the Southern Conference tournament by one win. It was the following 10 moments that defined Elon Athletics during the 2009-2010 year.

Football team garners first-ever playoff berth

1 It was a magical season for the Phoenix football team last fall as the team earned its first Division I playoff berth in program history. With a 7-1 Southern Conference record and a 9-2 mark overall, the team headed to Richmond, Va. to take on the Spiders in the first round of the FCS playoffs. Despite a 16-13 loss to the Spiders, the Phoenix took the next step to becoming an elite program at the Division I level. Revenge may be in order, as the team will play Richmond next season in its third game. Head coach Pete Lembo has clearly put the Phoenix on the right path to become a force in the SoCon.

Women's track and field team makes history

3 The track and field team finished the season with its highest finish at a SoCon meet in the program's history. The team finished in third with 123.5 points, 39.5 points more than last year, when it came in fourth. At the meet, the team claimed four event titles in the 10,000-meter run and the javelin, shot put and discus throws. It also had seven other top-3 finishes during the championship. The meet capped a season in which the team saw 11 school records broken. Two of those records — the javelin and discus throws — were set by junior thrower Justine Robertson.

Cross Country hosts first home meet, SoCon tournament

5 On Sept. 12, the men's and women's cross country teams hosted eight schools at its first-ever home meet. The women ran a 5-kilometer route, while the men ran 8 kilometers. While the women finished with four women in the top-10, the men claimed two of the top-3 spots. A month and a half later, the team hosted another meet — the SoCon Championship. There, the men had a fifth-place finish, and the women saw a program-best second-place finish. Senior Caitlin Beeler and junior Matt Richardson led the teams, with seventh- and eleventh-place finishes, respectively.

Elon athletes make the pros

7 Two athletes who competed for the Phoenix in the fall are new members of professional teams. Soccer defender Steven Kinney was invited to the Major League Soccer combine and was later drafted by the Chicago Fire. He was not only the first Elon player to be invited to the combine, but was also the first to be drafted into MLS. In April, football wide receiver Terrell Hudgins was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Dallas Cowboys. He is the second player to make the roster of an NFL team in the past decade, following the footsteps of 2005 alumnus Chad Nkang.

Softball team enjoys bounce-back season

9 Last season, the Phoenix softball team had a 15-32 record, 6-15 in conference play. This year, the team won its 16th game on March 20, with a current mark of 35-19, 15-9 in the SoCon. The turnaround has put head coach Patti Raduenz's team in second place in the conference, a good position heading into the conference tournament beginning tomorrow. The team has been led by freshman outfielder Tomeka Watson, who has a team-leading .373 batting average. On the mound, sophomore pitcher Erin O'Shea has a 16-8 record with an earned run average of 2.49. With no seniors on the roster, the future looks bright for the Phoenix.

Men's basketball defeats Davidson in SoCon Tournament

2 It has been 10 years since Elon basketball defeated the Davidson Wildcats. Perhaps the best opportunity came in the team's last game of the season, when the Phoenix dropped a heartbreaking double-overtime game, 99-96, when the Wildcats made two three point shots in five seconds. But redemption was sweet for first-year head coach Matt Matheny, a former Davidson assistant coach, six days later at the SoCon tournament. Matheny's squad beat Davidson 66-59 in the first round of the tournament. Despite a 9-23 record, the team was able to end its season playing its best basketball at the end of the year and rewarded itself with a victory over the Wildcats.

Baseball team takes two from No. 5 Clemson

4 Not only did the Phoenix baseball team have a 6-1 record against ACC opponents this season, two of those wins were against the No. 5 Clemson Tigers. On March 23 and 24, the team captured 15-10 and 4-3 (10 innings) victories. The wins over the Tigers ended a five-game losing streak for Elon and sparked five straight wins for the club. In an up and down season for the Phoenix, the wins over a top-ranked team could prove important if the team is to gain an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. The team is currently in fourth place in the conference standings and is still battling in SoCon play.

