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Two non-Elon girls, ages 13 and 14, reported they were the victims of a sex offense in Belk Library Feb. 7. The girls were visiting

Burlington resident arrested for alleged sex offense in Belk Library

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Scott Dewante Moore, a 19-year-old Burlington man, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with an alleged sex offense that occurred in Belk Library.

Chuck Gantos, director of campus safety and police, said Moore was placed in Alamance County Jail and is being held under \$100,000 bond for the alleged incident, involving teenage, non-Elon student girls near the first floor library bathrooms.

Around 6 p.m. on Feb. 7 Moore allegedly performed two counts

of statutory rape/sex offense and indecent liberties with a child.

Moore was incarcerated shortly after the offenses were reported.

According to the police report, Moore had arranged to meet an unidentified woman at the library. While the woman was using a computer, Moore left the main area with the woman's daughter and the daughter's friend, ages 13 and 14.

He then allegedly performed sex acts with the girls near the bathroom on the first floor, which is located in an open area.

Though the library was normally

staffed, the incidents were not reported until after the girls later left and disclosed what had happened to the mother.

The mother then notified the Burlington Police Department and took the girls to Alamance Regional Medical Center.

Gantos said the incidents were first reported to the Burlington Police Department, who then notified Elon's Campus Safety and Police since it happened in their jurisdiction.

Campus Security and Police went

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Budget committee calls for lowest percentage raise in nine years

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

On Feb. 12, the budget committee proposed a 5.95 percent tuition increase for students — the lowest percentage raise since 2000.

"Our tuition increase is strictly in observance of what's happening economically," said Gerald Whittington, vice president of business, technology and finance. "We just didn't think it would be seemly to have an increase at the previously planned-for rate."

For the last two years, tuition increase has gone up 8.5 percent and it appears without the current economic downturn, tuition would have been raised in a similar manner for next year. This percentage increase would result in a \$33,725 total tuition bill for 2009-2010 year — a \$1,879 increase.

"In this economic climate I just couldn't imagine us going on without an observance of what's happening to our prospective students and their families," Whittington said.

The budget model is still in development and has to receive the approval of three separate parties, following university hierarchy. President Leo Lambert will review the proposal in the coming weeks before the executive committee board of trustees and then the full board will make the final decision as whether to adopt the proposed budget or make further amendments and revisions.

Whittington said typically, once the budget proposal reaches the board, there are usually no major revisions.

"This is my 18th budget process. We've had only one time in which that occurred," Whittington said. "Actually the board said the faculty salaries will be larger than we planned for. Don't hold your breath this time."

Whittington said revenue streams will be moderated and sometimes flat. Some examples of these incomes include a decrease in auxiliary services, such as summer conferences coming to campus, and a decrease in investment income.

But the budget committee projects athletic revenue going up, as well as the profits of dining halls and residence

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Town residents complain about weekend noise

Laura Smith
News Editor

Elon students' weekend revelries may be getting to be too much for the local community to handle, and a potential new ordinance could require property owners to pay fines after police are called a certain number of times on behalf of a noise complaint at their property.

The Town of Elon's board of alderman will be discussing an ordinance at its annual retreat

March 9 that could crack down on repeat noise violators and their landlords.

The possible ordinance comes after local Elon residents, Mark and Sara Grimley, who live on Williamson Avenue, made a complaint to the town that Elon students living near them were being disruptive.

"We used to just ignore it," Sara said. "But now that we have a new baby, I value my sleep."

Sara explained that she and her husband would frequently

hear loud music, yelling and drinking games in addition to students driving onto her yard and leaving trash.

The Grimleys went to a board meeting months ago and were told to call the police. After trying that, the Grimleys were still hearing disruptions, so they filed a complaint.

Elon Town Manager Mike Dula received the complaint and said the Grimleys were concerned about what could be done in the case that they have to keep calling the police.

Elon Police can give a verbal warning, but nothing disciplinary, such as a citation, can be done unless they are called a second time.

"We said we want to know what the town is going to do about it because it is a residential area," Sara said.

Dula is optimistic the Town of Elon will get the problem under control.

"We do a lot of enforcement," Dula said.

Since complaining to the town, the Grimleys have not

had any more problems with student disruption.

"I don't want to mess up their good time, but they have to know where they are," she said. "I just want a safe place for my family."

Duls said the board has not made any decisions yet.

"We need to see what our options are," he said. "We need to see if we have any legal basis for that."

