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Volleyball gains historic victories

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When the Elon University volleyball team took the court in its matches on Nov. 12 and Nov. 13, the Phoenix was in position to capture a Southern Conference North Division crown. The team did not disappoint.

Led by senior middle blocker Sarah Schermerhorn (above) with 19 kills combined, Elon beat Appalachian State University on Nov. 12 and Western Carolina University on Nov. 13.

The Phoenix will now travel to Boone, N.C. as the North Division's top

seed for the conference tournament.

Traveling is nothing new for the team, as the had played its previous five games on the road. Elon put together a 4-1 record in those contests.

The Phoenix has been playing its best as the season closes, dropping just

one set in its past four matches.

With a match against Davidson slated for Friday at 4:30 p.m., the team is set to compete for the conference championship.

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Destruction of NASA posters shuts down exhibit earlier than planned

Jack Dodson
News Editor

The NASA astronomy exhibit in Elon University's Academic Pavilion was taken down early Nov. 15 after it was vandalized, resulting in \$1,000 worth of damage. Two of the posters in the exhibit were destroyed — one of which was gone completely, leaving a bent metal frame in its place — and one was cracked.

The Smithsonian-owned exhibit consisted of large posters on display in front of different buildings in the

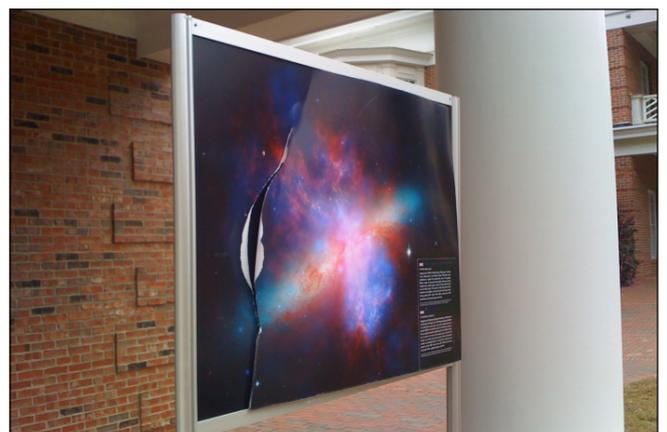
pavilion, depicting photos from space. The posters were a project of NASA's, but came to Elon through the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, which will cover the cost of the damages. The exhibit was planned to be taken down days after the incident.

Tony Crider, associate professor of physics, said the exhibit has traveled around the world and has been on display in cities with minimal security, and it has only once before had a problem with vandalism — in New York City.

"It doesn't happen in downtown D.C., but it happens on Elon's campus," Crider said. "It's just a bit sad and shameful that Elon had to be the place where a couple got destroyed."

Crider said Campus Safety and Police were contacted that morning, and the decision was made to take down the exhibit early. When he and others coordinating the exhibit were planning for it, Smithsonian representatives told them there hadn't been problems

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Damage to the NASA exhibit in the Academic Pavilion was discovered Nov. 15. PHOTO SUBMITTED

Classic Elon: Maintaining tradition, nature of older buildings on campus

Rachel Southmayd
Reporter

In 1923, a fire roared through the main building on Elon College's campus, incinerating the library, chapel and some school records.

After that day, the Board of Trustees stood on what is now

"Under the Oaks" and voted to rebuild the destroyed buildings. Over the next 70 years, 900,000 square feet of building space was constructed,

according to Neil Bromilow, head of construction management.

Today, Bromilow said there are about 2 million square feet of building space, with hundreds of thousands more in progress or planned. As Elon looks to the future, a question of how to deal with older buildings remains.

Bromilow said any concerned parties have nothing to worry about when they think of buildings like Mooney, Alamance, Duke, Carlton and several others.

"It's not like it's some kind of tumble-down blighted neighborhood," he said.

He said the majority of academic buildings have undergone extensive renovations recently, including modern upgrades like elevators and new plumbing. Some have just had certain things replaced or repaired, but others have had more done to maintain them.

"The Duke building was completely erased inside," he said.

The original Duke building was completed in 1925 and was the home of the sciences. When McMichael Science Center opened in 1998, everything in the old Duke was torn out, all the way down to the outer brick walls, which were left alone.

But not all of the older buildings need this much assistance. Bromilow said Whitley Auditorium was redone in last 10 years, but was made to look just as it did when it was originally constructed in 1924.

"There are some things about the older buildings that you wouldn't rip out and change, just to say we changed them," he said, adding that Elon tries to take a "constructive reconstruction" approach to larger maintenance projects in the older buildings.

Sallie Hutton, director of Alumni Relations, said former Elon students place a high value on the buildings in the "historic district" of campus.

"In many ways that's part of their memories," she said. "It's a reconnection point for them."

Eight of Elon's dormitories are located near these older academic buildings and are at least 40 years old, housing several hundred students.

Last week, McEwen Dining Hall was closed for a night after a leak in the roof was discovered. Bromilow said he thinks McEwen is due for a new roof next year. He said major maintenance like this is

scheduled on a regular basis, and Elon doesn't wait for problems to occur before scheduling major upgrades like that.

Robert Buchholz, director of Physical Plant, said new roofs can last 20 to 25 years, which couldn't be said about roofs built 30 years ago.

"This is an item that can help an old building last a lot longer," he said.

Erin Cooke is a resident assistant on the first floor of West, and said she loves the proximity of the dorm to academic locations and the beauty of it but had concerns at first.

"I was nervous when I got here in the summer," she said.

Although she likes living in West, Cooke said, given the choice, she'd choose to live in a newer dorm, like the Colonnades.

"I think everybody likes stuff when it's new," she said.

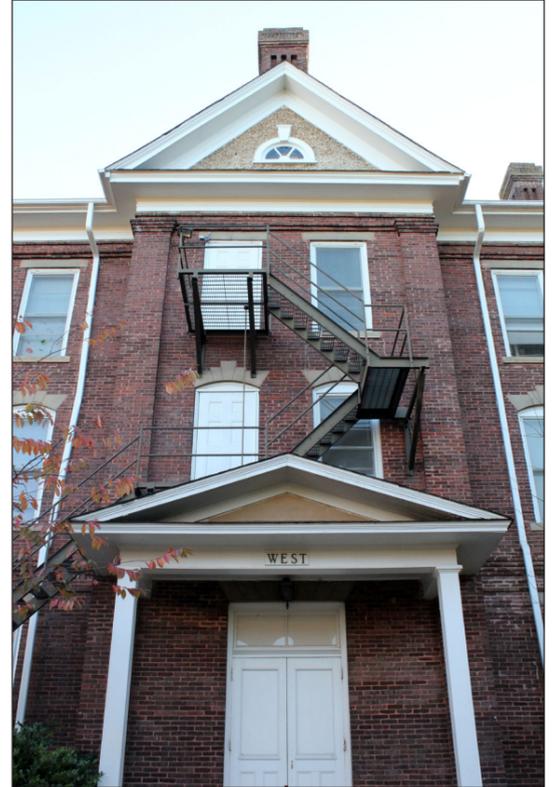
Students will have several "new" places to live as more phases of construction get completed as part of the 10-year Elon Commitment, and Buchholz said he foresees some renovation happening in the older academic and residential buildings in the near future.

He said maintaining the older buildings is a lot like an old car.

"If the car is well maintained and cleaned regularly, it will last a long time," he said. "You have to do regular maintenance, cleaning and pay attention to them."

Both Bromilow and Buchholz agreed that these buildings will be standing for many years to come.

"We have solid buildings that are well-maintained," Bromilow said. "And, to put it bluntly, they should last forever."



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer
As new construction projects continue on campus, Elon is taking steps to preserve the safety and tradition of older buildings.

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Preparations for new Center for Engaged Learning set to begin

Program will look at relationships between service and studying abroad

Kassandra Cloos
Reporter

In line with The Elon Commitment, preliminary plans are being made to establish a Center for Engaged Learning at Elon University. The Center would be involved in researching the integration of engaged learning, such as the relationship between the five Elon Experiences and would draw from faculty expertise from many disciplines on campus as well as around the country.

According to Peter Felten, assistant provost and director of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, there have been ongoing conversations about the prospect of a Center for Engaged Learning for a few years. Felten and other members of faculty are now having more serious discussions about plans for the Center and, while it is still in its early stages, objectives are becoming clearer.

"I think it has at least two purposes," Felten said. "First, to study and to research across all these kinds of ways of engaged learning."

While the Isabella Cannon Centre for International Studies is learning to excel at study abroad programs, Felten said, and the Kernodle Center focuses on service learning opportunities, faculty involved with a Center for Engaged Learning may be interested in developing the relationship between these two experiences.

The integration of service and study abroad, as in an international service

trip, and the ability for two separate experiences to build off of one another are just a few examples of studies that may be conducted at the Center, according to Felten.

Felten said a Center for Engaged Learning would also "elevate Elon as a national leader" and research conducted by the center would be valuable around the country.

"I would expect it to always have a base in Elon students, but we may look at commonalities and differences across the country," he said "The purpose is to have the best engaged learning for students."

According to the website for The Elon Commitment, Elon is well-positioned to become the leader of the national conversation on engaged education.

"We understand the inherent power in Elon's approach to teaching and learning and are ready to make significant contributions to the evolution of higher education through workshops, conferences and publications," the website said.

Felten said engaged learning is broader than just the five Elon Experiences, citing that engaged learning in the communications and business programs have made Elon top-notch in comparison to other programs around the country.

While other institutions have conducted similar studies about educational methods, Felten said Elon's Center for Engaged Learning will be unique.

"There are interesting programs we're looking at as models, like the Wabash

Emphasizing Engaged Learning:



The Five Elon Experiences

- 1. Study Abroad:** Elon sends more undergraduate students to study abroad than any other master's level-school in the nation.
- 2. Undergraduate Research:** During the summer, more than 250 students work closely with mentors, devising their own projects to research.
- 3. Internships:** About 80 percent of students complete internships while students at Elon.
- 4. Service:** Elon was selected as one of the top three universities in the nation for community service by the federal government's Corporation for National and Community Service.
- 5. Leadership:** The National Survey of Student Engaged reported in 2008 that the percentage of students who participate in co-curricular activities is twice the national average.

GRAPHIC BY SARAH BETH COSTELLO

Center for Inquiry in Liberal Arts. It's a wonderful center, it just does different work," he said.

The Center for Inquiry at Wabash College in Indiana is leading national conversations about liberal arts education, Felten said, and this kind of leadership is what Elon is hoping to achieve with a Center for Engaged Learning.

"It fits in with the strategic plan and I

think it fits exactly with the goals of the Ever Elon campaign, supporting Elon as a national model," he said. "My guess is that this time next year, we'll be having campus-wide discussions about this."

He predicted the launch may be in 2013.

"There's still lots of foundational work that needs to be done and this is all very preliminary," he said.

Revamped leadership program aims to increase access, interaction on campus

Sam Parker
Reporter

In line with The Elon Commitment, the Center for Leadership is re-envisioning its program's potential to cater to students and faculty alike.

Looking to deepen its academic connections and broaden its presence on campus, Rex Waters, associate dean of students, said the leadership program is beginning to explore its options that will take it to the next level under the guidance of Steve Mencarini, director of the Center for Leadership, and Michelle Kusel, assistant director for the Center.

"We want to strengthen the programs that we currently have, primarily the leadership studies minor, the leadership fellows program, the Isabella Cannon leaders program and the leadership development program," Waters said.

According to Waters, part of this strengthening process includes increasing the accessibility of the program's facilities. He said the program will achieve this by adding more opportunities for engagement to Elon students.

"We want to make sure that more people have access and that we engage more people," Waters said. "We're looking at how to develop more on-ramps. We've already begun to reach out to more of the student leaders on campus, and we want to partner with the offices of other programs as well."

Specifically focusing on this advancement in opportunities, Waters said the leadership program has permitted sophomores to join its four-phase Isabella Cannon leadership program for the first time this year. He also said the Life Entrepreneurs Program is emerging within the student body, as 50 students joined the first year, 70 last year and 60 this year.

The Life Entrepreneurs Program is open to sophomores and helps them to craft a meaningful life plan and to identify strengths, assess opportunities

STRENGTHENING

existing programs in the Center for Leadership

Leadership Studies Minor: based on the concept of "active and engaged learning" and incorporates knowledge of Elon's faculty to offer courses designed to promote the understanding that leadership is "working with people to move together toward the attainment of a vision informed by the common good."

Leadership Fellows Program: a four-year program designed to develop the skills of leadership.

Phase I: Self, Phase II: Collaboration, Phase III: Change, Phase IV: Common Good

Isabella Cannon Leaders Program: similar to the leadership fellows program, it is based around four phases and provides opportunities for students to "learn how to be effective in leadership roles and processes"

Leadership Development Program: provides students and advisors with leadership speakers, workshops and other initiatives

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and set goals.

"It's starting to gain some traction and momentum," Waters said. "We want to strengthen these programs to be the best they can be and make sure we're providing what our students need to grow and be the global leaders that we would hope."

The leadership program has also taken an initiative to strengthen its advisory board, according to Chris Leupold, faculty leadership fellow. He said a primary focus of the board is to help Elon's faculty and staff better understand the purposes of the leadership program while also helping to clarify misperceptions about its functions.

"Perhaps the most important goal

I have for the advisory board is to help communicate what we offer our students and community," Leupold said. "And to be honest, this communication is really most in the form of educating faculty and staff about the leadership programs."

Leupold said he also hopes to emphasize the importance of leadership among the student body and faculty by informing individuals of its worth because it is a learning process.

"My message to (faculty) and all my students has been that leadership is simply the process by which one influences others to move towards a goal," Leupold said. "Leadership is good, and it is a legitimate social science. My

hope is that the advisory board can help us communicate this more broadly, so faculty can see the value in these programs."

Leupold said the board is looking to implement more leadership activities into the classroom through models of teamwork and group activities. He said these programs can then serve as assessments in evaluating students' leadership skills.

According to Leupold, the board also hopes to generate ideas on how to create an assessment center for students that would include facilities for interviews, testing and role plays.

"This would be a great thing for seniors who have had a chance to learn these skills over the course of four years," Leupold said. "We could get formal evaluations and tailored help on how to improve skills like writing, influencing, resolving conflict, setting a vision and fostering dialogue."

According to Waters, the leadership program is also hoping to gain wisdom from its alumni resources while restructuring and improving its facilities.

"We have a very strong alumni base, around 450 alumni from the leadership fellows program," Waters said. "I think we need to tap into their potential and into their wisdom and experience to see where the program was really significant in their development and opportunities, as well as where there were gaps."

Although deadlines have not yet been set and the advisory board's formal mission has not yet been composed, Leupold said the leadership program hopes to make strides now with the help of others' input in order to create a more complete experience for students.

"My hope is that someday students will look back at their experiences at Elon and say, 'Wow. Through the classes, activities, lectures and workshops, Elon really did mold me as a real leader - not just someone who wants to be it, but who has earned it,'" Leupold said.

First Responders: Alamance County welcomes inaugural CERT team, founded on Elon's campus

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Freshman Carrie Shropshire considers taking care of others a basic responsibility of the human community.

Through her involvement with the first Citizens Emergency Response Team in Alamance County, based out of Elon University, Shropshire has gotten to do just that, while developing a passion toward emergency response.

"I like getting to help people who can't help themselves," she said. "It's a human instinct."

There are 3,000 CERT teams nationwide, based off the Federal Emergency Agency model. Many are out of universities, but can also be found in faith-based communities, high schools and corporations.

"The basic premise of CERT is to take people who have little to no previous disaster response experience or emergency-related training and teach them the basics through short FEMA courses," said Danton Kerz, who was instrumental in building the CERT team at Elon and currently serves as one of the coordinators for the program. "(They) then respond to big disasters to supplement professional emergency responders and to help them."

For example, Kerz said if there were an earthquake in Los Angeles, firefighters and EMTs alone would not be able to handle all the required tasks.

"If you had a core of people who

were trained and could show up and help, they could do things like set up medical triage areas and do light search and rescue," he said.

When the CERT team at Elon is officially deployed, it is available to help with emergencies both on campus and in Alamance County, but with a defined scope of what they are allowed to do.

Members are not allowed to participate in anything that would put themselves or fellow teammates in danger, such as entering a burning building or one about to collapse. They are also prohibited from deploying alone to a disaster site.

"There are still a lot of things we can do," Kerz said. "We can do a search and rescue for a little girl lost in the woods, we can help direct traffic, help with building evacuations or help set up shelters."

In preparation for responding to disasters once they are officially approved for deployment, the 30 members of CERT meet several times a week to train.

After an initial application and approval process, accepted students are required to complete 21 hours of training, including programs in CERT basics, disaster medical operations and search and rescue, among others.

"After those 21 hours, once they have them, they can take the final exam and do the hands-on practical and, after that, they are good to be deployed," Kerz said.

Shropshire said, while the training

is a lot of work, it has been very effective in building a sense of teamwork.

"We're getting a lot better and the team is getting stronger in terms of knowing each other and knowing what people's strengths and weaknesses are," she said.

At this point, the 30 students currently on the roster have taken their final exam. Once they are reviewed, official paperwork and a list of names will be submitted to the county fire marshal's office, who will then submit the information to the director of CERT at the state level.

The team will then be listed in a database that is accessible to anyone in the county.

When the team needs to be mobilized following a disaster, Ken Mullen, the chair of the Safety Committee, will be contacted, who will then contact the coordinators of CERT on campus.

"The coordinator will start finding out what is needed and where the team will go," Kerz said. "The duty officer (on call) contacts the roster, asking them to respond and to meet at a central place, usually on campus. We get our gear and then proceed out together."

Since he first became involved, Kerz has seen the CERT team at Elon grow from two students on the roster to 30.

Carly Fabrizio, who graduated from Elon last year, first began the process of drafting a charter and having it approved by Elon and the county fire marshal.

"Initially, there was a lot of resistance to idea because it's something new,"

Kerz said. "Once we made it clear that we won't respond to medical calls or basic fire alarms on campus and we never deploy alone, we got a lot more support and backing for this team."

Elon Volunteers! has been particularly helpful in building the team at Elon, Kerz said.

"We've been a big presence in (that) office and trying to get to know other people," he said.

Kerz has recruited in Elon 101 classes, at the organization fair and at EMT classes. Freshman Emma Marshall heard about the program at Biology Club.

"I've been in traumatic situations where I wished I had something like CERT to help me out," she said. "I like being able to help people the way I wish I (was) helped."