Anna Milian wins SoCon Women's Tennis Player of the Year

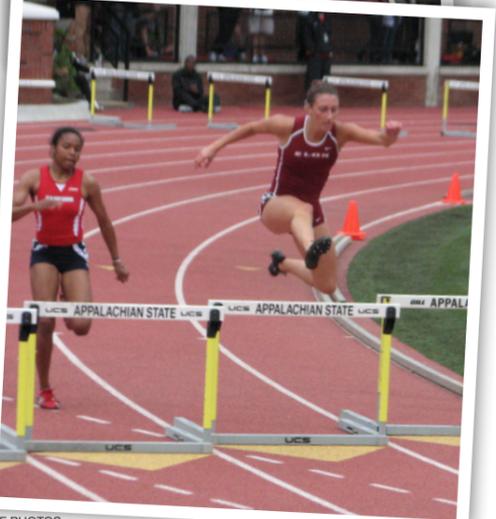
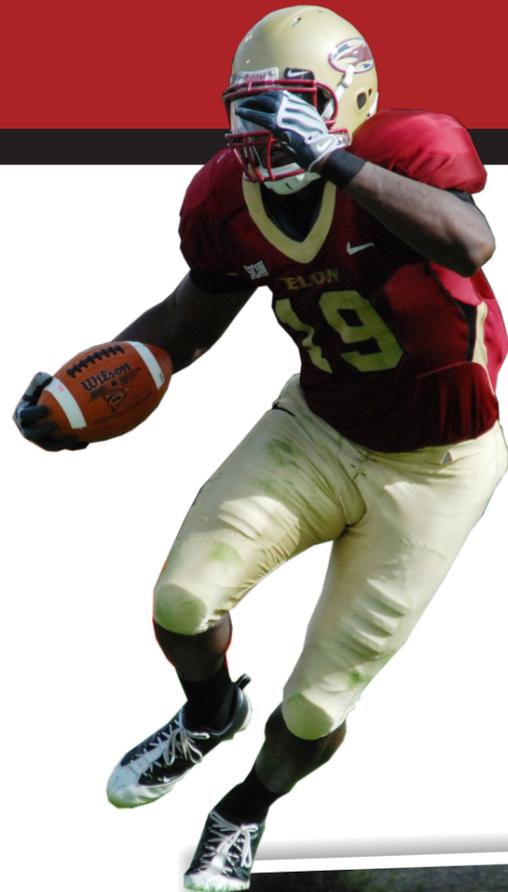
6 The SoCon honored senior tennis player Anna Milian with the 2010 SoCon Women's Tennis Player of the Year award. In singles, Milian secured an 18-4 record, and with doubles partner sophomore Elisa Simonetti, she posted a 16-5 record. Milian earned first-team all-conference honors in both singles and doubles. She was honored as the SoCon Women's Tennis Player of the Week on Feb. 16, and in both February and March, she was named the SoCon Women's Tennis Player of the Month. This is the first time in program history that a player has won the SoCon Women's Tennis Player of the Year award.

Ford named SoCon freshman of the year

8 Another team that saw an improvement in its record this season was the women's basketball team. Leading the way for the team was freshman guard Ali Ford, who was named the SoCon Freshman of the Year at the end of the season. Ford led the team in scoring, averaging just over 16 points per contest. She also dished out a fair number of assists, as she recorded 93 assists on the season. On defense, Ford had nearly two steals per game and started all 31 of the Phoenix games.

Women's basketball sees record double from last year

10 At the end of the 2008-2009 season, the women's basketball team had a total of five wins. This season, it saw more SoCon wins than that and over twice as many total wins. It finished the 2009-2010 season with a 12-19 overall record and a 6-14 SoCon record. The season was highlighted by wins against University of Tennessee Chattanooga Dec. 17 and Samford University Feb. 1, the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds in the SoCon tournament. Its other SoCon wins came against Western Carolina University, Davidson College and Furman University, which it beat twice.



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