The board will speak to an attorney and the issue will be brought up at a future town

meeting.



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Children crowded the toy stands outside of the main stage at the Greensboro Coliseum on Friday



Animal trainers lead horses and zebras in patterns around the ring at the Zing Zang Zoom Circus in Greensboro.

Next year's application numbers down

Acceptance letters for class of 2013 have been sent, student deposits due May 1

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Elon University admissions received 391 fewer applications for the 2009-2010 academic year, a 4 percent decrease from applications received in the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 academic years.

Susan Klopman, vice president of admissions and financial planning, said she doesn't know what to attribute to the decline in applications. She said applicant interest indicators, such as the high percentage of campus visits, suggested that admissions should have expected the normal number of applications.

"While downward trends get our attention, we have an excellent applicant pool," Klopman said.

The university plans to admit 100 more students this year in an effort to fill the freshman class during the current economic climate.

"It's going to be harder for students to choose a private institution this year, and we're going to be attentive to that," she said.

She said offering more acceptances will not lower the academic standards the university has based its reputation upon. Klopman said she believes there is not a difference between 15 or 10 points on the SAT, or between tenths of a grade point average.

Now that all applications have been received and acceptances sent, the next step for admissions is waiting for future student deposits to be received by May 1.

"Our attention will be at the deposits that come in the door," Klopman said. "We've got a long spring to watch this."

Although admissions is feeling slightly more pressure compared to past years, the senior staff appears confident about meeting freshman class size expectations.

"We're going to fill our freshman class," said Gerald Whittington, vice president of business, finance and technology, at last week's budget forum. "Admissions may have to work harder and in ways that [they] have not had to in the past, but we're going to fill the class."

One of the ways in which admissions has begun to take initiatives to attract prospective students is the January launch of its new Web site. The site, meant to be more interactive and user-friendly, contains current student testimonials, an "Images of Elon" gallery and a link to Elon's official YouTube site.

"It is user-friendly, straightforward and easy to navigate," Klopman said. "We tried to find the balance between the Elon look and feel and the commercial look that many users are used to seeing."

Klopman said the former



Campus tour guide Alyssa Vigneault, junior, and tour guide shadow Cameron Ball, freshman, show prospective students and their families around campus. Although the number of applications received for the 2009-2010

admissions site had too much material on the first page, was confusing for visitors and many vital dates were buried in links.

"It's far more important for us to have pertinent information and be the gateway," she said. "Our business is not so much to sell something as to provide an education."

If admissions efforts are not able to lasso enough deposits by the spring due date, Klopman said the department will turn to the waitlist to fill the class.



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ELON AND THE ECONOMY

Developing budget incorporates reallocation

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

The developing budget includes several provisions for departmental money reallocation and Elon's senior staff have continuously emphasized the need to spend frugally and cautiously so the university can maintain its solid financial position. Each department attempted to pinch pennies by varying means, but each with the same end goal — saving money from within, without negatively affecting the quality of student life.

Technology Changes
<p>In response to the monetary albatross hanging around the university's neck, campus technology is undertaking departmental changes to cut spending and save money. One of the solutions is to extend the faculty/staff computer replacement schedule from three to four years.</p> <p>The three-year computer replacement schedule was developed in 1999.</p> <p>"We're looking for ways across campus to cut costs and switching from the three year plan saves \$300,000," said Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology. "Why not go to a four year plan? Technology is very expensive and there is always new software and equipment people need. We can't keep going to the university for money."</p> <p>It is not only the new technology the department worries about, but current software the university subscribes to that has had price hikes. The price of Blackboard's services has increased 5 percent, and Datatel software has increased nearly 4 percent this year.</p> <p>"We are not asking for money. We are trying to find it within the department," Fulkerson said.</p> <p>Every spring, campus technology sends a request for proposal to various computer vendors to decide what computer technology the university will host for that year. Gateway has provided the best deal for the past couple of years, but Dell was the winner for the 2008-2009 academic year.</p> <p>"The staff here at Elon is dedicated to Elon," Fulkerson said. "Not any particular vendor."</p> <p>Fulkerson is confident that departmental cuts will not affect students' everyday technology usage. He emphasized the university's relationship with vendors is simple and based on the best deal.</p> <p>"It's all about the price and service," Fulkerson said.</p> <p>There are some changes campus technology could undertake that, while saving money, would drastically change technology support for students. Fulkerson hypothetically proposed getting rid of student e-mail, which would save \$250,000.</p> <p>"We'd lose control and consistency," he said. "We own the e-mail system, and there have been times we have to go in and look because a student is in danger. If it's all G-mail we'd have to get a court order."</p>