Although Kerz said money from SGA has been used to buy equipment, including helmets, goggles, fire extinguishers and flashlights, the team has almost doubled since the original request for funding.

"The (money) went a long way and we're thankful for it but, given the growth rate, we have about enough equipment for half of a team," he said.

Though this is the first team in Alamance County, there are three other teams also in the process of developing charters.

"They're using our team as a model for what they'll do," he said. "CERT has very big momentum in terms of our growth. We're paving the way for other CERT teams to follow."



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Since the vandalism, the exhibit has been removed from the Academic Pavilion.

Damage will cost Smithsonian \$1,000

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with vandalism of the poster, he said.

"We didn't factor in that someone would destroy the posters for the sake of destroying them," he said.

He said after talking to Kim Arcand, who works for the Smithsonian-Harvard Center for Astrophysics, she was disappointed, but she understood vandalism is a risk for public displays.

"They're glad that we were having this exhibit for the public," Crider said. "It's just disappointing."

The Smithsonian hopes to continue working with Elon in the future, he said.

Introduced at College Coffee Nov. 2, the exhibit contained 30 pictures of space taken by the Hubble, Chandra and Spitzer telescopes. The exhibit used Chandra X-rays, which is used to detect sources of X-rays billions of light years away, according to a previous interview.

Since its inception in 2008, the exhibit has been on display in Washington, D.C., Moscow, Iran and more than 50 other countries. Crider said he thought NASA is planning to unveil a similar series of photographs that depict space through X-ray images, but he didn't know if that would be an exhibit that would travel to Elon.

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Elon looks to further Sustainability Master Plan through campus initiatives

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

During the summer, 112 wells were built 440 feet deep for a geothermal system that will be the primary source of heating and cooling in the new Colonnades Residence Halls and the Zimride carpooling program began. A new environmental and sustainability studies minor in the Environmental Studies department has been created. The fourth annual Elon University POWERless competition is currently taking place.

The goal for each of these programs is to further sustainability on campus — a goal that one professor thinks could be the most important for not just Elon, but also for the world.

"It's perhaps the major issue facing the world today: Can humans survive?" said Jim Brown, associate professor of history. "If we get it wrong, we won't have to worry about any other issues."

Brown teaches a section of The Global Experience at Elon, and he places an emphasis on sustainability to his students.

It's a topic he thinks is important in a class that's purpose is to educate students on public responsibility in a global context.

And that global aspect of being environmentally friendly extends to why Elon is taking such steps to be sustainable on campus.

The Elon Sustainability Master Plan states that "the overarching goal of this sustainability plan is to minimize our impact on the global environment by establishing a carbon neutral university."

It has three main goals: 1. to eliminate net carbon emissions and to be carbon neutral in 30 years, 2. to educate those on campus about sustainability from scientific, political, practical and monetary perspectives and 3. to identify strategies to increase sustainability at Elon.

"It's been very deliberate about setting out a plan with manageable goals and then measuring its progress," Brown said. "There have been a steady stream of changes from lighting to composting to local sourcing for food and construction materials."

The Sustainability Master Plan was developed in the 2006-2007 year, but there are more than 14 current projects taking place on campus right now.

Last spring, the Climate Action Plan was developed to accompany the master plan.

The LEED certifications on the new buildings on campus are also part of the master plan and the Climate Action Plan.

The LEED certification system is an internationally recognized green building certification system by the United States Green Building Council.



Bags of recyclable bottles and cans from those on campus are kept at Physical Plant's recycling center off campus.

LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

With each of these, Elon is tackling the goal of sustainability in the correct way, Brown said.

One of the ways Elon looks to execute these goals is through the sustainability coordinator position, currently held by Elaine Durr.

But while Elon is doing a lot right now to further the master plan, it's not without its trials, she said.

"One challenge currently on my mind is moving from awareness of sustainability

programs and initiatives on campus to greater participation and involvement among the entire campus community," Durr said.

The university is working to be the example for such participation, spurring those around the university to follow suit, Brown said.

"(Elon's goal is) to be a leader in the field, to be a model for individuals in our own campus community and for others beyond the campus," he said.

It's not just about

leading, Durr said. It's about educating.

"Institutions of higher education have a responsibility to educate the next generation of leaders about global environmental change, how human behavior impacts the earth and how they can be good stewards of the planet," Durr said. "In addition, it is essential for colleges and universities to serve as an example of sustainable operations and reduce their impact on the environment."

POWERless competition seeks to reduce power usage on campus

Amber Murphy
Reporter

Residents throughout Elon University's campus are being challenged to reduce their energy use for a three-week period spanning from Nov. 1 to Nov. 19.

The fourth Annual POWERless Competition is being held for the first time in the fall to coincide with Campus Conservation Nationals, a nationwide electricity and water use reduction competition. Forty other colleges and universities are also competing, including fellow North Carolina schools Guilford College and Appalachian State University.

"The POWERless competition is designed to raise awareness of ways to conserve energy, which hopefully translates into energy-saving habits year-round," said Elaine Durr, sustainability coordinator for Elon.

Currently, in the national competition, Elon is ranked seventh with an 11.7 percent reduction. DePauw University, Ohio State University and Radford University hold first, second and third place with 22.8, 21.4 and 16.7 percent reduction, respectively.

In Elon's POWERless competition, Moffitt is leading with 42.5 percent reduction. Staley is in second with 25.3 percent reduction, followed by the Kenan Honors Pavilion with 24.4 percent reduction. To win, a residence hall must have the leading percentage of energy reduction over the course of the competition.

The Isabella Cannon International Pavilion, Oaks A and Loy Center Building groups A, B, C and J, K, L, M have all increased their energy consumption

since the start of the competition.

During this competition and year-round, Durr said students can be proactive about reducing their energy use.

"We all need to do our part to reduce our use of resources throughout the year," Durr says. "Whether in a residential building or an academic or office building."

Residence Life is also offering programs to encourage students to reduce energy use during the competition.

"Each residential area is, at the very least, doing two events to educate and energize our residents about the competition and how they can be involved," said Thomas Bowie, assistant director of Residence Life for Danieley Center.

Some of the events include the Oaks Area's Cocoa Night Powerless Kick Off, Danieley Center's Glow-Stick Homework Party and East Area's Hollow Palooza. Additionally, the different residential areas are exchanging regular light bulbs for compact fluorescent light bulbs as well as swapping residents' plastic bags for reusable shopping bags.

"One of the biggest pushes is to get the residents to commit to the different items on the Powerless Building dashboard home page," Bowie said. "These commitments vary from using a desk lamp to taking five minute showers."

The first annual POWERless competition began in the spring of 2008. Overall reduction during the competition was 111,762 kilowatt hours compared to the baseline consumption. In the spring 2010 competition, 231,454

COMMIT 2 conserve

[[Elon encourages students to conserve energy in many ways]]

- Use a desk lamp instead of an overhead lamp
- Use natural daylight whenever possible
- Air dry laundry instead of using electric dryers
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator
- Turn off faucets when brushing teeth or shaving
- Talk to three hallmates about what they can do to conserve resources in your residence hall

To commit to these and other changes, visit buildingdashboard.net/elon/

GRAPHIC BY SARAH BETH COSTELLO

kWh of energy was saved.

"This amounts to about \$14,000 and enough energy to power just over 17 North Carolina homes for a year," Durr said.

She said POWERless continues to meet expectations with increasing

reductions every time it is held.

"POWERless fits with Elon's sustainability commitment in a number of ways," Durr said. "Specifically, it educates the campus community about the importance of energy conservation and ways to reduce energy usage."

Elon in Transition:

McMichael to be renovated, McEwen considering move, expansion

Natalie Allison
Reporter

Both the McMichael Science Center and the McEwen School of Communications, are scheduled to see renovations in the future. While the two buildings are among the newest on campus, growth within the schools is demanding that these spaces be updated.

At this time, final construction plans for both buildings have not been announced. A decision has not been made as to whether there will be an addition to the existing McEwen building, or if an entirely new facility will be constructed.

Paul Parsons, dean of the School of Communications, said an expansion of the building would most likely be to both the front and the back of McEwen, without much intrusion into the area under the oaks. Parsons said the back of the current building "would almost have a new front."

While no specific plans have been established, Parsons mentioned the idea of constructing a "converged student media center" on the side that faces Williamson Avenue. With this proposal, he said he would like for the student media organizations to have visibility from the street, which serves as an entrance to the campus.

A second option would be to construct a brand

new building at a different location on campus. A possible location, Parsons said, is the area between Koury Business Center and McMichael Science Center. Parsons said this area, which is currently a parking lot, would be appropriate for a large building. If this option were to be chosen, the university "would have to wrestle with (the parking issue)."

"I am officially neutral," Parsons said of his position on the two proposals. "We could expand in a very attractive and appropriate way."

But as dean of the school, Parsons also said he could not turn down a new building.

According to Parsons, it will be one or two years before the university makes a final decision on a building plan. After the decision is made, it would be another couple of years before construction would begin.

"It could be three, four, maybe five years," Parsons said. "I'm usually using the number four."

While a larger School of Communications building would be constructed with future growth in mind, Parsons said there is already need for an expanded facility.

"We have outgrown this building," he said.

Both the Interactive Media graduate program and the recently added Sport and Event Management program are currently located outside



A total of 17,000 square feet of the 80,000 square foot McMichael Science Center will be renovated after the Department of Physical Therapy is relocated to the Smithfield Ham building.

MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

of McEwen, in the Powell Building. Parsons said faculty offices are also scattered, with some located across the street from McEwen, in the Priestly building.

A larger space would allow for all faculty offices and student media organizations to be brought under the same roof as the rest of School, Parsons said.

The McMichael Center will undergo interior renovations at its current location.

McMichael, which was

completed in 1998, currently houses the biology, chemistry and physics departments, as well as the Department of Physical Therapy's doctorate program. Elon purchased the former Smithfield Ham building, now known as Danieley East, to allow the Doctor of Physical Therapy program to expand. The move will open up additional space for the undergraduate science departments.

According to the university's website, classes

for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program will move to Danieley East in fall 2011.

Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for Business, Finance, and Technology, said the renovations to McMichael will begin after the DPT program moves out, "for the benefit of undergraduate science needs."

Whittington said of the 80,000 total square feet in McMichael building, 17,000 square feet will be renovated.

Office of University Advancement offers new program, uses humor to boost alumni giving

Becca Tynes
Senior Reporter

Last week, Elon University President Leo Lambert and the university's Office of Advancement released a video aiming to increase the percentage of alumni giving. The video, titled "Elon Alumni of Genius," is a spoof on Bud Light's commercial, "Real Men of Genius."

"We were looking for something that would resonate with alumni of all generations," said Maggie Byerly, director of annual giving and parent programs. "We were trying to use humor to get people to want to give."

Byerly said the video has received a positive response since it was released a week ago.

"We've received hoards of great feedback regarding how funny the video is," Byerly said. "We're hoping that it will be humorous enough to go viral."

According to Byerly, 1,678 alumni out of the desired goal of 5,655 alumni have made gifts to the university this year. Byerly said in the week following the video's debut, more than 100 new gifts were donated.

"It's been a lot of fun seeing people get excited about a solicitation," Byerly said.

According to Jim Piatt, vice president for University Advancement, the goal of the video was to educate Elon

alumni about giving through the use of humor.

"We're educating our alumni base about the importance of giving, and we're trying to be memorable," Piatt said. "We're trying to do it in fun, different ways."

Former Elon Presidents Fred Young and Earl Danieley were featured in the video alongside Lambert.

Piatt said featuring each of the three presidents in the video made it even more unique.

The video wasn't the only new release the Office of Advancement made last week — Elon's Tap Five Campaign was introduced as well. The campaign encourages alumni to ask five peers from Elon to join them in making a gift to support the future of the university.

Piatt said the primary purpose of growing Elon's endowment is to allow the university to increase scholarship opportunities for students in need. Other gifts go straight to the university's operations budget, he said.

"We think we can best reach out to alumni through peer to peer contact," Byerly said. "We're hoping current alumni who are supporting the university will encourage their friends to support the university."

Piatt said Elon and the Office of Advancement are asking alumni to take a leadership



President Lambert was joined by former Presidents Young and Danieley to encourage Elon alumni to donate money to the university in a new video called "Real Alumni of Genius."

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position in annual giving efforts.

"The sense is that people stay in touch with their classmates," Piatt said. "We're basically asking our alumni to tap into their networks and ask five of their former classmates to make a gift to Elon."

The Office of Advancement created a website for Elon's Tap Five Campaign that provides advice and steps for "tapping

five." A tool called "Alumni Donor Search" is featured on the website, by which any alumni's name or graduation year can be entered in order to see if he or she has given to the university.

The website also offers alumni an e-mail template to send to former peers and classmates outlining how and why one should donate to the university.

"We're asking people to give what they can, but we want everyone to participate," Piatt said. "We would like there to be more people who stand behind Elon."

According to Byerly, everyone can make a difference in his or her own way, large or small.

"It's the power of a lot of gifts put together that makes a huge difference," Piatt said.

Town police offer program to report tips via texts, hoping to integrate social media

Jack Dodson
News Editor

Elon Police Lt. Lyle Anibal fumbled with his phone briefly, mentioning he's not as quick as his daughter as he texted Tip411 to test the department's newest program. A minute later, his computer beeped to tell him there was a new tip from an anonymous phone.

Elon University students and Town of Elon residents who want to communicate with the Elon Police Department anonymously can now do so through texting, as the department recently subscribed to a program that allows people to send tips, called Tip411.

The town police are also collaborating with the university's Campus Safety and Police for the program, but covering the whole cost, Anibal said. If the tip is university-related, it will be passed to the school's police department.

The program, offered by Citizen Observer, is aimed at allowing law enforcement to communicate more effectively with their communities. More

expensive subscriptions offer maintenance of a Facebook page, targeted alerts and language translation.

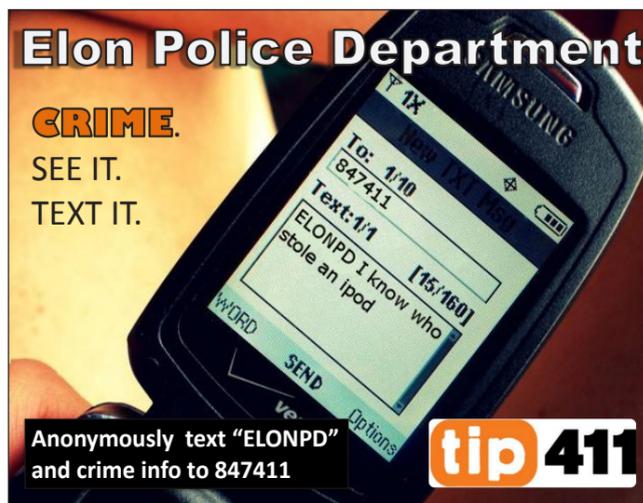
According to the program's website, students are also a prime target for the system.

"Students are often afraid to come forward with information relating to potential violence, drugs, bullying and other sensitive issues," said the website. "Whether you're a university, school district, or individual school; tip411 provides the tools to overcome this hurdle."

Elon's current plan allows for texting only, but Anibal said he thinks the program could be effective, which would allow the department to buy a larger subscription.

Anibal said one of the most important aspects of getting the word out about the program, which the department is beginning to do, is emphasizing that it's not a replacement for 911, and it's more for tips than situations where police are needed.

"If you see someone hit by a car," he said, "call 911."



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Elon is one of nine law enforcement agencies in North Carolina currently signed up with the program. Anibal said he was looking around for social media tools the department could use when he came across Tip411. He said he immediately felt the product was an effective one, because

of the anonymity and the fact that officers can respond and essentially have a conversation with the person reporting the tip.

He submitted the program for approval to Police Chief LaVell Lovette, who he said liked the program and put it on the budget. The department

gained full access to Tip411 last week.

"Police departments all over the country are starting to use this technology," Anibal said. "We're trying to tailor our services to the next generation."

He said the anonymity of the program can also be a downside, as people can send in fake tips or jokes. Citizen Observer told him initially there will be joke texts, but that after the program has been established, the tips are usually sound.

"That's why this program gives us the opportunity to talk back and forth," Anibal said.

The program is one he expects to be successful, though, due in part to the fact that Elon is a college town and many of the students would be more likely to communicate via text.

"We're just kind of testing the waters here," Anibal said. "Right now, it's looking really good, and with this being completely anonymous, people aren't stuck with that stigma of calling 911."

Poll finds record level of distrust in mass media

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

According to a recent Gallup Poll, 57 percent of Americans, a record majority, have little or no trust in the media to report the news fully, accurately and fairly.

This is the fourth year in a row a majority of Americans have expressed their distrust in the mass media, compared to the around 30 percent who expressed distrust throughout the 1970s.

"The media have a goal," said Felicia Massey, a secretary in Elon's Center for Leadership. "That goal is to emotionalize and make the dollar. They need to find out what attracts citizens and a lot of times that involves making things bigger, because it looks good on paper."

Rudolph Singleton, a custodian at Elon University, said he thinks the

media often blows situations out of proportion.

According to the poll, he is not alone - 63 percent of Americans think the media is biased in one way or another.

"Sometimes, maybe, commentators get too big," said Pat McCaskill, an ARAMARK employee. "Sometimes they voice their views instead."

Furthermore, the poll found 48 percent of respondents said the media is too liberal, 33 percent said it's balanced and 15 percent said it's too conservative.

"We aren't there, we don't witness it, they tell us two different things," said Debbie Perry, a program assistant at Elon. "How are you supposed to figure it out yourself when you don't know the game, the rules or who is playing it?"

To regain the public's trust, Woods suggested the media present more positive news stories. Burlington resident Jennie Rutledge agreed

and said in many cases, bad news is considered more exciting.

"You always see the negative stories when you watch the nightly news," Woods said. "It would help if they would find more positive stories to cover as well."

But what about the 43 percent who do trust the media for their news?

John Burchill, an employee at the Elon Kangaroo gas station, said he can discern what the media are saying and can choose to watch a different outlet.

"There's nothing we can do to change the media - it's free speech," he said.

Kellianne Kinane, an employee of Campus Rec, said while she does not distrust the media, she does have skepticism.

"You need sources to find out media. There are some sources that are better than others," she said.

For Amy Woods, coordinator

of campus visits for the Office of Admissions, this means recognizing which news outlets are established.

"I trust channels like CNN and MSNBC for my news," she said. "I definitely trust the major media sources more than celebrity media like People magazine."

This and other Gallup polls emphasize the fact that fewer institutions are viewed as highly trustworthy.

"I take everything with a grain of salt," said Tony Weaver, professor of sport and event management. "Based on what I teach in my Global (Experience) class, I know this is just a part of critical thinking."

The poll, conducted from Sep. 13-16, surveyed 1,019 random Americans from across the country.

With additional reporting by Madelyn Smith, Caitlin Cavanaugh, Derek Wickham and Ally Lord.

Elon examines Mexican culture during International Education Week

Liv Dubendorf
Senior Reporter

As part of an in-depth exploration of culture and celebration of independence and observance of revolution, Elon University will explore Mexico, Mexican culture and its link with that of the United States during this year's International Education Week, which began Monday and will conclude Friday.

Seeking to raise awareness about issues across the globe, "International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of State and Education to promote the benefits of international education and exchange," said Bill Burress, international programs adviser.

Various campuses celebrating international week retain their own individuality. Elon chooses to celebrate a specific theme or region in order to raise awareness on Elon's campus and in the surrounding community.

"International Education Week is an important component of Elon's unprecedented commitment to global engagement outlined in the Elon Commitment strategic plan," Burress said.

He explained that the Isabella Cannon International Centre, responsible for the organization, were committed to helping Elon students better engage with the world at large.

-BILL BURRESS, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ADVISER

He said International Week enabled this level awareness and engagement at the university.

Along with a variety of performances, programs and cultural events, Elon will host speakers from around the U.S. with the focus of gaining insight into the intricacies of Mexican culture and current social and political issues.

The main object of the week is for students to be given the opportunity to delve deeper than the headlines currently presented by the media.

"Mexico is a country rich

in history and culture, but the country and its citizens often get reduced to a punchline," Burress said.

The link between the U.S. and Mexico is deep, he said and the events of International Education Week are intended to give the community "deeper understanding of the culture of Mexico and the relationship between Mexico and the U.S."

He said the events are intended to help the community think critically and constructively about current issues involving Mexico.

"The ICIC seeks out individuals on campus with interest or connection to the subject matter or designated region or topic and meets monthly to put together a program," he said.

Although the ICIC heads the project, International Education Week wouldn't be possible without involvement and support from Elon community, according to Burress.

Planning for this year's International Education Week began last year and next year's theme will be India. Anyone with program ideas for events next year is encouraged to contact the ICIC.

JUST SOME OF THE EVENTS ...

Wednesday, November 17

12:15-1:15 p.m. - "Archaeology of Mexico" with assistant professor Rissa Trachman in Irazú Coffee House

3:35-5:15 p.m. - "Panel Discussion: Immigration" with professor David Coates and Peter Siavelias, both of Wake Forest University, in the Isabella Cannon Room

7 - 8:30 p.m. - Movie: Vamonos Con Pancho Villa in the LaRose Digital Theatre (KOBK 101)

Thursday, November 18

9:50-10:20 a.m. - College Chapel and "Defining Moments in Mexico" with Janyth Frederickson in Whitley Auditorium

12:15 - 2 p.m. - "The Latino Migration Experience in NC" with Hannah Gill (with UNC's Center for Global Initiatives) in Irazú Coffee House

4 - 6 p.m. - Panel Discussion: NAFTA with Antonio Ortiz Mena Lopez Negrete, Kent Shigetomi and Stephen Brereton (moderated by Steve Kelly) in the LaRose Digital Theatre (KOBK 101)

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - "Violence, Security, and Democracy: Can Mexico Win Its War on Drugs?" with Roderic Camp - KOBK 101

Friday, November 19

1 - 3 p.m. - "Taste of the World" in the Fireside Lounge in Moseley Center

6 - 9 p.m. - International Education Week Fiesta with the Periclean Class of 2013 in McKinnon Hall

For more information, visit the website for Isabella Cannon International center.

Elon University School of Law awaits full ABA accreditation

Dean expects accreditation will improve institution's reputation

Melissa Kansky
Multimedia Editor

Elon University School of Law expects to receive full accreditation from the American Bar Association, the final stage in the approval process, this spring. Dean George Johnson said he is very confident Elon will receive full approval.

"We have had an inspection every year," Johnson said. "We have made the progress that we are very proud of. Reviews have been pretty good, and so we don't expect anything different from this one."

According to the ABA standards, full approval signifies a law school's curriculum is in accordance with the United States law and law educational principles.

Once a new law school is in operation, it must have admitted a second class before it can apply for ABA approval.

The law school currently has provisional approval from the ABA, but the association mandates a law program must have provisional approval for no fewer than two years before receiving full approval.

The School of Law has been in existence for five years and applied for accreditation at the earliest opportunity, Johnson said.

Graduate students are not permitted to take the bar exam unless they graduate from an ABA accredited program.

"Every law school that operates wants its graduates to take the bar

and wants to be approved by the ABA," Johnson said.

Graduates from programs that are provisionally approved may also take the bar exam. The provisional approval enabled the first graduating class, the class of 2010, to take the exam.

Passage rate of the bar exam factors into the association's decision to fully approve a school. Other requirements include quality of facilities, faculty and students.

"We have strong faculty and a curriculum that matches the curriculum of a legal education," Johnson said. "It's not a question of improving, it's a question of satisfying the standards."

The law school uses the same curriculum that was in place when the school first opened, but has added new courses to satisfy student interests, he said.

Johnson predicts that full approval will "ratchet up" numerous components of the law program.

Although Johnson said he believes faculty prospects will likely increase as a result of full approval, the novelty of the new program attracts faculty as well.

"It is a rare opportunity to launch a new law school, so I'm sure that has been a great attraction for a number of people," Johnson said.

While lack of accreditation may deter students from enrolling in the law program, Johnson attributes the institution's current standing to Elon University's reputation. The law school

integrates Elon's emphasis on civic engagement and learning into the standard law curriculum, he said.

There has been an increase in the number of applicants since provisional approval, but one cannot draw a direct causal relationship between the number of applicants and ABA approval, said Philip Craft, director of communications for the School of Law.

"Over time, I think it will only enhance the reputation, but that is a process that develops over time," Johnson said. "It will certainly signal to the larger community that this is a first rate law school because it has the standards for the ABA approval."

Still, the dean acknowledges that accreditation indicates success throughout the program's five years, not just in this single year of review.

The accreditation application consists of a completed annual questionnaire, documents explaining the law school and associated university's use of law school facilities, a document communicating the goals of the school and its students, a letter from the dean and a completed site evaluation questionnaire.

The on site evaluation must occur while the school is in operation.

"It examines the normal operation of the law school," Johnson said, "so we think our daily operations prepare us for the inspection."

Johnson said he expects the school will be notified of ABA full approval for the fall term by spring 2011.

Comparing the 5 ABA provisionally approved schools

Class of 2013 Student Profiles

Elon University:

of applicants: 885
offers of admission: 362
students enrolled: 132
LSAT Median: 155
GPA Median: 3.12

Charleston School of Law

of applications: 2200
Offers of Acceptance: 847
Students enrolled: 188
LSAT Median: 155
GPA Median: 3.25

Charlotte School of Law

of applicants: 3478
offers of acceptance: ---
students enrolled: 413
LSAT Median: 148-151
GPA Median: 2.6-3.17

Earle Mack College of Law at Drexel University

of applicants: --
offers of acceptance: --
Students enrolled: 146
LSAT Median: 156-162
GPA Median: 2.99-3.58

University of La Verne College of Law

of applicants: 1556
offers of acceptance: 631
Students enrolled: 131
LSAT Median: 152
GPA Median: 3.09

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Elon hopes to build on ABSS relationship as superintendent leaves for Virginia

Jack Dodson
News Editor

For David Cooper, the dean of Elon University's School of Education, it was made clear by President Leo Lambert while applying for his job that he would have a focus outside the maintenance of Elon's program: developing a stronger partnership with the Alamance-Burlington School System.

Cooper said since he was hired in early 2009 and when he came to campus in June of that year, Lambert committed Elon to this partnership.

And with the district's superintendent, Randy Bridges, leaving Dec. 6 to serve as the superintendent of the Stafford County Public School System in Stafford, Va., ABSS has yet to announce who will succeed him.

Cooper said he had consulted with Bridges about various aspects of the partnership.

Some gaps remain in the development of ABSS schools, Cooper said, though the schools have improved since Cummings was placed on the underperforming list.

"These disappointing gaps remain," Cooper said, "but

overall, you'd have to say there's progress."

In the school's latest set of institutional priorities, which were released during the summer, developing the partnership was listed.

"It's not as if this is something that just popped up on a whim," Cooper said. "It's something that's built into the central mission of this university."

The relationship between the two entities has been a good one to begin with, according to Cooper, and has been developing for a number of years, starting when Cummings High School in Burlington was placed on an underperforming schools list and was in danger of being closed.

It was in this moment that Cooper said Lambert began to question why this was happening and what Elon could do about it.

This led to the eventual establishment of the Elon Academy, which aims at providing unprivileged students from Alamance County the opportunity to prepare for college.

But this also led to other connections between the school and the university, including



Elon included improving its relationship with ABSS in its list of institutional priorities for 2010.

students helping teach in ABSS classrooms, the development of the Elon Academy, faculty consulting with teachers and administrators in the district and professional development of the school system's teachers.

Cooper said the hope is that the School of Education could even serve as a recruiting tool for students that want to teach in Alamance County. And teachers in the system can come to Elon, too.

"The teachers have available to them here the opportunity to take courses here," Cooper said, referencing the masters in education program. "Many ABSS teachers take advantage of that."

Fraternity regains organization status after 9-month suspension

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

The Pi Kappa Phi fraternity regained organization status, but will remain on social probation until the end of the year, said Brian O'Shea, the fraternity adviser.

Elon University stripped

the group of its organization status until Nov. 1, after an investigation in late April that followed an incident where a potential member was taken to the hospital for excessive alcohol intake.

"There were no complications or issues. Everything was in place for

Nov. 1," O'Shea said.

The group was approved for three social events with alcohol, he said.

Pi Kappa Phi fraternity was unable to take new members in the fall, but will be able to recruit during the spring semester.

The organization was able

to meet once a month during the probation period and the executive council was able to function to coordinate the sanction activities, O'Shea said. Before the fraternity could regain its status, it had to complete some risk management training.

"They are set up for a

strong re-entry into the Greek community," O'Shea said. "They have a full week of activities around their philanthropy and they are planning their founder's day gathering and social event for December. So they are on track to do good things this year."

Aslan discusses causes, dangers of anti-Islam sentiment in America

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

A year following Sept. 11, a Washington Post poll found 40 percent of Americans had a negative view of Islam — nine years later, that number has jumped by 9 percent to almost half of the population of the United States.

Based on this and other statistics, author and scholar Reza Aslan discussed the apparent "Islamophobia" prevalent throughout the United States Nov. 10, citing the dangers to security and national identity that results, as well as what can be done to end the trend.

"A lot of these anti-Muslim zealots have always been around, but for many years have been in the shadows," he said. "What's strange is that this kind of rhetoric, a year ago would have had no place in rational discussion, but has now become so commonplace that even mainstream politicians have adopted it."

Aslan noted Pam Geller and Robert Spencer, who are major proponents of an anti-Muslim movement with their organization "Stop Islamization of America", as well as members of the mainstream media, such as Bill O'Reilly, who has associated all Muslims with terrorism.

But how did the nation get to this point? According to Aslan, it's nothing new.

"Everything being said about Islam in this country, that they're foreign, un-American, that they don't belong here was said about Catholics, Jews, Quakers, Mormons," he said.

While Aslan said Americans are using

Muslims as scapegoats for political and economic anxieties, the foundation of this sentiment goes deeper, based on another poll that found the more one disagrees with President Barack Obama's domestic policies, the more likely they are to believe he's a Muslim.

"Islam in this country has become 'otherized', become a kind of receptacle into which Americans are dumping all of their fears and anxieties, not just about the uncertain economic situation, but about the changing political landscape, changing racial makeup," he said. "Whatever is foreign, exotic, unfamiliar, fearful is being tagged as Islam."

Though Aslan predicted that in 20 years, Americans will look back with "shame and derision and mockery" on the current attitude toward Muslims, he said harm is still being done.

As the United States fights two wars in the Muslim-dominated nations of Iraq and Afghanistan, Aslan said the bigoted language and actions of Americans is actually affecting the safety of the nation's soldiers overseas.

"We're fighting a force that actually believes that this is a battle between good and evil," he said. "Why are we legitimizing their warped sense of what's going on by using the same rhetoric, by talking the same way?"

Furthermore, Aslan considers Islam to exhibit the current state of American identity, claiming that the nation is currently experiencing an identity crisis.

As a nation of immigrants that can't create a collective identity based off of any shared culture, ethnicity or



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer
Reza Aslan speaks on religious extremism and globalization in McCrory Theater, sponsored by the Liberal Arts Forum and the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life.

language, Aslan said it's become increasingly difficult for citizens to properly explain what it means to be American.

"The way we define ourselves is our allegiance to a set of common political principles," he said. "It's only natural that when those issues and principles are in flux, people will start looking for something to define themselves against. The easiest way to create a collective identity is to stand in opposition to someone or something else."

While Aslan encouraged education to counter ignorance, he said data alone won't change people's minds.

"It's not a rational thought, but an emotional thought," he said. "The only way to change that sensation is through relationships."

The greatest determinant for one's views about Islam is found in whether they know a Muslim, Aslan said.

"If you know one Muslim, then it cuts in half your negative views of Islam," he said. "If you know someone as a human being, not as a symbol for something foreign, those walls and boundaries that separate you begin to fall away. You recognize that we're all kind of the same and all dealing with the same things."

The best way to build these types of relationships is around the arts, such as film, literature, music and art, he said, which are expressed through a universal language and allow people to know one another on a more intimate level.

Aslan said it depends on what kind of America people want to live in.

"Do we want to live in an America in which we define ourselves as against another group of Americans?" he said. "Or do we want a nation that says 'as you accept us, we'll accept you.' That's the country I hope we continue to work for."

NEWS BRIEFS

Elon No. 1 in new study abroad ranking by national institute

Elon was the No. 1 ranked master's-level university in the total number of students studying abroad during the 2008-2009 academic year, with 1,092 students, according to the 2010 Open Doors Report by the Institute of International Education. Elon was No. 1 in short-term study abroad experiences, sending more than 700 students on Winter Term courses, and No. 2 among master's-level universities on mid-length.

Students, professor attend annual NCAAHPERD conference

Four Elon students and associate professor Hal Walker attended the North Carolina Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Winston-Salem. Students and Walker spoke in a session titled "Experiential Activities in Sports Management."

Music and music theatre majors win North Carolina vocal competition

Seven Elon students were winners and qualifiers at the N.C. National Association of Teachers of Singing Music Theatre Competition. The auditions were held at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. Nov. 12. Walsh Moore placed first in college freshmen/sophomore men; Ethan Anderson placed second in college freshmen/sophomore men; Tessa Mossey placed third in college freshmen/sophomore women; Arielle Fields placed in the regionals for college freshmen/sophomore women; Britney Caughell placed second in college junior/senior women; Kenny Francoeur placed in the regionals for college junior/senior men and Josh Carswell placed first in college junior/senior men.

Elon hosts Project Pericles directors conference

The directors of Project Pericles met at Elon Nov. 15 - 16 for its annual conference to share different methods on how to further encourage students to become global citizens. Eugene Lang, the founder and chair of Project Pericles, and the Executive Director Jan Liss were in attendance. Elon is one of 29 institutions affiliated with Project Pericles.

Steve Schuckenbrock receives 2010 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award

Steve Schuckenbrock, a 1982 graduate, was presented the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award by President Leo Lambert Nov. 12. Schuckenbrock has worked in the information technology field for more than 30 years and told students and faculty the future of the IT business was in speed. He has worked for Dell, Inc., The Feld Group, Frito-Lay, IBM and PepsiCo.

Elon Alumni Association seeks 10 young 'outstanding' alumni

The Elon Alumni Association is seeking nominations for 10 young alumni who are doing "outstanding things in their professions and in their communities." Nominees must have graduated from Elon's undergraduate programs within the past 10 years and nominations must be received by Jan. 31, 2011. A banquet and award presentation is scheduled to be held April 2, 2011. More information can be found at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/alumni/ya/top10.xhtml>

Elon Microfinance Initiative hosts training session

The Elon Microfinance Initiative hosted a Small Business Consultant Training Session 5-6 p.m. Nov. 16 in KOBK Rm. 244. The session is open to all students regardless of major. The director of the Small Business Center in Graham will discuss on how to provide support to local businesses, in particular though using microfinance and educational tools.

Calendar: Nov. 17-Nov. 23

NOV. 17

*Elon Innovation Challenge Mystery Object Announced, 6 p.m.
*Exercise Science Society Professional Development Panel, 6:30 p.m. Lindner 102
*SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) Meeting, 7 p.m. KOBK
*Will Read for Food, 7:30 p.m. Isabella Cannon Room

NOV. 18

*SUBSwag presents: Caramel apple making, Moseley
*BAIBS Interest Meeting, 5 p.m. Irazu
*Roderic Camp, "Violence, Security and Democracy: Can Mexico Win Its War on Drugs?," 7:30 p.m. LaRose Digital Theatre KOBK

NOV. 19

*Make It Better Day, 9-11 a.m. Moseley 215
*Taste of the World, 1-3 p.m. Fireside Lounge, Moseley
*Turkey Trot 2010, 3:30 p.m.
*Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Sleep-Out, 7:30-9 p.m. West Lawn next to Moseley
*SUBlive Presents: Gavin Billings, 8 p.m. Irazu

NOV. 20

*Sweet Signatures' Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m. Whitley Auditorium
*SUBCinema Presents: The Switch, 8 p.m. Irazu

NOV. 21

*Discover NC: Carolina Panthers vs. Baltimore Ravens, 9 a.m. Moseley
*Sunday Worship: An Ecumenical Protestant Service, 11 a.m. Holt Chapel
*LEAF Weekly Worship and Fellowship, 5 p.m. Holt Chapel

NOV. 22

*Current Trends in Print, Opening Reception 12:15 p.m. Isabella Canon Room
*Frank K. Lord IV, "Cultural Property and the Law: An Overview of Recent Developments," 6 p.m. Yeager Recital Hall
*Elon University Chorale Concert, 7:30 p.m. McCrory Theatre

NOV. 23

*Career Development Workshop Series: Internship Search Workshop, 4:15-5:15 p.m. McEwen 011
*Thanksgiving Break begins following evening classes

For more dates and information about campus events, visit the calendar on the Elon website.