Alumni Relations
<p>The majority of alumni events, which include activities such as regional chapter events and online career webinars, are paid for in combination by the university and alumni.</p> <p>"We want to be good stewards of university money and alumni donations," said Lindsey Hege, assistant director of alumni relations for young alumni. "If anything, we'll try to make it less money for alumni so they can attend."</p> <p>Alumni relations is still looking for ways to save through "creative programming." According to Hege this may include having less printed material and putting more of their brochures online.</p> <p>There has not been a decline in giving, nor is the university curbing its fundraising efforts. Elon is routinely calling alumni and asking for donations.</p> <p>"We're going to have to continue to fundraise even more in the face of this downturn," said Gerald Whittington, vice president of business, finance and technology, at last week's budget forum.</p> <p>Hege expressed similar ideals about the university's need for monetary gifts.</p> <p>"There is a real need for donations," Hege said. "Without them the university can't exist."</p>

Physical Plant and ARAMARK
<p>Physical Plant is investigating more ways to save by turning down the heat in buildings, proposing a campus-wide installation of motion-sensitive lights and replacing old heating and cooling systems.</p> <p>"I'm pretty sure our plans for energy and power conservation will get support because of the payback," said Robert Buchholz, director of Physical Plant. "Elon is very progressive."</p> <p>Jaff Gazda, ARAMARK resident director, said dining services has seen a slight decline in total numbers of students purchasing meal plan memberships, but he contends the decrease is to be expected.</p> <p>"These individuals are simply using more Phoenix cash, credit cards, debit cards and cash in the campus dining locations, taking the opportunity to manage their funds as frugally as possible," Gazda said.</p> <p>There has been talk about there being less catering at university events, but Gazda said ARAMARK's services will not be affected.</p> <p>"We have a core catering staff that will remain unchanged," Gazda said. "A reduction in catering events on campus will not have a noticeable effect on our staff, program or overall operation."</p>

Breaking it down

How the stimulus package may benefit Elon students

Olivia Hubert-Allen

On Feb. 17, President Obama signed the largest, most expensive bill that the federal government has passed since the end of World War II. Ringing in at \$787 billion, the stimulus package will cost the federal government more money than most college students can fathom. If someone had set aside \$1 million each day since the year zero, the current total would still fall \$53 billion shy of the size of the stimulus package. Though it will be weeks, months and years before its full effects will be known, here's a preliminary look at some of the parts of the bill that may benefit Elon students the most. At press time the official wording of the bill had not been released so these numbers are estimates from The New York Times.

\$116.2 billion in tax cuts for individuals

Though being a dependent of parents will dampen the chances of receiving any significant tax breaks, families can still enjoy a little relief. Individuals stand to get up to \$400, and couples can get up to \$800. But if one or both parents makes more than \$75,000, the tax cuts will not be as dramatic.

\$53.6 billion helps prevent cuts in public education, including public colleges and universities

This will keep teachers employed and students enrolled in public education institutions across the country that may be facing budget deficits.

\$15.6 billion to increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$500, from \$4,850 to \$5,350

The Pell Grant increase was a hard-fought battle on the congressional floor. Though the exact amount of the increase is still to be determined, estimates have put it at around \$500. This will provide more aid to college students with "financial need," as determined by a federal formula.

\$14 billion in tax cuts for renewable energy facilities and \$500 million in worker training in renewable energy fields

The stimulus package includes a number of tax incentives for further development and implementation of green technology. This growing sector of the economy could bring about new jobs that would be suited for college graduates. As green companies grow, they will need everything from accountants and lawyers to research scientists and public relations specialists.

\$13.9 billion to expand higher education tax credits

This funding would go to expand the Hope Scholarship for 2009 and 2010. It would also provide a tax credit of \$2,500 for all four years of college tuition for eligible recipients. Currently tax credits of \$1,800 are only given for the first two years of college.

\$10 billion in additional financing to the National Institute of Health for research and infrastructure

This could mean more money for research projects in health-related fields. Though it is unclear how the NIH plans to dole this money out, some of it will likely fall into the hands of graduate students.

\$6.6 billion in refundable tax credit to first-time homebuyers

It may seem early to think about buying a house, but the current economic climate drastically favors buyers. Houses that were once selling for \$500,000 are getting bought for \$300,000 in some parts of the country. The stimulus bill provides up to an \$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers, adding even more incentive.