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Editorial

First careful consumption, then cultural carelessness

The novelty of most things promote the early care of them — that new iPhone, that new technological advancement that seeks to “propel business ventures to new levels,” or those new safety measures enforced at airports. When objects are new, we want to take care of them. When good, succinct procedures are enforced, we follow them to the rule.

With time, though, the sparkle wears off. And when those items that were once hot commodities become commonplace, safety measures are forgotten and consciousness slips.

In a recent New York Times article entitled, “Long Live Lady Luck,” author Thomas L. Friedman touched on the short-lived luck Americans are enjoying on the security front. In the past year, we have thwarted five terrorist plots, all of which could have had disastrous results.

Last December, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, an Al Qaeda-inspired Nigerian attempted to detonate explosives in his underwear on a Delta flight to Detroit. The aircraft was carrying 278 passengers. Faisal Shahzad crafted a bomb that he placed in his 1993 Nissan Pathfinder, attempting to detonate it in Times Square on May 1.

After being arrested 53 hours after the attempt, Shahzad was taken into custody by U.S. customs at the JFK airport, and boarded a plane to Islamabad, Pakistan — a situation that exploited gaping holes in U.S. airport security. Placed on the no-fly list on May 3, investigators lost

track of him and didn't know that he was planning to leave the country. Fortunately, they escorted him off of the plane while it was still at the gate.

The month of February brought a guilty plea from Najibullah Zazi, an Afghan immigrant who set off a bomb in a New York City subway near the date of Sept. 11. He was searched by the Port Authority police who were acting on behalf of the FBI's request and still got through to the city, hoping to detonate a bomb in the middle of packed trains on the 1, 2, 3, and/or 6 lines to cause maximum casualties. He was caught only after making it all the way to Denver. Most recently, a cargo plane coming from the United Arab Emirates and Britain on its way to an LGBT-friendly synagogue in Chicago was found to contain bombs wired to cell phones and concealed in the cartridges of printers.

Our airline security measures are only becoming more innovative, and scanning procedures increasingly more invasive and controversial. So why are we still missing the big picture?

Major telephone companies have placed warnings (in the fine print, of course) about the recommended usage of their devices.

At first, cell phones were used sparingly, in case of emergency. Their functions served only a few purposes, dial and communicate — but now, with the addition of WiFi capabilities, QWERTY keyboards and touch screens, we have changed the way we live.

We walk with our heads

down, engrossed in the information available at our fingertips. We bump into each other, we are distracted when we cross the street, we hit pedestrians while we text behind the wheel. We can't tell time without our devices, more often than not, we rely on it to get us up in the morning. We sleep with our phones and can't imagine losing them.

Yet, with all of the importance we place in our mobile devices, we hold them close to our faces, with only a thin, permeable membrane separating them from our brains. The link between cell phones and cancer has been researched since cell phones were available for public use.

Nytimes.com's 'Digital Domain,' a piece written on Nov. 13 asked, “Should you be snuggling with your cell phone?” Radiation specialists are up-in-arms about Americans' lack of caution when interacting with their mobile devices.

“Legal departments of cell phone manufacturers slip a warning about holding the phone against your head or body into the fine print of the little slip that you toss

aside when unpacking your phone. Apple, for example, doesn't want iPhones to come closer than five-eighths of an inch. Research In Motion, the manufacturer of Blackberry, is still more cautious: Keep a distance of about an inch,” the article says.

Do we really know what we're doing?

Currently, a presidential commission is speaking out about the mindset behind the Gulf oil spill, one it said is indicative of a growing issue: big corporations with their eye on the bottom line.

In an editorial written by the New York Times on Nov. 14, “The April blowout on the Deepwater Horizon was not some unfortunate occurrence. It was the result of a series of bad decisions by companies less concerned about safety than about finishing a project that was over budget and 38 days behind schedule.”

The way we consume and use products has much to do with who we are, which values we hold aloft and who we want to be.

Be diligent, Elon students. Decisions loom at every corner and repercussions do, as well.

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Opinions

Purge your friends and save us all

Facebook encourages lack of depth in real relationships



Rachel Southmayd
Columnist

Five years ago, friends were the people you called when you wanted to go to the movies. They were the ones who would hold your hand in good times and bad, the ones that would pretend to care when you showed them pictures of your latest vacation (in person, mind you, not on a screen). They were the ones who would come to your grandmother's funeral,

get you a great, thoughtful gift for your birthday and actually laugh when you said something funny, not just absently type "LOL."

Enter the beast that has become the social network universe. Enter the world of Facebook, where "friends" can be anyone from the girl you grew up next to, or a distant cousin of a half-brother's ex-wife's manicurist's dog groomer. Enter Jimmy Kimmel, the late-night television personality who has declared Nov. 17 "National UnFriend Day."

According to the show's website, Kimmel believes Facebook is taking the meaning out of

the word "friend" and is encouraging users to cut back on the number of people to whom they bestow that title.

While this move on Kimmel's part may be more of a joke than an actual call to action, I implore Elon University students to take advantage of this day, and cut back on the countless number of people on Facebook who you don't really consider a "friend."

A friend is someone who would drive you to the airport at 5 a.m. When you're moving into a new apartment, a friend comes to help you haul your gigantic couch up five flights of stairs. If your life suddenly sounds like a bad country song, a friend gives you a place to sleep, a fridge to raid and a shoulder to cry on. How many people can say that about the majority of their Facebook friends?

While it may seem fun to rack up hundreds, or even thousands of friends on Facebook, consider how much you reduce the value of each one of those people as you acquire dozens more who mean very little to you on a personal level.

It's good practice not to post anything online that you wouldn't also share in polite company is the real world, so continue that practice with "friends." Don't "friend" people who you wouldn't call up to chat with in real life. Don't value your quantity of friends, both real and online, more than the quality.

We are who we are, or are we?

Fairness in sport is questioned when transsexuals compete



Bristol Whitcher
Columnist

The idea of transsexuality may have been at one time unimaginable to discuss within a society. But times are changing and this is a serious issue, like gay rights and the war on terror, that needs to be in the public's eye.

It is important to understand what exactly defines a transgendered individual. In basic terms, it is a mind that is literally trapped in a body of the opposite sex. These people feel stranded inside a "shell" which doesn't belong to them. One option is to have

gender reassignment surgery, in which the patient's sex is physically changed by surgery, hormones and a complete reversal in lifestyle. Much of the controversy surrounding this issue pertains to transgendered individuals and their competition in athletic contests.

The main question is: "Should these transsexual individuals be allowed to compete in athletic competition, alongside counterparts of their newly reassigned sex?" This brings about another serious question: "Is prohibiting their participation just?" The answer is no, it is not right to forbid these individuals from playing. Though that may be wrong, sometimes a transsexual's advantages in competition aren't completely fair either.

An example presented by CNN brought to attention female golfer Lana Lawless and her participation in events such as the Long Drive Challenge. She won this competition in 2008, driving more than 250 yards. This past year, the Long Drive Association changed the rules prohibiting her and other transsexual individuals from participating. The Ladies Professional Golf Association has a similar standard, enforcing the "women-born-women" rule.

Joyce Davis, chair of the Exercise Science department at Elon University, said that Lawless would have an advantage, but simply because of "biologically longer limbs." She explained that sports such as golf use "kinetic chains," or linked systems of different segments. Because she was born with previous skeletal system of a male, her bones are longer, thus resulting in the ability to make the ball go farther. She also explained that the hormone treatments are going to have a very drastic effect on changing the build and muscle structure of these individuals, greatly weakening them, especially in the case of Lawless. These changes could negatively affect the performance of those individuals.

The LPGA and LDA are two examples of governing bodies that can set the parameters for transsexual individuals and their participation. These two groups allow participation strictly within the gender one is born with. But other institutions such as the International Olympic Committee allow transsexual individuals to participate under the conditions that two years of hormone replacement therapy have been completed, the individual is legally registered under the new sex and the sexual reassignment surgery has been completed.

The NCAA, for example, does not have any specific requirements for transsexual individuals. They have "recommendations," but currently no specific standards. As Gary Brown reported for the NCAA news, the aims of the organization are to "maintain the integrity of women's sports but also provide an equitable opportunity for transgender student-athletes to participate."

This brings us back to the question, "is it fair?" Personally, no, I do not think it is fair. But again, the question of "is it right?" gets brought up. Personally, yes, I think it is right for these individuals to play. These topics bring about a constant battle between what is right and fair, and in this case, justice is far more important. Davis also said that being transsexual is "not just biological and anatomical. It's cultural, ethnical, societal and built on life experiences which surgeries and hormones cannot take away." Because of these things that can physically not be changed, it would not be right to forbid these individuals from playing as who they truly believe they are meant to be.

Ban alcohol at sporting events

No upside to public intoxication in athletic venues



Steve Roth
Guest Columnist

Throwing up on other people, using public spaces as bathrooms, physically assaulting random strangers and using extremely profane language around small children are all specific ways of ruining sporting events for nearly everyone. Yet, we see countless examples of this when we go to events, and occasionally see these behaviors on national television.

Although some people may blame this problem on the bad attitudes of a select few, the real truth is that almost all of this occurs because of the presence of alcohol at sports games. Many fans like to think beer and sports go together like peanut butter and jelly. If this is the case, I'm switching over to tuna sandwiches. Although perhaps a bit extreme, sports stadiums should ban alcohol for good.

I can hear the booing and outrage, but hear me out. First of all, let's take into consideration that no matter how many people can control their alcohol consumption, there are many who can't. Put all of those people together in one giant stadium and it's a recipe for disaster. These "fans" seemingly attend these sporting events not to socialize or to root for their favorite team, but to trash their bodies and make fools of themselves.

We've seen this chaos inside stadiums and we've seen this chaos in the parking lots prior to games. Some tailgaters, who have been drinking since 7 a.m., have no problem filing into the stadiums after consuming alcohol. Since we cannot stop these drunks from bringing alcohol into parking lots without doing detailed checks on every vehicle that enters, there must be rules instituted to prevent them from purchasing more alcohol in the stadium.

So if stadiums can't sell beer, how are they going to make their money? This seems to be a key argument in a situation like this. Once

alcohol is banned and people know that they can no longer get beer, they are more likely to buy sodas, lemonade, water, etc. from the many concessions and vendors available. Even though soft drinks are considerably cheaper than alcohol, stadiums and teams can still make a profit. For example, according to Team Marketing Report's 2009 data of NFL merchandise and food prices, the average 17-ounce beer costs \$6.80 while the average 21-ounce soft drink costs only \$4.09. So instead of someone buying two 17-ounce beers, that individual could now use the money to purchase three 21-ounce soft drinks and still have some money left over for a snack.

Examples of banning and reducing the amount of alcohol sold have been popping up all over sports in recent years. In 2008, when the Philadelphia Phillies won the World Series, they paraded through the city and the celebration culminated in their home stadium. Only on this historic day in the city's history was alcohol banned in the entire stadium. Because of this, not a single negative incident was reported.

The NBA began reducing alcohol consumption a few years ago by cutting off sales at the start of the fourth quarter of all games. They also placed a limit on the size of each drink to 24 ounces, and limited each customer to two drinks per purchase. But this does nothing when that customer comes back several times to buy more alcohol and is so inebriated by the fourth quarter that there is no "wear-off" effect. The drunken fan then endangers lives on the drive home.

Even the grand Yankee Stadium began to change longstanding rules in the early 2000s by banning alcohol in the bleacher seating section of "the House that Ruth built." Lon Trost, the team's chief operating officer stated then, "It is the Yankees' responsibility to take every reasonable step to maintain a fan-friendly environment throughout the stadium, and we feel this is a positive and proactive decision."

For those of us who prefer getting our money's worth at a sporting event by being able to truly enjoy rooting for the home team with our friends and family with a hotdog in one hand and a foam finger on the other, this change would mean the world.

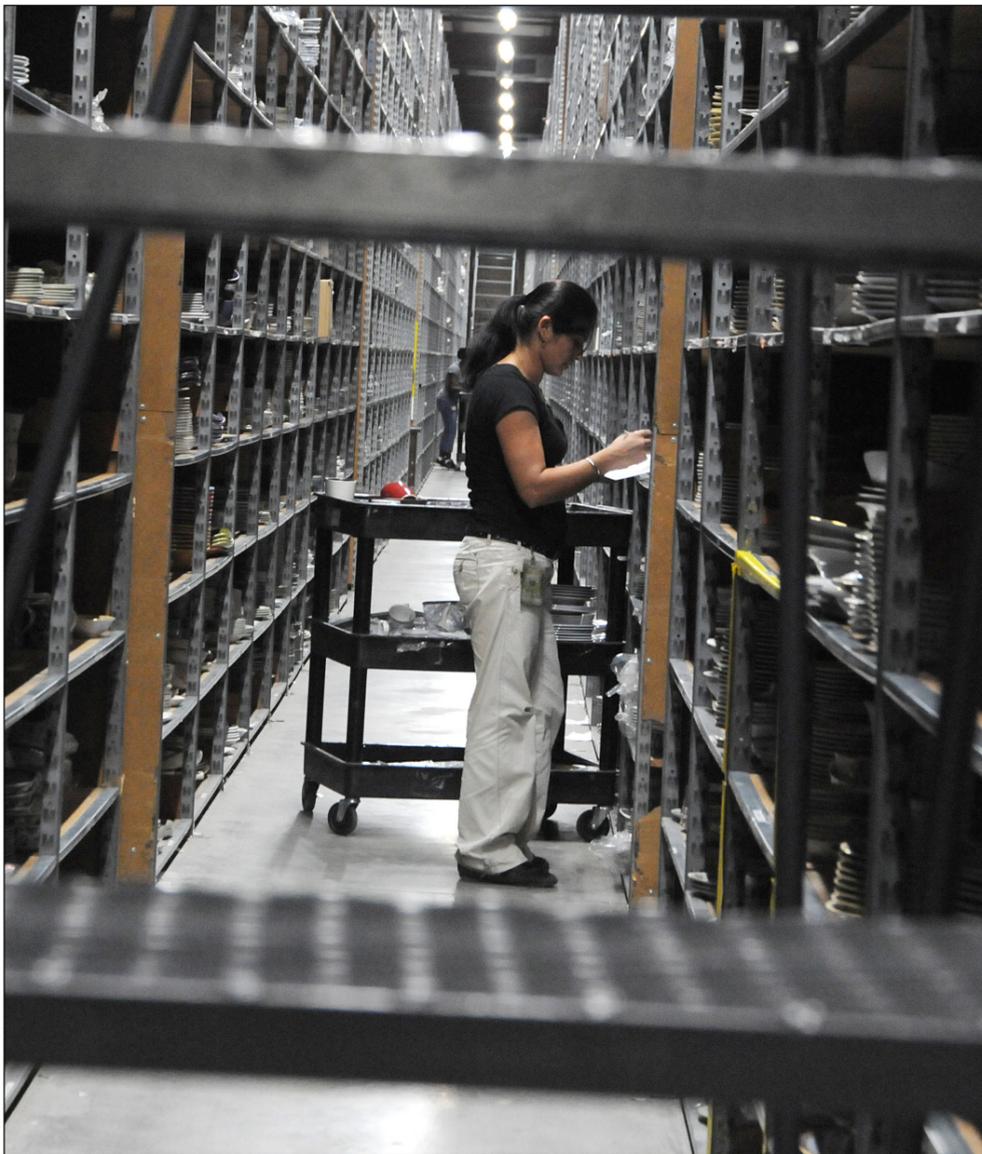
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Style

You name it, *they'll replace it*



Greensboro specialty warehouse 'replaces the irreplaceable'

Lindsay Fendt
Photo Editor

For Bob Page, it started as a simple hobby. The North Carolina auditor spent his days off searching garage sales and flea markets for china and crystal, storing patterns in his attic. In 1981, Page stepped out of his comfort zone, left his job and started Replacements Ltd. "He founded it with the help of one part-time worker, who was a student," said Jill Slater, the retail store manager. "That year they reached about \$150,000 in sales."

Soon, the successful business outgrew the attic and it now occupies a behemoth structure just off of I-85. Replacements Ltd. now houses nearly 14 million pieces of china and crystal and has propelled itself to become one of the leading china retailers in the world.

"We are the world's largest company for discontinued items," Slater said. "We have the largest inventory."

Customers from around the country come to Replacements to find china unavailable anywhere else, but the company's clientele

is not restricted to people, pets are allowed, too. Both customers and employees can bring in any animal as long as it is well-behaved.

"We've had everything from free-flying birds to ferrets," she said. "We've had cats, of course, and even a possum."

And despite the old adage of the bull in the china shop, Replacements has never had an incident involving an animal.

"We've had customers that break the occasional thing, but knock on wood we've never had an animal break anything," she said.

Aside from china and crystal sales, Replacements also sells collectibles and offers a pattern identification service, but above all the company helps people find items that may not be available anywhere else.

"Once we had two sisters who were buying a gravy boat and when they saw it, they both just burst into tears, because they had been playing with a gravy boat 30 years prior and had broken it and their grandmother had never been able to replace it," she said. "We get those a lot."



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Top left: A dog sit penned up in a cubical while its owner steps out. With Replacement's pet friendly policy employees and customers alike can bring their pets into the store.
Top right: Replacements carries discontinued and rare styles of china and glassware. This crystal needed to have its grooves sanded out by the company's glass grinder.
Middle left: A Replacements employee puts away china among the many stacks of inventory.
Middle top right: Terri Cook a restoration specialist puts a gold rim around a glass in Replacement's restoration center.
Middle bottom right: A worker grinds and polishes silverware.
Bottom left: China patterns are organized by color and pattern on towering shelves.
Bottom right: Steve Day Replacement's master sculptor grinds crystal with special machinery.

Rip_Chord rips

out another fall showcase



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer
 Top: Sophomore Connor Stirlend performs a solo in "Good Ol' A Capella. Bottom left: Rip_Chord's fall concert was an almost sold-out event. Bottom right: Drayton Aldridge performed the solo in "Summer of '69. As Rip_Chord's only senior, the fall concert was Aldridge's last performance with the group.

Stephanie Butzer
 Reporter

After an opening performance by the ladies of the University of Maryland Treblemakers, a knock echoed from a door on the stage in Whitley Auditorium. The 18 members of Rip_Chord came running out to a round of applause. They introduced their eight new members, sang the national anthem and the show began.

Drayton Aldridge, a Rip_Chord senior graduating at the end of this semester, recalled his first concert with the group: "There was like six or seven rows full," he said.

He continued to say how he couldn't be happier to have the concert almost sold out this year and nearly every seat filled in the auditorium. Having a lot of freshmen in the audience is beneficial to them because they are getting many new and younger fans, they said.

The group said it is sad to see Aldridge leave. Chris Kilgore, junior and president of Rip_Chord, said Aldridge is an "all-around amazing person. He underplays his talent. He plays guitar and writes songs. We can't ever fill his gap."

The group performed 11 songs, including hits like "Summer of '69" by Bryan Adams, "Good Ol' A Capella" by Nylons and "It's My Life" by Bon Jovi.

"Summer of '69" had an outstanding solo

performance by Aldridge. "Down," originally by Jay Sean, was recreated by soloist freshmen John Molloy and Chandler Machemehl. A crowd favorite was "Teenage Dream." It was edited to be appropriate for the younger members of the audience. This softer take on Katy Perry's hit song had the audience in stitches.

At the end of the performance, the crowd gave the members of Rip_Chord a standing ovation. Members of the audience filed out of the auditorium humming songs they had just heard and exchanging positive opinions on the show. Sophomore audience member Dylan Reed said he was "really impressed by the new talent, and the new songs, and the new soloists," and the members of the group "really bring a lot of energy to the room."

The men of Rip_Chord appear to have formed a kind of bond that doesn't exist in most a capella groups. They gathered together in groups and talked to their fans about what the group represents.

Kilgore laughed and said "The brotherhood that Rip_Chord has is like a fraternity without a backwards hat."

When asked about his opinion of the show, he proudly said, "the show proves what hard work can do. You put in so much time and effort and we had our ups and downs, but this right here, tonight, was just awesome."



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer
 Senior friends Tyler Dorenburg (bottom left) and Sam Lewis (bottom right) formed the band 20 Points for Gryffindor for a one-night show in Irazu.

Twenty Points for Gryffindor

Longtime friends form impromptu jam band, play to Irazu crowd

Originally, the band 20 Points for Gryffindor was not going to play in Irazu on Nov. 12. In fact, The Majors were supposed to perform. But, when they couldn't make it, two friends stepped in to fill the gap.

Seniors Sam Lewis and Tyler Dorenburg have been friends since their sophomore year, but haven't played together in a while. When

they got word that Irazu was lacking Friday night entertainment, they decided to play together again.

Picking the name 20 Points for Gryffindor, based on the fact that Lewis resembles Harry Potter, the friends entertained a small crowd in the coffeeshop. There is no word on whether the group will continue making music.

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Dancing in Black Box showcases student, faculty talent

Ashley Watkins
Reporter

The Black Box Theatre was stuffed with students the evenings of Nov. 11, 12 and 13. Dancing in The Black Box has been performed annually at Elon for four years now. It is the dance department's main stage fall concert and it features both student and faculty choreography.

This year, there were seven pieces choreographed by five faculty members and two students. The student works were selected from the Choreography I and II Salon, the student choreography showcase presented in October.

Twenty-seven dancers, including understudies, participated in the program. Auditions were open to all who have dance experience and wish to perform, but all dance majors were required to audition for each of the faculty works presented.

Auditions were held in mid-September. Each faculty member submitted a piece for the concert and prepared a section of the dance to teach to the dancers to use as the audition piece. The audition process was two days long and each choreographer selected dancers based on what they needed in terms of style and number for each individual piece. The pieces were rehearsed two to three days a week for six weeks.

The audition was the biggest factor in deciding which dancers would perform which roles.

"It depends on the piece and the style of movement and how you perform in the audition to whether you got cast or not or what you got cast as," senior Stephanie



The annual Dancing in the Black Box is the culmination of two advanced dance classes and features student and faculty choreography.

LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

Olsen said.

The intimacy of the Black Box setting makes watching choreography a more personal experience.

"This concert provides our faculty and students the opportunity to present experimental and completed works of choreographic research in an intimate stage space that decreases the distance between the stage, audience and dancers," Cherie Bower, the assistant professor of Dance and artistic director of Dancing in the Black Box said.

"(Adjunct professor of dance) Renay Aumiller's choreography, 'Just a Moment,' offers a wonderful example of how the line

between dancers and audience members can be broken with the dancers beginning in the audience as the piece began."

The dancers themselves said they were excited about being a part of the performance but realized that if they were not selected for a role they wanted in this particular program, there would always be other chances.

"It's just luck of the draw what the choreographers are looking for," senior dance major Jenna Farley said. "So, it may depend on if you are what the choreographer wants to use artistically and if you're not, no big deal, there's always next time."

Despite the competition,

the dancers said they work well together and enjoy the close company.

"We all work really well together," said senior dance major Erin Fitzgerald. "We've known each other for three or four years, most of us. We're all real good friends. Because we have been together for so long we respond well to each other in rehearsals and performances."

The dancers said that were excited that this performance exhibited experimental dance and showcased some of their peers.

"This concert is unique because we get to put student pieces up against faculty pieces," Fitzgerald said. Elon students Claire James and Kelsey Herbst choreographed the two student pieces.

Fitzgerald said she hopes audiences will be open to this different type of dance.

"It may not be what people are used to seeing because concert dance is different than show dance or dance they may see on TV like commercial dance," Fitzgerald said.

Senior dancer Alex Pepper agreed.

"Dance is more than just 'So you Think you can Dance', but all the funding is going to that because it's so commercial," senior Alex Pepper said.

The popularity of some kinds of dance is forcing others into the background.

"All of the modern companies are struggling. You just really have to try and be a well rounded dancer," Pepper said. "We just really try and train in all different areas around here."

Why 'Due Date' was disappointing



Michelle Wilson
Columnist

There are several comedic duos that have spanned the ages. Abbott and Costello became iconic with their "Who's on First" routine. Cheech and Chong

were popular in the '70s and '80s for their undying love for all things cannabis. Even Paul Rudd and Jason Segel have gained a good reputation for the time they've spent together on screen. A recent comedic duo that stands very little chance of being as highly regarded, is Robert Downey Jr. and Zach Galifianakis, the stars of "Due Date."

Downey plays Peter Highman, an uptight father-to-be, trying to make it from Atlanta to Los Angeles on time for the birth of his first child. His plan is complicated after he meets Ethan Trembley (Galifianakis), a struggling actor, who after a series of events, gets Peter on the no-fly list. Since most of his belongings are still on the plane, Peter is forced to hitch a ride cross-country with Ethan, a dog, and a coffee container filled with ashes of Ethan's late father.

It's difficult not to go into a film like this with high expectations. Downey and Galifianakis are two of the biggest stars in Hollywood at the moment, and director Todd Phillips' last movie, "The Hangover," was a huge success to fans and critics alike. Even with these elements, "Due Date" fails to live up to its potential. The main thing that "Due Date" lacks, as compared to other buddy comedies, are likeable characters and the relationships between them.

Throughout most of the film, it seems as if the writers couldn't decide what personalities they wanted these characters to have. Peter switches from liking to hating Ethan almost as often as they drive through states (or countries, in one instance). Ethan, on the other hand, is barely likeable at all. It's hard to feel affection or sympathy for him, mostly because of his lack of social skills that would make anyone cringe. As socially inept as Galifianakis' character in "The Hangover" was, all of his quirks, combined with the humor of Bradley Cooper and Ed Helms, just seemed to work. That same kind of chemistry doesn't apply to Downey and Galifianakis, not for lack of performance, but for the jokes and one-liners in the script that don't cut it. It's understandable that a movie with four writers attached to the screenplay would be irregular, but in this case the story is barely held together.

What's even more disappointing is that the most best moments of the film don't come from the leading men, but from the small cameos sprinkled throughout the film. Juliette Lewis as Ethan's drug dealer, Danny McBride as a disgruntled Western Union employee, and Jamie Foxx as Peter's old friend bring laughs in the short scenes they steal, and you're almost left wishing they would come back as soon as it's just Peter and Ethan again.

Overall, the casting and occasional outburst of crude Todd Phillips humor are almost enough to save the film. The problem is that "Due Date" starts out with unlikeable characters, and ends with them still being unlikeable. There are short bursts of laughter in between, but not the amount that you'd expect from the people behind it.

Autobiographical play tells frightening tale

Lauren Ramsdell
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The story of the runt of the litter goes like this:

When a farmer breeds his best working dog, he looks carefully at the newborn pups. He ties a string around the neck of the smallest and weakest one.

Once the dogs are weaned and ready to begin training, the farmer takes all of the dogs except the runt and drowns them in the river. Why? Because the smallest one has to work harder in order to compete, but once it survives, it becomes the best worker.

Bo Eason, former safety for the Houston Oilers, was the runt of the litter in his household, an inferiority complex that drove him to become "the dirtiest player" in the NFL.

His four-year experience playing pro football and his life growing up with successful older brother Tony Eason, NFL quarterback for the New England Patriots, and then the New York Jets, is the inspiration for the one-man play "Runt of the Litter."

Eason came to Elon University on Nov. 9 as a part of the Lyceum series for a one-night only show. McCrary

Theatre was dotted with audience members, mainly from the surrounding

community.

According to Patti Gibbons, the associate director for cultural and special programs at Elon, the planning for Lyceum series guests begins up to a year in advance. Gibbons says that members of the Lyceum committee, which include

professors from different disciplines as well as the head of cultural and special programs, decide acts to bring to campus based on both community and student appeal.

"The fact is that Elon is the largest arts presenter in the county," said Gibbons, citing both visiting and student-performed acts.

Eason's play, written and performed by himself, was highly autobiographical. From the intense competition and love he had for his brother, to his

mother's alcoholism and father's distance were all based on true or near-to-life events. Eason played footballer Jack Ryan, who as a young boy drew up a 20-year plan to make it to the Super Bowl and win. Jack is frequently in direct competition with his brother

Charlie for recognition in sports and at home.

Eventually, Jack becomes a hard-hitting safety, the last line of defense before the offending team scores. Eason callously monologued the most efficient way to sideline an opponent and spoke with barely controlled mania of how hard Jack, and, allegorically, he, worked to catch up to his older brother.

The play, a 90-minute long spectacle of one man's inner



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer

Former pro football player Bo Eason wrote and performed a single man play based on his life.

Visiting poet offers inspiration and new perspectives

Kit Arbuckle
Reporter

According to creative writing professor Drew Perry, Elon has never had a visiting writer “so wedded to the vernacular” of contemporary poetry as Adrian Blevins. Blevins, born in Abingdon, Va., now lives in Maine, giving her a new perspective on life in the South and giving her verses an impenitent bite as she writes about motherhood, women, family and sense of place.

All of these are common themes in Southern literature, but Blevins celebrates the cracks in the gilding rather than the golden idol. On Nov. 8, Blevins held a reading in Yeager Recital Hall, where she read from her two books of poetry, “The Brass Girl Brouhaha” (2003) and “Live from the Homesick Jamboree” (2009).

Her poems “don’t apologize,” senior Maggie Pahos said. “Her style is frank and to-the-point, which is refreshing.”

Others agreed with the sentiment. “I find her poetry to

Adrian Blevins & the Importance of Poetry

“With her one eye persistently unfastened, a vigilant bird / watched my grandfather during the Great Depression/use each evening of one whole year to wander his corn fields / knowing this world is just one pig after another / in one pen after another.”

—The first line of “Novelette” by Adrian Blevins, which first appeared in the October 2005 issue of Poetry literary journal

be something I’d like to model mine after, because it’s emotive and unapologetic,” said junior James Shaver.

Pahos and Shaver both attend the monthly Open Mic Nights at the Arts and Letters Learning Community, where students can exhibit their literary and musical skills in front of a supportive group of peers, but said that Open Mic was dissimilar from Blevins’s reading.

“This is very different because we only have one poet a year come to Elon and work with us in workshops,” said Pahos. “Open Mic Nights are much less formal and more fluid. We’re really lucky to have a poet come (to Elon).”

While Blevins visited Elon, she attended creative writing and poetry classes, working

with English students of all skill levels.

“She workshopped a poem of mine today,” Shaver said. “When you’re reading her poetry beforehand, you’re just like, ‘Oh my God, is she going to like this?’ There’s a lot more pressure.”

Having a guest writer attend classes is a great opportunity for Elon students and faculty, said English professor Cassie Kircher.

“It means we’re exposed to another poetic voice,” she said. “Students are lucky to have three writers a year, one for each genre (fiction, poetry and nonfiction).”

Perry added that guest writers are invited to Elon “mostly (for) new perspective. They’ve heard us for 12 weeks.”

Both Perry and

Kircher said that different perspectives are “crucial” for young writers, because there are “so many different ways to (write), so many different voices.” Kircher asserted that it was “as important to dislike a writer as to like a writer, because it helps you define your own voice.”

In a Q&A with Creative Writing students on Nov. 9, Blevins discussed the lack of exposure high school students have to contemporary poetry and the misconceptions that arise from it. Blevins likened poetry styles to a pendulum, forever swinging between the metered, rhyming, elitist verses commonly studied in primary and secondary school and the more unstructured, prose-like, by-the-people-for-the-people poetry now known as “contemporary.”

But, no matter what the style, Blevins stated that in a world full of technological disconnection, poetry lessens the emotional distances between people because out of all the genres, poetry is the easiest way to get to know somebody.

Elon’s proficient percussion ensemble

Kit Arbuckle
Reporter

The Elon University Percussion Ensemble is pretty straightforward. According to professor Jon Metzger, the Percussion Ensemble’s director, “it is an ensemble consisting entirely of percussionists playing exclusively percussion instruments.”

Metzger founded the group 21 years ago at Elon. The members meet from 5:30-7:10 p.m. on Tuesdays. The ensemble gives two yearly concerts, once per semester, and is often invited to perform for other causes and with other performance groups.

For instance, it will perform on Nov. 15 as part of International Hunger Week and “together with dance students as part of their spring concert featuring (choreography) by Jane Wellford to an original composition of mine called ‘Batterie Diabolique,’” according to Metzger.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, 11 Elon percussionists gathered on the stage in Yeager Recital Hall and performed six complex pieces of music. Those pieces ranged in flavor from abstract to classical and from whimsical to rhythmic, and their composers varied widely in time period and nationality. Unlike most musical concerts, percussion ensembles require more time between pieces in order to set up for the next one, but the audience remained spellbound throughout.

Students don’t have to major or minor in percussion to be in the class.

“As a percussion performance major, it’s a requirement,” said sophomore John Mullen, one of the students in the ensemble. Mullen — who played mainly vibraphones, marimba, and timpani during the concert — said that Percussion Ensemble was very much a labor of love, because it “sometimes gets stressful” with all the members’



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer
Senior Alex Kunkel played the marimba and other instruments during the fall Percussion Ensemble concert. Joining the ensemble is open to all students.

busy schedules.

Ten out of the 11 members are currently enrolled in Elon’s marching band, the Fire of the Carolinas.

“It’s the easiest way to get the word spread,” Mullen said. The member who is not in band, Brittney Williams, played percussion in high school and sought out the Percussion Ensemble on her own.

“There is a high expectation of acquired skills, including reading music, proper (technique) on the given instruments, and discipline and maturity,” Metzger said. “The ensemble is

open by audition only.”

Despite those standards, both Mullen and Metzger were quick to assert how much the members of the ensemble enjoyed playing together.

“It is so cool and immensely fulfilling to be a part of an ensemble performing contemporary music like that,” Metzger said. “The amount of satisfaction and feeling of accomplishment that comes from working so hard on difficult, challenging music and then delivering it in a compelling fashion to the public is especially appealing.”

The weekly Web roundup: Videos and links going viral



Alexa Johnson
Columnist

High school girls show some seriously awful hurdle dedication

Watching terribly embarrassing videos of young athletes is not something I usually encourage. But for this I will make an exception—these girls show unreal dedication and a high tolerance for pain and mortification. Keep giving it your all, ladies. Visit Google, search “Gawker high school hurdles.”

OK Go's new video consists only of toast

OK Go isn’t know for churning out great music, but they are widely recognized to have some of the strangest and most fun videos out there. The video is simple — it’s all shot on a Micro Four Thirds camera and stop animated — so there are no trained dogs or elaborate machines in sight, but this one is my favorite because the song isn’t all electronic and let’s face it, toast is about as humble as you can get. Visit Google, search “OK Go Last Leaf video.”

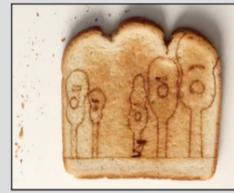


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What's the new Rubik's cube record? Try 6.77 seconds



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Are Rubik cube-solving contests cooler than the cup building ones? I can’t decide, but you should watch this kid solve one of the most frustrating toys ever invented in less time than it takes to scoop some ice cream. Very impressive. I hope he gets some serious money for this, but, I weep for his childhood. Visit Youtube, search “Rubix cube 6.77 world record.”

Speak Vonnegut-ese and celebrate one of the greatest authors of the century

Kurt Vonnegut, absurdist, author, sci-fi celeb, visionary, and one of the wittiest guys on the block passed away in 2007, but his work lives on. Luckily, Flavorwire compiled a list of some of his coined terms, including “the beetle.” According to Vonnegut, the mechanical beetle was made by Germans while the real beetle was made by the Creator of the Universe. Sounds about right to me. Visit Google, search “Flavorwire, Kurt Vonnegut dictionary.”



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Who doesn't want a furry animal on their head?



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What would keep your little head warmer than a fake animal? Perfect for people who pined for the uber-expensive “Where the Wild Things Are” outfits, most of these animal hats come with perky, PETA approved ears and will mark you as a true hipster or someone with an excellent sense of humor. Meow. Visit Google, search “refinery 29 fur animal hoods.”

Depressing: The evolution of hands at concerts

It’s not just the evolution of the Internet or seeing 7-year-olds with cell phones that tells us that times are a-changing. Take a look as this graphic to see how concert goers hands have gone from calling for peace, to rocking hard, and now are stuck on a permanent record. Sacrilege. Visit Google, search “Buzzfeeds evolution of hands at concerts.”



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Sucking up knowledge and light: Professor and students collaborate on black hole research

Marlena Chertock
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Dan Evans never knew exactly what he wanted to do until college when he first saw the images from the Hubble telescope. Now, as an Elon physics professor, Evans studies one particular cosmic body — black holes.

Evans said he wants to understand the physical processes of the cosmic bodies in space, which is the focus of astrophysics.

He described black holes as enormous cosmic vacuum cleaners.

"It turns out that just as the material takes its last death plunge into the black hole, it also releases a huge birth of X-ray emission and gives off a big flash," he said.