\$4 billion in job training for jobs in health care and the environment

If you think a degree won't help you get a job in healthcare, think again. More training programs for health care jobs have been popping up across the country, and a college degree will provide advantages over other students in these programs.

\$200 million in additional funding for college work-study programs

Hundreds of Elon students take part in the Federal Work-Study Program that allows them to earn money for school while completing part-time work. This part of the stimulus package will add more money to the program so students will have another option to help them afford to stay in school during these turbulent times.

Job loss continues through January

Laura Smith
News Editor

Although many Americans hoped for a new beginning and a turn in prosperity for 2009, the month of January proved to be rough.

On Feb. 6, the U.S. Labor Department announced that nearly 600,000 jobs were lost in January alone. According to an article by The New York Times earlier this month, economists predict unemployment will rise for at least the remainder of the year.

This trend of job loss can be attributed to the recent economic recession that the United States, as well as many other countries, is facing. Loss of consumer demand and crisis within the banking system are also factors, according to the Times.

"We're on serious ground as far as how bad the economy is going," Economics Professor Steve DeLoach said. "I'm not surprised the January job loss was so bad."

DeLoach attributes much of the month's unemployment to a poor Christmas shopping season.

"If it's bad at the retail level, it's bad everywhere," DeLoach said.

Because there was less consumer spending this past holiday, fewer orders for consumer products were put in for next year, meaning less orders to fill on products that rely the most on Christmas sales, such as cars and electronics.

"It affects everybody," DeLoach said. "It's a multiplier effect. Job loss equals less spending."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, at least 50 people from a single employer were laid off in the month of December. The national unemployment rate was at 7.2 percent. It is now at 7.6 percent.

"When companies aren't meeting their targets, they have to go to stakeholders and report this," Economics Professor Mark Kurt said.

In this case, it's easier for companies to make big layoffs at once, instead of laying employees off sporadically for a longer period of time.

"It's a more effective way of dealing with job loss," he said.

Besides industries that produce durable goods, the financial and construction industries are hurting just as bad, Kurt said.

While all of this is going on at a national level, smaller communities are also hurting. Even Elon is being affected.

"The biggest factor for Elon students is parents losing jobs," Kurt said.

He also said there will be difficulty for seniors trying to find jobs after graduation in May. Another concern is admissions and that Elon will lose both "quality and quantity" of applicants, according to Kurt.

DeLoach said he hopes the stimulus package will help curb unemployment numbers.

"It will definitely help," he said. "What we don't know is if it is going to be enough to pull us out of the recession."

DeLoach predicts the impact of the package will begin to be seen in late summer.

Kurt agrees that the stimulus package will ultimately help.

"Unemployment will continue to increase," he said. "But the stimulus package will help the economy. The markets have a way of working themselves out," he said. "The biggest issue economists struggle with is predicting where it will go. The jobs lost are the least productive jobs. Deeper recessions could maybe lead

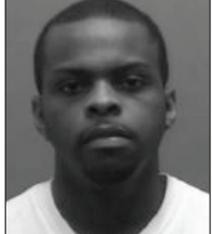
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Alleged offense involves no university members, students not notified

to the library to track down Moore after they were informed, but he had already left.

Even though their department only processes the paper work, Gantos said his team did not really know what had happened until they began to investigate the reports.

"We realized that the players we had involved were juveniles and not students and that changes the entire scenario," Gantos said.



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Moore was arrested Feb. 7 on the charges of two counts of

Shortly after, the Alamance County Sheriff's Department tracked Moore close to campus and served him a warrant for his arrest, Gantos said.

He was then taken to Alamance County Jail.

"The last thing that I heard was that he had not made bail," he said.

Gantos said Moore has been charged and the

hearing is in the hands of the district attorney.

Moore has arranged for a bond hearing, where the original bond the magistrate set can be changed. If for some reason the accused has a difficult time making the bond or they think it's an excessive bond, they can ask to have it reduced at a bond hearing.

"This was strictly a one-time occurrence and it happened that the meeting place they chose was on campus and that was unfortunate," he said.

Dean and University Librarian Kate Hickey said she was not able to comment since the events are a criminal investigation.

Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, said it was a "great surprise" to learn that a crime of that nature had been performed in a public space on campus.

"Just to think that would happen, certainly anywhere, but in particular somewhere where it's pretty high traffic — even on a Saturday — is just really bold," Jackson said.