This flash can be tracked by the Chandra X-ray Observatory telescope, the telescope he is using to conduct research.

"If I take an X-ray photograph of the night sky, we can find out what (black holes) are doing, what they're eating," he said.

Evans said he plans to use black holes to test Einstein's general theory of relativity.

"This is part of the \$3.5 billion mission from NASA that I've been working on for the past decade now," Evans said.

The funding for this project comes directly from NASA, he said.

Before coming to Elon this year, Evans worked with NASA at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"My research involves supermassive black holes, which are incredibly massive black holes," Evans said. "They have a huge amount of gravity associated with them. What I try to do with them is to understand how they work."

Evans is bringing two Elon freshmen onto his research team, Todd Calnan and Matthew Barger. A third student will start next semester.

"I really like the undergraduate

program here," he said. "I've always placed a firm emphasis on undergraduate research and it seems like Elon is really making a substantial push to put itself on the map for leading undergraduate research. I wanted to be a part of that effort."

They started the research in mid-September. In May, they will view galaxy NGC 1068 through Chandra.

Evans said the students are researching to understand how black holes flow material.

"It turns out it's actually a very complicated process," Evans said. "If we find out that, we can measure out the process of the black holes."

Calnan said he wants to get a solid foundation in this type of work, which he said he's confident that Evans can provide.

"I'm a physics major and I'm particularly interested in cosmology," Calnan said. "This type of research is what I'm going to be doing for quite some time and I thought it would be good to get a head start."

He said that he's learned to use the computer programs, which analyze data, and the basic physics of black holes.

Calnan and Barger have also learned how to program UNIX, which they use for entering data Chandra supplies.

"The point of the research is to determine how fast the black hole is rotating given certain data," Calnan said. "I also like the idea of being able to find something out that nobody else knows about yet."

Barger said he sees this research as a way to broaden his view of the world of physics.

"(Evans') presentation (on black holes) in the beginning of the year really captured me," he said. "He talked about the different situations of black holes throughout the universe. There are quite a handful of them. Each one of them has their own story. I thought that was interesting."

A certain set of principles in space applies to every single black hole in

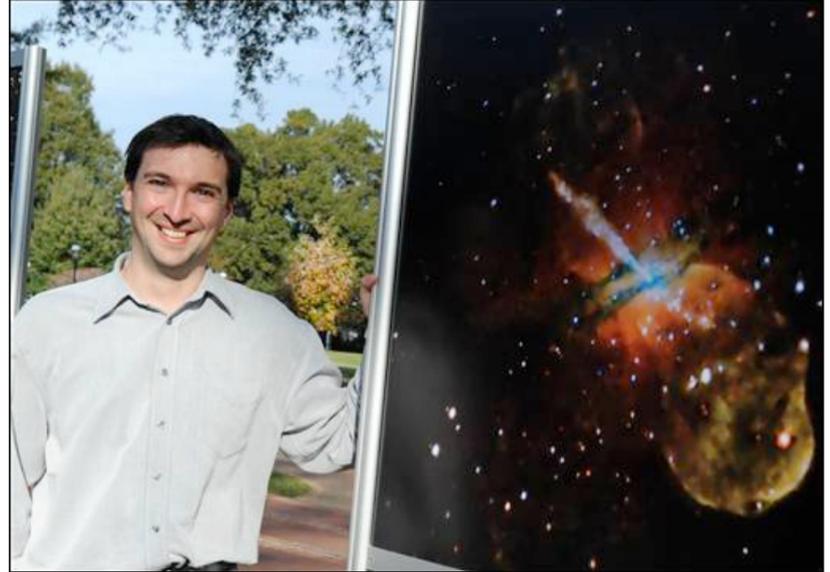


PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Physics professor Dan Evans is researching the physical properties of black holes with two Elon freshmen. The team will look at images from the Chandra Observatory telescope in May.

different ways, Barger said.

"Dr. Evans' research will allow you to apply the principles to all of these different black holes and see things that other people have yet to see," he said.

Evans creates a comfortable, motivating atmosphere, according to Barger.

"The way Dr. Evans presents our tasks to us makes us feel we can do it," he said. "I didn't know (Calnan) before, but (we) work well together. Dr. Evans keeps us on the same page. We started out doing the same thing, but I think Dr. Evans is trying to make it so that the tasks we're doing are slightly different than the other's work."

Evans said he tries to take his passion directly into the classroom and research. He said he wants to encourage students to take astronomy classes.

"I want to give them the training so they can embark on careers, hopefully as professional scientists," Evans said.

"I think that's a big part of the Elon experience."

He said he hopes the students will continue researching with him for four years.

"I don't take students on unless they have a lot of passion themselves," he said. "I don't take them on unless I look forward to the next four years together."

Both Calnan and Barger said they plan on continuing this research.

Evans said he wants to take students to an astronomy conference in May.

"It's not so much what I have to do, it's what they have to do," he said. "They've got to show that they have the hallmarks of becoming professional scientists. They have to do a research project at professional or near-professional standards."

Evans said he hopes to expose students to what life as a scientist is like.

"It's actually an exciting one," he said.

Environmental senior seminar group cultivates greener future

Bonnie Eford
Features Editor

Built more than 70 years ago, the Powell House was not built based on sustainability or green efficiency principles.

Perhaps that's why a group of seven Elon seniors took matters into their own hands.

As a part of their Environmental Studies Senior Seminar class, they are creating a proposal for "green" renovations and enhancements of the Powell House throughout the semester.

The class received a free energy audit from Sundogs Solutions, a company located in Chapel Hill, and has been researching different topics ranging from passive solar heating, sealing building envelope and installing solar panels to include in their proposal.

But why?

"Sustainability or 'going green' has become an important part of Elon," said Travis Counsell, one of the seven seniors working on the project. "It should be important to everyone as we cannot keep living the way we are today."

The proposal goes hand in hand with the Elon University Master Plan, which outlines plans for creating a "greener" campus.

"Our proposal will outline how each improvement of the building will benefit both the performance of the building and identity of the environmental studies department," Counsell said.

Counsell also looks to the project as a way for the Environmental Studies Department to plant and nourish their identity on campus, which he said is growing steadily.



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Members of the Environmental Senior Seminar group met with those from Sundogs Solutions to walk through the Powell House during the free energy audit.

"It can be used as a model for a more sustainable future," Counsell said. "With the community garden next door, and plenty of potential for the house, all we need are motivated individuals to keep pushing forward."

The class is not actually performing the upgrades on the Powell House, though, but is merely writing up the proposal and researching how best to retrofit the building in the case that the university decides to do so.

According to Counsell, the retrofitting process begins with evaluating how the building is currently performing relative to sustainability standards.

In order to do this, the group asked Sundogs Solutions to perform an energy audit. They agreed to do it, and did it for free.

"The report Sundogs Solutions gave us has been very helpful throughout our proposal," Counsell said.

Those from Sundogs Solutions spent three hours walking through the house with members of the group to create the report for the audit.

The audit consisted of a blower door test, which measures how leaky the house is, thermal imaging to locate the leaks and a visual inspection to find additional problem areas.

"Let's just say it was very leaky," he said. "If all of the cracks were

put together it would be like having a three foot by three foot hole in the side of the house. So, the obvious first step to a retrofit would be to better insulate the house and seal all of the cracks."

Although it seems they have their work cut out for them, Molly Schriber, another senior working on the project, looks to the project as an opportunity to give back to Elon.

"As seniors in a capstone course, it also allows us to express our ideas on what we would like to see our department evolve into as it is still fairly new to Elon," she said. "It would allow us to show some of what we have learned throughout our degree, and start rolling the ball to put it into action."

Other seniors in the group creating the proposal are Jared Balavender, Taylor Foshee, Alex Kuhn, Jesse Lee, Katy Magruder and Molly Schriber.

Each person in the group focuses on a different aspect of retrofitting the Powell House, and then combine their findings and individual topic proposals into one complete proposal. Counsell focused on the sealing the Building Envelope and having the Energy Audit performed, while Schriber focuses on the potential of wind power for Powell House.

Through their collaborative efforts, they all share two common goals: to create an identity for their department and create a greener future for Elon.

"Environmental Studies students are different from other students on campus," Schriber said. "We think a little differently; therefore what better way to visually show this to visitors and the rest of the university. While the building will still hold southern brick flare that Elon embodies, it will visually show our uniqueness."

Freshman recognized for community service

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Elon University freshman Kendall Crouther may not have been able to spend time outside or play sports because of her asthma, but that did not stop her from pursuing her dreams – no matter the challenge.

“One of the greatest gifts I was ever given is the wisdom that I am only limited to my imagination,” she said. “So with that bit of wisdom and my ever-growing imagination, I decided as a child that I would change the world.”

Crouther was awarded one of 10 “Will to Win” scholarships, sponsored by Merck Respiratory, which recognizes exceptional high school seniors with asthma.

“It was more of, despite having asthma, what I had done with my life,” Crouther said.

Winning the scholarship was an honor because she was chosen out of such a large applicant pool, Crouther said.

“I didn’t think I would win, simply because I feel like there are so many great people out there in the world accomplishing incredible feats,” she said. “To be considered one of these people blows my mind.”

The scholarship aims to encourage young people with asthma to “lead active, healthy lives and pursue their dreams.”

“Every ‘Will to Win’ recipient is an outstanding example of the accomplishments made by people with asthma,” the website for the award said.

A total of 10 scholarships were awarded in the categories of community service, which Crouther entered, performing arts, visual arts, athletics and science.

Crouther was encouraged to apply by her high school career center specialist, Alice Robertson, who posted scholarship lists every other week.

“She advised me to see scholarship applications not as a chore, but from the

perspective of opportunity costs,” she said. “I spent four to five hours working on that scholarship application, which was worth \$5,000, so I was earning about \$1,000 an hour.”

Each application required a list of accomplishments, an official high school transcript, letters of recommendation, a “story of excellence” and pictures.

“I added a little extra to my scholarship application by including scrapbook pages with photos from my community service activities,” Crouther said.

Some of these service activities included a trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico, where she worked with children, the elderly and a project addressing plastic waste, for which she was awarded the Gold Award, the highest Girl Scout honor.

In her “story of excellence” for her application, Crouther explained that while asthma has been an obstacle in her life, it was never something she couldn’t overcome.

“Instead of outdoor tea parties on pollen-infested days, I completed Girl Scout badges. Instead of running, soccer and kickball, I read about politics (which) later led to working for Congress on Capitol Hill,” she said. “I did not let what I could not do inhibit what I could do. I said to myself that I would change the world – and I meant it, asthma or no asthma.”

Though she applied and was accepted to a total of seven colleges, Crouther said that after thought and prayer, she knew Elon was the school for her.

“In addition to having all the academic and social programs I enjoy, it has a remarkable down-to-earth community that I knew I could thrive in,” she said.

Though college is more work than she expected and she has been homesick, she said she has enjoyed Elon since she first arrived. She is currently involved with the gospel choir, InterVarsity and Affinity Bible Studies.



Freshman Kendall Crouther was awarded one of 10 “Will to Win” scholarships sponsored by Merck Respiratory, which recognizes exceptional high school seniors with asthma.

JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer

“Every day I get a little bit more confirmation that this is where I am supposed to be,” she said. “I’ve already established some great, meaningful relationships with professors and friends, and I’m enjoying my classes.”

Though she said she will still work to help pay for school expenses, she’ll now have to worry about \$5,000 less.

“I do work, I can put the money toward studying abroad or savings for

after college,” she said.

According to her “Story of Excellence,” Crouther hopes to make a difference through her writing, speaking, documenting and teaching others about diversity on a global scale.

“Diversity of people, of ages, of talents, and even, yes, abilities,” she said. “Because even those who are limited in life can still have a “will to win” – a will to change the world.”

Semester abroad becoming more popular, up 40 percent for fall 2010

3 months more cost effective, deeper cultural experience than Winter Term

Lauren Townsend
Reporter

Elon University junior Meghan Shapiro is studying at Scotland’s University of St. Andrews this semester. She said wanted the opportunity to immerse herself in another country’s culture, something she would not have the time to do during a three-week Winter Term program.

Like Shapiro, many students are now choosing to go abroad for a semester. Heidi White, the associate director of study abroad said that there has been a significant increase in students studying abroad for a full semester.

“Semester programs are generally more cost effective,” White said. Instead of additional cost for only three weeks of travel, most semester programs cost about the same as a semester at Elon.

Some students go abroad for a Winter Term and love it so much that they want a second, longer experience, White said. Going abroad for a semester sometimes offers additional opportunities, including internships and research. Students are able to take multiple courses when they go abroad for a semester and sometimes get to take courses that offer a different perspective than the same class would offer at Elon.

Studying abroad has become more popular with a strong push on campus. Students want to study in more non-Western countries in places like the Middle East, and Elon is making arrangements for locations that students want to go to.

With the addition of these new programs, there is something for every student who might want to go abroad for a semester.

Some students worry about missing an entire semester of

campus involvement, White said, but students who have gone for a semester say that it is worth it.

“It’s not something they regret,” she said.

Why?

“You get to meet a ton of new people at the university you are studying at,” Shapiro said. “You get to experience a new culture and you get to see a new country. It’s an amazing experience.”

Being abroad at another university helps Elon students create friendships with students who are native to that country and students who are abroad from other countries. Winter Term programs may not offer the same opportunity, because students are abroad with other Elon students.

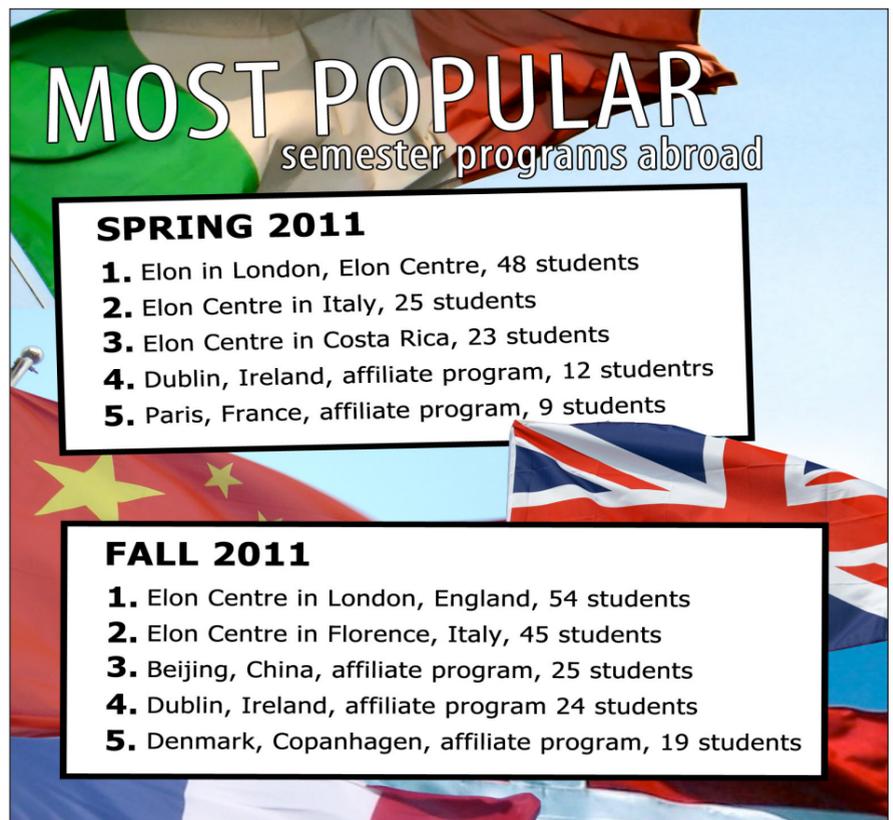
Some students even choose to stay for a full year instead. All of the programs outside of the three Elon centre programs offer applications for a full year abroad, but most students apply for each semester individually, White said. A few students in China this semester have already expressed interest in staying for the rest of the year.

An increase in students studying abroad increases the work load for staff in the study abroad office. There’s more to work with, White said, more orientations and paperwork, but it is very exciting for the study abroad office.

They are starting to use students who have returned from being abroad to help students who are getting ready to go so that they can take some of the pressure off of the study abroad staff.

Despite the increase in work, White said those in the Isabella Canon Centre are excited by the rise in numbers of students going abroad.

“We want more students to study abroad,” White said.



SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

Study abroad facts

- Approximately seven out of 10 students will have studied abroad before graduation.
- In fall 2010, attendance in semester study abroad programs was up by 40 percent in contrast to the overall decline in the nation.
- For Winter Term 2011, the most competitive programs to get into were: Australia Ecotourism, Ghana, Ireland, New Zealand and South Africa. The study abroad office received 50 to 80 applications for these programs for 30 available spaces.

Information given by Bill Burress from the Isabella Canon Centre.

Top 6 favorite Thanksgiving dishes

Kyra Gemberling
Reporter

Thanksgiving is a holiday most people typically associate with appreciation, humility, gratitude and other moral concepts. For others, the day has gained its popularity for a different reason: the huge amounts of delicious food.

Elon students discussed their love of Thanksgiving and the sentiments they have with the holiday by sharing their top 6 favorite Thanksgiving dishes.

1. Mashed Potatoes

Thanksgiving dinner staple, mashed potatoes are often high on the list of favorites. "I like mashed potatoes because they're filling and creamy and delicious, and you can eat them with butter and gravy, and it's the most unbelievable taste ever. It just brings Thanksgiving dinner all together," said freshman Erica Janik.

Mashed potatoes often bring back unique memories for students, such as the process of preparing the dish.

"When I was little, I used to stand in my chair and smash the potatoes with a big masher," Janik said. "When I got tired, my mom and grandma would help, but I would take full credit (for making them) anyway."

2. Pumpkin Pie

This classic dessert was probably not at the original Thanksgiving dinner of the Plymouth Pilgrims in the 17th century, according to whatscookingamerica.net. Ovens to bake pies didn't exist at the

time, so they were most likely just hollowed-out pumpkin shells filled with milk, honey and spices.

Freshman Emily Lessard said pumpkin pie is her favorite, along with stuffing. "I'm tied. They're both delicious and when I was little, my mom taught me how to make pumpkin pie," she said. "Now, I'll help her or I'll do it myself."

3. Sweet Potatoes/Yams

No matter what you call them, this yummy side dish is served best with melted butter, marshmallows and cinnamon on top. Students not only enjoy the taste of this dish, but also have unique memories to associate with it.

"One year, my family ended up going to my best friend's house who lived down the street," said senior Kelli Accardi. "I was so excited because I got to have Thanksgiving with my friend and I specifically remember her mom cooking yams. My mom took her recipe and now that's what we make every year."

"My favorite dish is my mom's sweet potato casserole because of the marshmallows that my mom would always manage to overcook and light on fire," said junior Tim O'Boyle

4. Turkey

Probably the most well-known Thanksgiving dish, this traditional food often serves as the main course and is the most coveted part of the meal. "It's [turkey] been a tradition to have it in my family," said freshman Emily Forinash. "I always learned about it and the Pilgrims

and Native Americans in school."

Turkey can also serve as a catalyst for many Thanksgiving memories, whether good or bad. "I remember cleaning sprees because we always have Thanksgiving at our house, so we always had to clean up before Mom put the turkey in," Forinash said.

5. Cranberry Sauce

Cranberry sauce gained its popularity in New Jersey in 1840 because of the vast number of cranberries that grow there. "Cranberrying" is still a major industry in New Jersey, with roughly 3,500 acres in cultivation, according to livingston.patch.com.

Typically used as a satisfying dressing to compliment the turkey, cranberry sauce is sometimes a favorite food all on its own. "I love cranberry sauce," said sophomore Monika Hayleck. "I'm a vegetarian, so ever since I was younger it's always been my favorite thing. I could eat a whole can."

6. Grits

While many may consider grits to be an odd Thanksgiving dish, many Southern families regard them as a necessary part of the meal. Some even make grits dressing in addition to gravy, according to hamiltonshabitat.com. Freshman Chet Norment considers grits to be his favorite and said that they are a family tradition. "It wouldn't be Thanksgiving without them," he said.

See elon.edu/pendulum for the full recipes.

A house is not a home without a pet

An exploration of the rising trends of pets among Elon students

Haley Goss
Reporter

One day, Elon senior Franz Berlacher and his friend found a box of puppies on the side of the road and decided that there was no reason they should not keep them. Although Franz's lease for his house requires he make a payment of \$500 per pet, Franz says his dog Buddy is "a lot of fun."

Franz is just one of many students taking cues from their peers and adopting pets from local shelters or taking in homeless cats and dogs. Maybe it's the feeling of being independent and away from home that makes students feel as if they can handle the responsibilities of owning a pet. Or, perhaps it's the desire to have someone to come home to after an exhausting day of schoolwork and socializing. Either way, owning pets is becoming a popular trend among Elon students, both on and off campus.

Even though Buddy, Berlacher's 2 and a half-year-old puppy, is a happy, well-behaved pet, he said he still comes with some effort. Berlacher said he has to plan daily walks for Buddy totaling an hour and ensure that someone is at home at various times during the day. Berlacher said that in time, Buddy has become a beloved pet, not only by Berlacher, but also by his four other housemates. Buddy greets everyone at the door with a wagging tail and is loyal to Berlacher and his friends, he said. Berlacher's housemate, senior Mike Feldman, even claims that Buddy adds "flavor" to any party and is also a "total chick magnet."

Taylor Nelson, a freshman, plans on bringing his dog from home to Elon as soon as he can live off-



HEATHER CASSANO | Staff Photographer
Franz Berlacher sits with his dog Buddy at in front of Alamance. Berlacher has been taking care of Buddy for two years now after finding him on the side of the road. Berlacher pays an extra \$500 per month to keep Buddy.

campus. Nelson claims that his dog Charlie "is the best dog ... ever."

Some first-year students like Ilana Israel can't wait until they live off campus to get a pet. Israel, a freshman, has a fish to enjoy with her suitemates. Israel bought Fabio, her fish, because she thinks they're fun, interesting and "everyone can enjoy him." By senior year, she expects to live off-campus with a dog. There is even a small group of Elon

students with guinea pigs.

The feeling of taking care of another being gives these students a sense of satisfaction. The pet becomes like a friend to the owner. Berlacher admits to sharing the bed with Buddy and Nelson will tell you that sometimes he misses Charlie more than his parents. Even though some areas off campus like Oak Hill do not allow pets, there are still several areas where landowners will allow them.



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Around Campus.com offers Elon students discounts

Ashley Fahey
Copy Editor

The average college student enjoys saving money whenever he or she can, and Elon University students are no exception. Saving money for Elon students just got easier with the installment of a new coupon-based website called AroundCampus.com.

This website, currently active at only 200 campuses around the United States, has an assortment of coupons that provide significant discounts to everything from local eateries to hair salons. AroundCampus.com is a great way to promote local businesses in the area and also to provide Elon students with money-saving coupons. The website also provides a directory of local businesses arranged by type of service.

"I think it's a great idea," junior Mary Nease said. "I could see it being really useful for freshmen who are new to the area."

The coupon selection on AroundCampus.com is geared specifically toward college students. The discounts offered for Elon University were chosen in part by a group of Elon students who expressed a desire for services they would use more if a discount was provided.

Some of the discounts are significant: for instance, a student could save 50 percent on any dinner entrée at 116 Oak or get a free bloomin'

onion at Outback Steakhouse.

The website allows students to print, e-mail, text to a cell phone or post to Facebook the coupons they wish to redeem. Membership is not required and coupons may be printed multiple times, as long as they are still active on the website or within expiration dates. Because these coupons are geared toward a specific audience, AroundCampus.com is able to promote deals that are not often seen on generic coupon sites.

But while AroundCampus.com is a relatively new website, it has not been advertised very well it seems, and as a result, students like freshman Hilary Leslie have not yet been able to take advantage of the deals.

"I haven't heard of the website, but I think it would be helpful," Leslie said.

The website offers a 10 percent off coupon at the Alamance Family Practice, as well as a coupon for Harasaki Fusion Sushi & Buffet that offers a free crunchy roll with the purchase of a signature roll.

With the latest installment of AroundCampus.com, there is yet another opportunity to save a little cash for the extra expenses off-campus. The next time you and your friends want to go out for dinner at Hibachi Seasons Buffet or get a manicure at Elite Spa Nails, make sure to check out AroundCampus.com and save yourself a few bucks.

ONE ON ONE SPORTS

How about ... the Elon Volcanoes?



Billy O'Riordan
Columnist

Let's play a little word association for a minute. When I say jazz music, what city immediately comes to mind? Not everyone will have the same answer, but I assume that many of you would have said New Orleans, where jazz first blossomed back in the early 1900s. What would be a city that does not immediately come to mind? How about ... Salt Lake City, Utah? You know, the capital city known for its Mormon roots and an 80 percent white population. That really screams "jazzy" doesn't it? And yet, here we are, more than 30 years into the Utah Jazz's existence, without a question raised. Unfortunately, the fate of the former New Orleans Jazz is shared throughout the sporting world.

Trivia question: "Where is the 'Land of 10,000 Lakes?'" If you answered Los Angeles, I am sorry, but you need to leave. Minnesota Lakers, understood. Los Angeles Lakers, just confusing. Los Angeles is between the Mojave Desert and Death Valley, the two largest deserts in the United States, and yet they are the Lakers. I weep for our creativity.

Can you name that famous horse race in Indianapolis? I cannot think of it, so it must not exist — or race cars have developed some interesting nicknames. Now if the Indianapolis Colts were, say, from Baltimore, where the Preakness is run every year, that would make more sense. Oh, that's right, the Colts played in Baltimore until 1984 when they left in the middle of the night for Indianapolis. Instead of creating a new name that fits the team's new city, the Colts' front office decided that reminding Baltimore of their old team would be a better plan of attack. If I had been alive at the time, it would have had my votes for Executives of the Year, let me tell you.

What do you find as the most intimidating threat in Memphis, Tenn.? If you have had the opportunity to visit Memphis, you might say an overabundance of country music, too much vinegar in the barbecue, maybe it's proximity to Arkansas. But I have a good feeling that your response would not be the terrifying grizzly bear population of greater Memphis. Tennessee has such a rich history when it comes to its culture, and yet the best the owners of the Vancouver Grizzlies could do when they moved to Memphis was keep the bear title.

Of course, there are some cases of sensible changes in names for sports teams. For example, when the Cleveland Browns were moved to Baltimore, the team name was changed to the Ravens. When the Seattle SuperSonics were moved to Oklahoma City, the team name was changed to Thunder. I would continue to applaud these two owners for their sympathy and creativity in name changes, but both cases involved a lawsuit in which the former cities had to actually sue the teams to keep the names. I like to think that I understand a fair amount when it comes to the business of sports. Sure, a name that already has a reputation sells fairly well. But most teams tend to leave a city because the team is not selling. Why would you want to keep the name, anyway? Just pray that Elon did not move here from Hawaii, I guess; who knows what we would be called.

Cross Country ends season at NCAA Regional Meet

The Elon University cross country teams competed in the NCAA Regional Meet Nov. 13 at E.P. Tom Sawyer Park in Louisville, Ky. The men's team came in 24th with 633 points, and the women came in 27th with 736 points.

Senior Matt Richardson was first to finish for the Elon men in just fewer than 33 minutes, finishing 84th. Next to cross the finish line for the Phoenix was freshman Nick Schneider in 99th in 33 minutes.

Freshmen Brian Magna and Ben Perron came in third and fourth for Elon, in 137th and 140th overall.

For the women, senior Emily Fournier finished as the first Phoenix, with a 133rd-place finish, followed by sophomore Morgan Denecke in 135th. The two finished with times of 22:52.10 and 22:54.30, respectively.

Junior Allyson Costa followed Denecke, placing in 142nd, and sophomore Emily Tryon and freshmen Allyson Oram and Jackie Madden finished back-to-back-to-back in 165th, 166th and 167th.

William and Mary University won the men's title with 85 points, and University of Virginia won the women's title with 65 points.



Aqua Tone, which took place Nov. 12, was the most recent of the Group Exercise "Friday Afternoon Specials."

Group Ex serves up variety

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

Juniors Becca Moffett and Lauren Segerdahl spent last Friday afternoon in Beck Pool with 10 other women and two men, working on toning their bodies.

The two were instructors, and the class was Aqua Tone, a Group Exercise special program.

It was based around the concept of water aerobics, and is the ultimate workout, working the body more than in the air because of the added water resistance, Moffett said.

"Water aerobics are not just for the typical 'elderly' person. People of all ages can benefit from it," Moffett said. "It is the hidden gem of Group Ex."

Segerdahl has taught other water-based Group Ex classes, so the two incorporated some of her moves into the routine for the class.

Aqua Tone is just one class in a larger program called Friday Afternoon Specials, which is a series of special classes through Group Ex.

There is a different class every Friday, and it continues through the end of the semester.

"The Friday Afternoon Specials are a great way for our area to introduce different exercise options for students that they wouldn't normally be exposed to," senior Group Ex team leader Nicole Parker said. "The Friday Afternoon Special



program is another way Group Ex reaches out to the student body outside of our regular class schedule."

So far this fall, the program has put on classes such as Partner Yoga, Piloxing, Hip Hop Ride and two "master" classes outdoors: Bootcamp and ZUMBA!

The instructors get to decide what classes they want to teach, based off of their personal interests and the goal to create a class that students will enjoy.

One reason for such great turnout to classes like Aqua Tone, Moffett said, is because of another program going on right now as well.

Fall Fitness Fever is an initiative by Group Ex that encourages participants to attend as many classes they can, up to two per day. Students get degree points for certain types of classes and for participation in other Campus Rec. activities.

The program ends Nov. 19, but another pull for turnout Moffett mentioned will continue even after Fall Fitness Fever ends: word of mouth.

"This program definitely was a booster for group exercise and hopefully gets participants excited to come back to more classes and bring their friends," Moffett said.

Next up on the plate for Friday Afternoon Specials is HEAT — High Energy Athletic Training.

The class is targeted at men, but Parker said women are welcome to participate as well.

ATHLETIC RESULTS

NOV. 10 - NOV. 15

Football
Nov. 13
Elon 30
Furman 25

Volleyball
Nov. 12
Elon 3
Appalachian State 0

Nov. 13
Elon 3
Western Carolina 0

Men's Basketball
Nov. 12
Elon 79
South Carolina 94

Women's Basketball
Nov. 12
Fordham 77
Elon 91

Nov. 14
Troy 52
Elon 83

ELON ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

NOV. 17 - NOV. 30

Thursday 11/18

Women's basketball @ Virginia Tech — 7 p.m.

Friday 11/19

Volleyball vs. Davidson — 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 11/20

Football vs. Western Carolina — 3 p.m.
Men's basketball vs. Wake Forest — 8 p.m.

Sunday 11/21

Women's basketball vs. Coastal Carolina — 2 p.m.

Monday 11/22

Men's basketball vs. Hampton-Sydney — 7 p.m.

Tuesday 11/23

Women's basketball vs. Virginia Intermont — 7 p.m.

Friday 11/26

Men's basketball @ Maryland — 8 p.m.

Monday 11/29

Women's basketball @ Appalachian State — 7 p.m.

Phoenix gears up for ACC opponent

Pam Richter
Editor-in-Chief

Last season, when sophomore guard Ali Ford stepped on the court at Virginia Tech, she said she felt overwhelmed. After the experience from her freshman year and an entire season under her belt, Ford said this time when the Phoenix takes the court against the Hokies, the feeling of being overwhelmed won't even be in the back of her mind.

Ford and the rest of the Phoenix take the court against the ACC team 7 p.m. Thursday in Blacksburg, Va.

"In the back of all of our minds we know we can beat them," Ford said. "There's no way any of us think we are going to have to play catch up this game."

Against the Hokies last year, the Phoenix lost 82-46 in its fourth game of the season.

This time, Ford will be coming off a season in which she won the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year and planning to show she's not a rookie any longer. And she's not the only one.

Sophomore forward Kelsey Evans said there's a different buzz this year surrounding the team at this point in the season.

"I feel like there's a

different energy," Evans said. "There's more of a belief. I feel like everyone believes in it. Everyone believes in this team and what we're capable of doing."

Evans led the team to a tournament victory in the Elon Classic with wins Nov. 12 against Fordham 91-77 and Nov. 14 against Troy State 83-52. She was named the MVP of the tournament, recording a double-double against Fordham and scoring 18 points against the Trojans.

"We beat two solid teams that come from two tough conferences," Barefoot said. "It's exciting for them to start to see how dangerous they can be. The chemistry is amazing and this is only two games."

Both Ford and Evans would agree that one of the keys to success for the Phoenix this early on in the season is its full-court pressure defense the team runs. Against Troy, the Phoenix forced 34 turnovers.

"We just don't ever stop," Evans said. "That's huge. I think that's really going to help us in the long run."

This weekend, the Phoenix had five and four players score in double figures, respectively, during the games. Freshman guard Kelsey Harris had 10 points against Troy and eight in her first regular season



Senior guard Julie Taylor had two points and one assist in 19 minutes played in the Nov. 14 83-52 win against Troy. HEATHER CASSANO | Staff Photographer

game of her collegiate career. She has started in every game so far this season.

Ford said since she had last year's experience against Virginia Tech, she will emphasize to Harris how to get those feelings of being overwhelmed out before taking the court against the ACC

opponent.

"That would've really helped me last year, if someone would have said, 'Listen, you are supposed to be here, it's just another team. There's nothing you need to change about your game that is going to affect anything,'" Ford said.

Last season, the Hokies finished 15-15 overall and 4-10 in the ACC, but the team was 12-5 on its home court.

"The only thing they are going to do that's going to beat us is if we don't come to play," Ford said. "Coming off these games there's no way we are going to come in and give up."

Getting to know head coach Karen Barefoot

Zach Horner
Reporter

The Elon Phoenix women's basketball team goes into its third season under Coach Karen Barefoot. Coach Barefoot talks about and found out, among other things, what this year's team is shaping up to look like, her personal basketball highlight and her favorite basketball movie, among other things.

The Years Past

Q: How do you feel about the past two years of Elon's women basketball from a coach's perspective?

A: We have accomplished a lot in the last two years. I really feel that from the start, the kids really had a lot of heart and we needed a couple more recruiting classes to try to get to where we needed to be today. We've been very successful. My first recruiting class was third in the conference and this past year's recruiting class was top in the conference. I think that that really helps when you're trying to build a program.

One thing I love about this team is any given night, anybody can score, and I love the way that they all defend. Everybody has bought into really getting after it, pressuring the ball. It's a total team effort on the defensive end, and that makes me excited, especially when you're trying to wear opponents down and you have people that can come in and out at any time and really put that pressure on. That's what I'm seeing right now from everybody.

Q: What has been the highlight of your coaching career for the Phoenix?

A: When we beat (UT)

Chattanooga last year in front of our home crowd. It felt like we won a national championship. Everybody rushed the floor. They've won 11 straight championships. We've never beaten them before. They're always one of the top programs in the country and I felt like the community and the students were like, "Wow."

For us, that was such a big win for the program and they called it a signature win for the women's basketball program itself. If we can keep building this thing, how exciting would it be to really try and win a championship — what the town would do, what the community would do, what the student body would do. So I'm very excited about that and the fact that everybody is really supportive with athletics here at Elon.

Q: What were your goals for the program when you were hired two years ago?

A: My goals were to make sure that the kids just really bought into playing hard and being mentally tough and physically tough. That's where we started. We just wanted to make sure we were challenging the kids to be as tough as they could be on and off the court because we know when they leave here, they're going to be strong women in life.

We want them to be able to face any challenges ahead of them and I think that's where we started with. I think that's because of the little things. We get out there and push them with pads and make them run sprints in a certain time. I felt like they hadn't been pushed that far, they've never felt that kind of intensity in a practice, I think that's been the hardest adjustment at the beginning for this team. They were like, "Wow, we've never played this hard."

We've gone through two years now and they know how to play at a high level and they know what to expect. They're going to be tough mentally and physically. And that's exciting for this program because we want to do special things for this program. I feel like they're confident now, and that was a key thing for this program. I wanted them to build confidence and so that is what we did. We ask them day-by-day, "Did you get better? Did you get better?" They look at themselves in the mirror and they say, "Okay coach, I gave all I got and then some. I walked away from the court and I gave everything for my team. I individually contributed offensively and defensively. I gave everything I could so the team could win."

I think they've really bought into the team, which is our thing for this year: "One Heartbeat." Everybody's at the same level. It's not about who scores more, it's just that everybody's a solid team. It's not about who starts, it's not about who finishes. It's a team effort.

The Year Ahead

Q: What is the greatest challenge for Elon basketball this year?