Jackson spoke with Gantos the day after the alleged incidents and decided not to inform the community since Moore had been caught and no Elon students, faculty or staff were involved.

"It was a police matter and he was in custody

and there weren't any immediate concerns about him being out doing things," Jackson said.

While Jackson said this is a university matter, he also said the university always has concerns about trying to protect the campus.

"That's why we have a great security force, but unfortunately things like this happen," Jackson said. "I can't recall anything like this happening [in the past], but we are an open campus so it reminds us all to use good judgment and report any suspicious behavior that we see and make sure we're looking out for each other."

Gantos said a situation like this, where the victims, suspect and parent all knew each other and had a planned meeting, doesn't have any relationship to normal activities, in which the community is asked to make smart judgments about their actions.

"There's a tendency on college campuses to be very friendly and trusting and I think that students need to be alert to people they don't know and they encounter," Jackson said. "Just because someone is on the campus or elsewhere — until you know them — you want to be real cautious."

Why didn't any Elon students, faculty or staff receive a 'Smith Jackson e-mail'?

Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, said generally all of the e-mails that are sent to the Elon community are to alert people there may be a dangerous element around them or to ask them to report something they may know to assist in the case investigation.

"Those weren't really the factors [here]. There was no danger to students, again the person was incarcerated very quickly," Jackson said. "Of course, if it involved students or hadn't happened quickly, you bet it, notification would have been out immediately."

Jackson said the administration also tries to be sensitive to the number of times they contact students and since no Elon students, faculty or staff were involved it didn't merit an announcement.

"If we have an incident that occurs on campus and we think it may in any way, shape or form have an adverse affect on our students from a safety standpoint, we will notify the community," said Chuck Gantos, director of campus safety and police. "There was no threat. This was a totally non-related incident and a one-time occurrence."

Trying to strike a balance between safety and accessibility

Instances like these bring to light the question of what are Elon's opportunities and responsibilities to the community, said Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life.

"We have wonderful resources, so do we not allow people to use that great resource versus our concerns for security and not being as open?" Jackson said. "That's certainly the question to try to balance, because we'd love to have the most secure campus, but on the other hand we also want to further the intellectual opportunity in the community."

Since the community wants to do both, it can be complicated, especially with extreme situations like the ones that happened on Feb. 7, Jackson said.

According to Belk Library's policies, "Belk Library provides public use computers in support of the academic missions of Elon University and as a service to members of the surrounding community. Library patrons

are expected to use computer resources responsibly, ethically and in compliance with relevant laws and any contractual agreements the Library has entered into to provide such resources."

Public users 16 and older must register at the Elon Library Information Desk in order to use library computers with a government-issued photo identification. They are then given a user name and password, which expires at the closing of that day.

"All users of library computers are subject to compliance with the Elon University Acceptable Usage Policy," the statement said.

It also states children under 16 must be accompanied to by a parent or guardian.

Jackson said the campus has been closed significantly in the past few years, including mandatory ID card swiping to gain access to buildings at certain times and video cameras. More of this will develop in the future as well.

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Low percentage raise mirrors economic climate

halls increasing.

"We expect to have an incremental \$10.327 million more next year than this year," Whittington said. "The budget is going up."

Although the committee is projecting an increased budget, the university is still attempting to find ways in which to save.

"We're looking at issues from which we could save existing budget funds and reallocation," he said.

Whittington said the pre-approved items and decisions that had been made to spend money a year or two ago would still be honored. Such decisions include the building of Lindner Hall and the hiring of custodial staff to clean it, as well as the filling of faculty positions and scholarship provisions.

According to Whittington, the university is "investing in students" with about \$4.3 million. The committee proposed increasing financial aid by \$1.4 million dollars, an 8.3 percent increase. Study abroad programs and increases in food service costs will also be costs the university will face.

The budget committee has also made space in the budget for faculty/staff growth initiatives of about \$4.7 million. There will be an allowance for the additional cost of health insurance, 4 percent salary benefit pool and the university will attempt to move forward with certain initiatives the Faculty

Scholarship Task Force proposed.

The institutional budget, which includes things such as utilities and upkeep of university facilities, will be allocated about \$3.3 million of the budget. Elon's institutional budget also covers an annual contingency plan, which is a monetary amount equaling 5 percent of the undergraduate tuition.

"Why do we do that?" Whittington said. "Well if the students don't come then we have at least a 5 percent cushion against students arriving so we don't have to go into the budget and slash right and left."