A: Just being able to calm down. They want it so bad, they play with a lot of energy and passion, they've just got to settle down. We've got to really take care of the ball. On the defensive end, we've always been really, really good. On the offensive end, I'm really excited about different players stepping up and we don't have to depend on one person where I think that that is what we're going to see this year because last year Ali Ford carried us a lot on the offensive end. So I'd say probably getting comfortable with each other and getting some games under our belt so

it all comes together.

But I really feel good about this season and hopefully by March, we'll be playing Phoenix basketball which is rebound, sharing the basketball, defending 94 feet for 40 plus minutes and just wearing down opponents. Hopefully, at the end, we're the strongest team out there and that results in championships. The team that has the best chemistry at the end is the team that stands tall.

Q: What should students look for in our women's basketball team this year?

A: If they come, they're going to want to come to every single game because this team really plays hard. They get after every loose ball, they have fun, it's physical. Sometimes we'll play like men. I want them to battle. So when they see us out there with that pressure defense really getting through and that transition we're pushing the ball and people are getting involved and we're scoring, it's fun to watch.

In our first scrimmage they saw that. They were screaming and hollering. Our fans were really getting into it because they are there banging. And it's not just women playing basketball. They really are physical and it's fun because their fundamentals are sharp. Everybody loves when you pass the ball three or four times to set somebody up, it's just fun to watch, to see a good shot.

Off the Court (Sort of)

Q: What is your favorite basketball moment and why?

A: When I was 22 years old and I won my first game ever. I was one of the youngest coaches out there and I remember, it was my second game that I had ever coached and it was my first

win. I remember getting on the floor and kissing it thinking, "This is where I belong." It's just that feeling of satisfaction of "this is what I've worked for my whole life and I love this." I love teaching, I love coaching and it was something that I couldn't wait for this journey to begin.

Q: Who is your all-time favorite player and why?

A: Probably Michael Jordan because he has a lot of rhythm. When I was playing, they used to kind of compare me to Michael Jordan and Magic because I was a playmaker — I made things happen. When I was in Sports Illustrated, when I became the first player ever male or female to score 2000 points, 1000 assists, I looked back on my career and looked at the players that I looked up to. Those two players really stood out in my head. And I think that kids really have to have a role model to assimilate their game to, and I would say definitely them.

Q: What is your favorite basketball movie?

A: Probably "Love and Basketball." It was just a fun movie. It's one of those things where you have to have a commitment to play the game and have that kind of support. I really love that movie. It's a fun game, but you really have to have that kind of support to stay in the game whether you're playing or you're coaching. I thought that movie was really neat.

Q: What's the best pre-game meal you suggest for any player?

A: Pasta. Definitely get some carbohydrates. Not too much, but just enough that you can get out there and play.



LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

Senior forward Brittany Hallberg recorded 18 goals in her final season for the Elon University women's soccer team as the co-captain, securing a spot on the All-Southern Conference team.

Stephen Lorenzo
Reporter

Nothing is particularly flashy about Brittany Hallberg's style of soccer. The senior forward has made a career from out-hustling defenders and leading her teammates onto the pitch as a quiet motivator. But through determination and a thick skin, Hallberg has proven one thing to coaches, teammates, fans, and foes; she's a leader.

As a co-captain, Hallberg helped the Elon women's soccer team enjoy one of its finest seasons, as the Phoenix posted a 12-8-1 record and achieved the school's first Southern Conference tournament semifinals appearance. The forward earned second team All-Southern Conference honors, tallying 18 goals in her final season.

Part of the thrill for Hallberg was her commitment to the team. Daily hard work in practice and developing camaraderie with each teammate was something

worth striving for. Rookie standout and fellow forward Chelsey Stark strove to match her teammate's energy.

"She's a very competitive player," Stark said. "I always wanted her on my team. She just made me want to try harder."

Hallberg and Stark combined for 12 goals and 10 assists this season. With the exception of their regular season finale defeat against UNC Greensboro, the matches in which the duo combined for a score resulted in Phoenix victories. On and off the field, the youngster sought answers from her senior teammate.

"I definitely looked up to her for support when I didn't know what to do," Stark said.

Three-year Phoenix head coach Chris Neal has witnessed the progression of number 15 since her sophomore season. In perhaps his fondest memory of his forward's career, Neal remembers placing Hallberg into a close contest against UMBC in 2008. Soon after the

substitution, a pass from midfielder Amanda Jones presented an opportunity worth seizing. In her first appearance of the season, the forward who had rebounded from compartment syndrome surgery a summer before ripped a strike that found the back of the net. In that moment, her coach and her team knew they had a leader.

"It wasn't just that she scored," Neal said. "It was the first time she had touched the ball all year; it was how the team celebrated after her goal."

Stark and the other underclassmen on the squad have big cleats to fill. Hallberg and her seven fellow seniors who depart the Phoenix this year helped lead the team to back to back winning seasons for the first time. With 37 total victories, they are the winningest class in team history.

"I'm a better person for having coached her," Neal said. "She and these other seniors have created a team chemistry that should stay for a long time."

In addition to her success on the field, Hallberg is no slouch in the classroom. The Elementary Education major scored SoCon student athlete of the week on Sept. 8. Although an athlete has been a demanding practice for her to master, it's become routine.

She student-teaches fourth grade at Smith Elementary in Burlington and plans to continue in the spring. Although she's looking for a job right out of school, Hallberg hasn't ruled out a Master's. Although she has a lot ahead of her, leaving soccer behind will be hard for the senior.

"It will be tough to say goodbye," she said. "Looking back at all of the great experiences, I'm proud of what we all accomplished. I've loved all four years."

Though Hallberg's collegiate soccer career has come to a close, her education career has just begun. Her future fourth graders might consider themselves lucky; she's been teaching on the field for years.

Phoenix wins home opener, prepares for Wake Forest

Conor O'Neill
Assistant Sports Editor

Carrying momentum from a 53 point second half against the University of South Carolina, the Phoenix men's basketball won its home opener against The College of New Jersey 99-68 on Monday night.

The team defeated the Lions after dropping the season opener to the Gamecocks on Friday night by a 94-79 score. After falling behind by as many as 28 in the second half, the team cut the deficit to 11 twice late in the game.

The Phoenix then rolled through the Lions, as the team never trailed in the game. Elon's largest lead in the game was the final margin of victory, 31 points.

But following Monday's game against the Lions, head coach Matt Matheny has seen areas where the team can improve for its upcoming games.

"We focus on defense and I thought (The College of New Jersey) exposed us a little bit," Matheny said. "We had holes in our defense similar to what we had Friday night. That's clearly something we need to continue to address."

To go deeper, Matheny said that he was happy that the team held the Lions under a 40 percent mark from the field.

Against South Carolina, the Phoenix allowed the Gamecocks to shoot 53 percent from the field, including a nine for 16 mark from long range.

Matheny said the room for improvement that comes from Monday night's game is in allowing too much dribble penetration.

"They were able to drive past our initial defense, and when that happens we need guys to see the penetration and leave their man to come over and help," Matheny said. "When those guys leave their man, we need other guys to rotate over. We're just not great right now with our total rotation."

While the defense works to improve, the offense seems like a reliable aspect for the team this season.

The Phoenix has clicked early in terms of scoring, as evidenced by the 152 points scored in the past three halves of basketball.

Leading the team in scoring thus far has been freshman point guard Jack Isenbarger, with 22 points against South Carolina and 29 points in Monday's home opener.

"I was just excited to get out there

and play in front of our home crowd for the first time," Isenbarger said after the victory over the Lions. "As far as my first home game, I thought we did a great job."

In a passing of the guard situation, the young freshman often found himself on the court with senior guard Chris Long in the second half of Monday's game. The two guards, separated by nearly four years in age, appear to be highly compatible on the court.

The two players combined for 25 points, five assists and five rebounds in the second half against the Lions.

"I love playing when Chris is in, because he pushes the ball and has great court vision," Isenbarger said.

And Long has liked what he has seen from the freshman, especially in terms of his on-court poise.

"I like that when he catches the ball on one of my passes, he's going to make it," Long joked after Isenbarger made six of seven three point attempts on Monday. "It's nice to see that he confidence early on and to take big shots, and he's hitting a ton of them and he's playing well in other areas of the game as well."

The next test for the Phoenix comes at 8 p.m. Saturday, when the team will

face Wake Forest University at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Technically a home game for Elon, playing at the Greensboro location gives the team a chance to play an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent at the site where this year's ACC Tournament will be held.

"That will be a great basketball atmosphere," Isenbarger said. "I know we're all excited to play an ACC opponent."

Last season against the Demon Deacons, the Phoenix was defeated 90-50.

Injuries strike Phoenix guards

In the second half of Monday's game, junior guard Terrance Birdette twisted his right ankle. Birdette was helped off the court and did not return. He had scored 19 points in 21 minutes at that point of the game.

Junior guard Josh Bonney did not suit up on Monday night, as he also has an ankle injury. Bonney was injured in practice during the weekend, and was a game-day decision on Monday.



Volleyball makes history, captures North Division

VOLLEYBALL from Page 1

Conor O'Neill
Assistant Sports Editor

History was made Nov. 13 in Alumni Gym, as the Elon volleyball team captured its first-ever Southern Conference North Division crown.

The Phoenix (20-13, 11-5) took the regular season championship in dominating fashion, as the team won each match by a 3-0 margin over the weekend.

The team swept Appalachian State University Friday night, winning sets 27-25, 25-20 and 25-20. Both teams were tied atop the North Division entering the contest.

"We needed to take care of business against Appalachian State," senior middle blocker Sarah Schermerhorn said.

She led the team with 11 kills and nine blocks against the Mountaineers.

After gaining possession of first place in the division, the team took the court Saturday, senior night, with a chance to secure sole possession of first place in the North Division. The Phoenix never showed any signs of being nervous while playing the Catamounts, winning in consecutive sets 25-12, 25-16 and 25-20.

"This is something we've been striving for all year," head coach Mary Tendler said. "We were able to play pretty consistent over the 16 (conference) matches and that's what it takes to win the division."

For Schermerhorn and fellow seniors Lauren Copenhagen and Lizzie West, the feeling of winning a division championship on senior night was overwhelming.

"I've been feeling probably every emotion possible," West

said. "I've been sad, happy, excited and nervous. It's kind of tough to realize that four years of this is over with, but at the same time I've learned a lot."

West's time at Elon is not quite over, as the team now moves onto the Southern Conference Tournament this week.

The opponent for the Phoenix in the first round of the single elimination tournament is Davidson College, a team that beat Elon in the only meeting between the teams this season.

The Phoenix faces the Wildcats at 4:30 p.m. on Friday in Boone, N.C.

That match took place at Davidson on Oct. 16, and the Wildcats won a 3-1 decision. Since that match, the Phoenix has a 7-3 record.

"We'll watch film and get ready to play Davidson," Schermerhorn said. "We played them at their place (earlier this year), and they kind of had the home court advantage, but we'll both be playing at Appalachian State, so we'll have a neutral playing site and we'll be ready for them."

The loss against Davidson was one of the team's five SoCon losses this season. Tendler said she has been proud of the way her team has rebounded from prior losses to play its best brand of volleyball at the end of the season.

"We weren't perfect, we had some holes in our schedule that we weren't playing as well, but they got out of it quickly so I'm proud of their effort," Tendler said.

The Phoenix has won six of its past seven matches. More impressively, in those seven matches the team has combined

to outscore its opponents 18-6.

In winning four straight games to close the regular season, the Phoenix dropped just one set. That came against Wofford College in the first set of the match, where the team then won the following three sets.

Both Schermerhorn and West agreed that the team is playing the best they have seen over their past four seasons at Elon.

"Right now we're putting it all together and working hard," West said. "It's coming together at the right time, and it's so exciting it's my senior year because it seems like the perfect ending."

Schermerhorn also said there was no doubt in her mind that the Phoenix is playing its best volleyball of the past four years.

While the team has been rolling through the competition lately, the Phoenix still has certain things to work on before playing in the tournament, according to West.

"I think tonight our blocking was really good again, so we need to keep that up," West said. "If the ball gets through the block, the defenders have to be very willing to move and be quick and see everything on the court and not let the ball drop."

Tendler added that in order for the team to be a tough out in the conference tournament, the Phoenix needs to control the ball.

"I think the key to our team having good ball control," Tendler said. "Going in there with confident passers and consistent passers on the serve/receive and also our first contacts defensively, we can have a lot of options on offense. (If we do that), we're going to be a tough team to beat."



TOP: Junior outside hitter/middle blocker Caroline Lemke had sixteen kills and five blocks in the weekend sweep against Appalachian State and Western Carolina Nov. 12 and 13.
MIDDLE LEFT: Senior middle blocker Sarah Schermerhorn (left) had eleven kills against Appalachian State Nov. 12, while junior right side hitter Traci Stewart (right) had 10 digs and three blocks.
MIDDLE RIGHT: Sophomore outside hitter/middle blocker Allison Johnson and senior outside hitter Lauren Copenhagen combined for 29 kills for the weekend.
BOTTOM: With a 3-0 win against Appalachian State Nov. 12, the Elon University volleyball team clinched a share of the Southern Conference North Division title, and after defeating Western Carolina 3-0 the following day, the Phoenix won the title outright for the first time in school history. The team plays Davidson at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Boone, N.C. in the first round of the SoCon tournament.

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Sports



Young defense grows, Phoenix keeps rolling

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What a difference a year makes.

Last year, three seniors and one junior started in the secondary for the Elon University football team, making up the most experienced unit on the Elon football team.

With the loss of the three starting seniors — Nolan Ward, Karlos Sullivan and Cameron McGlenn — the Phoenix had to put players in position to fill their spots.

The learning curve for the new secondary has been steep. While adding to the pressure of filling in for three All-Southern Conference performers from the 2009 season, the Phoenix secondary has faced four teams in the top-30 in scoring offense in Football Championship Subdivision, according to The Sports Network, as well as one Football Bowl Subdivision team.

For the duration of the year, three players — sophomore Blake Thompson, redshirt freshman Ronnie Hardison and true freshman Chandler Wrightenbury — have solidified their role in the secondary, with senior Terrell Wilson being the lone holdover from the 2009 season.

"It has been, in many ways, baptism by fire for the guys, with the exception of Terrell Wilson, who is the only one with experience out there," head coach Pete Lembo said.

In the Nov. 13 game, the secondary capped off a strong performance with an interception in the end zone by Blake Thompson on the last play of the game, giving Elon the 30-25 victory against Furman University.

"Like a lot of our games this season, it was an emotional rollercoaster," Lembo said, noting Saturday's game as the fifth game this season involving the Phoenix that has been decided by seven points or less.

While it's difficult to see improvements on the field when both teams are playing at full-speed, the Phoenix has made tangible improvements in the secondary throughout the season.

Take, for example, Thompson's interception in the end zone to solidify the victory over the Paladins. Three weeks

earlier, Thompson got beat on a 41-yard touchdown pass with nine seconds left in the game, as Wofford College went on to secure the victory via a last play heave to the end zone.

The difference between the two instances for Thompson might be slight, but it's the difference between a win and a loss for the Phoenix.

"Absolutely it was nice to see Blake Thompson walking off the field with the ball," Lembo said.

The Phoenix defense showed up against Furman when needed, while forcing the Paladins to 4-for-14 on third down conversions and nine punts.

"With the defense, we just take pride in going out there and playing hard every snap," senior linebacker Travis Greene said.

The Phoenix is amidst a three-game win streak, with victories over the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, The Citadel and Furman. Although the secondary gave up 386 pass yards against the Mocs, it also forced five interceptions en route to a 49-35 victory.

In the past two weeks, the Phoenix secondary has only allowed 218 yards passing in two straight victories, against The Citadel and Furman, respectively.

Part of the growth of the secondary can be attributed to the valuable experience they gain each week by going against the first team offense all week.

With the fourth-highest passing offense in FCS, according to The Sports Network, the Phoenix airs the ball out and spreads it around to an array of different receivers. The experience the secondary gains by going against such a potent offense everyday in practice is invaluable, Lembo said.

"It really just keeps pushing everyone to get better," Lembo said. "Their work ethic and commitment has been really strong and we have seen some gradual improvement with these guys."

The Phoenix secondary looks to continue to improve against Western Carolina University at 3 p.m. Saturday from Rhodes Stadium, as the Phoenix tries to finish its season on a four-game win streak, while finishing with a final ledger over .500 for the season.

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The Elon defense allowed just 25 points against Furman Nov. 13 at home in a 30-25 win. This is just the third time this season the team has allowed 25 points or fewer. Freshman defensive back Blake Thompson recorded an interception to end the game and secure the win. The defense also held the Paladin offense to just four of 14 third down conversions in the game.



5 things to look for against Western Carolina:

1. How will the seniors end their careers as Phoenix? Scott Riddle, Sean Jeffcoat, Lance Camp, Brandon Newsome, Travis Greene, Brandon Wiggins, Terrell Wilson, Jordan Gibson, David Hunt and other Phoenix players will play their last games at Elon on Saturday. It is a class that has compiled a 29-16 record during the past four seasons.

2. What will Scott Riddle do in his final game? The Elon career record holder in nearly every passing statistic, Riddle plays his last game in a Phoenix uniform on Saturday. Although he was banged up last week, he threw for 311 yards and one touchdown on 31-46 passing.

3. Which running back will lead the Phoenix ground attack? The carousel in Elon's backfield has produced good results for the past three games, averaging nearly 140 yards on the ground. Newsome and A.J. Harris have paved the way, gaining 436 and 578 yards this season, respectively.

4. Can the Phoenix defense show its growth to dominate a game? Western Carolina brings the Southern Conference's second worst offense to Rhodes Stadium, as the Catamounts average just 16.8 points per game. The Phoenix defense has taken strides this season, and has the chance to show its growth in the final game.

5. Will the defense be able to pressure the quarterback? The Phoenix defense has racked up just 11 sacks in 10 games this season, second worst in the conference. With just one game remaining, the front seven could take pressure off of the secondary by forcing Western Carolina into quick decisions.

BY THE NUMBERS

1,143 career completions for Scott Riddle, an FCS record

2,032 career rushing yards for Brandon Newsome

103 rushing yards for A.J. Harris, his second game with 100 yards or more in the past three games

0 turnovers for the Phoenix against Furman

107 yards receiving for Aaron Mellette on six catches

4-14 Furman's third down conversion rate

10 receptions for Sean Jeffcoat, for 94 yards and one touchdown

9 tackles for safety Andrew Straus

430 total yards of offense for the Phoenix

BREAKING DOWN THE FURMAN GAME