The operational budget will include a pool of money created by a reallocation of parts of the budget equaling about \$2.5 million.

The budget committee is still recommending the outsourcing of leadership development and changing of faculty and staff computer replacement schedule from three to four years. They also have gotten rid of parts of the budgets such as a reserve against under-enrollment of the law school.

"We are in a fine, strong situation," Whittington said. "We just have to be very cautious about what we do."

In their meeting next week, the budget committee is set to consider comments and questions from faculty before proposing their official model to the Lambert and the other groups for approval.

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Professor awarded for service learning efforts

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Pam Kiser wears many hats at Elon, each cap illustrating her unswerving dedication to increasing service-learning awareness and participation on campus.

As well as teaching human services classes, Kiser created and chairs the Service-Learning Faculty Advisory Committee, holds monthly lunch sessions about service-learning and guided the development of the Social Entrepreneurship Scholars program. Her devotion to the broadening of service learning across Elon was recognized last week when she received an award honoring her dedication.

North Carolina Campus Compact, a partnership of higher education institutions from around the state committed to increasing public service in the community, awarded Kiser with the 2009 Robert L. Sigmon Service-Learning Award at a campus luncheon.

President Leo Lambert, who was asked to write a letter of support, praised Kiser's efforts before presenting the award.

"She is a model for all of us in our efforts to provide the best possible educational community for our students," Lambert told the luncheon attendees.

Kiser said she sees the award as a cumulative recognition of her service-learning teaching, as well as the outreach and encouragement of faculty and staff members at Elon to participate and involve their students in service-learning activities.

"What I've been doing in recent years has moved beyond my own teaching to doing faculty development work across the whole Elon campus with faculty in all departments who are interested in developing service-learning in their teaching," Kiser said.

The Service-Learning Faculty Advisory Committee reviews courses with service-learning designations, coordinates the Celebrate Service-Learning event each spring and gives an award for the outstanding student paper from a service-learning course. She emphasized the university's exceptional commitment to service.

"Really at this point at Elon we have service-learning faculty in almost every discipline," Kiser said. "We have a math professor that does service-learning and her students have been working with nonprofits to do studies and analyze the data for them."

Kiser works with faculty to "move beyond problems in a textbook" and connect them with a community organization that would benefit from student assistance and faculty expertise in areas specific to the subject. She refers to herself as a "service-learning broker."

"We think about what kinds of service would lend itself to connecting with their discipline," Kiser said. "Matching community and faculty member needs is a truly beneficial thing."

Kiser has been teaching at Elon since 1981 and has tried to incorporate the guidelines of service-learning for more than 25 years.

"The whole philosophy of service-learning is that it's built around community needs and not the university imposing our needs on the community," Kiser said.

Her decision to work in the realm of human services was strongly influenced by her own belief system and ideals about making a difference in an imperfect world.

"I knew I wanted to do something career-wise that would fit with my personal values and that was important enough that I felt that it should be done even if I weren't being paid for it," she said. "For me to be satisfied in a career, it would have to meet needs for me that weren't about income and that were about feeling. I had lived out my values and what I thought was important in the world."

While getting her master's degree at the University of North Carolina, Kiser got involved in child and youth mental health work and became a child and family practitioner. She has also done clinical work in a private practice for some of the years she has been at Elon.

"When you're working with children and family, there are certain issues that are their issues and there are certain issues that are societal issues," she said. "When you're working from a purely psychological standpoint, you can't do much about the fact that both parents work in mills and one's got a second shift job and one's got a third shift job and life is very chaotic."

She contended that change is really effectively initiated when not only the individual, but the institution responsible for the individual's plight, is resolved.

"It really takes you into looking at the big picture of how society could be better structured to meet the needs of people so it's not like the cards are stacked against people," Kiser said. "You can look at mental health work as helping people adapt to their circumstances, and that's certainly part of it, but also I feel the circumstances need to adapt to the people."

Kiser frequently uses analogies in the classroom to explain the purpose of service-learning beyond helping the individual. She said many times through service students find themselves pulling people out of the river.

Kiser emphasized that while they're doing service, they need to question the forces that are causing so many people to be in that river. Making public policy about issues such as homelessness can be dry, Kiser said, until a person has worked to pull that homeless person out of the river.

"It is a very challenging," she said. "It stirs a lot of things up for students."

Kiser said she would like to pursue studies about the history of service-learning in North Carolina with other service leaders in the state.

Elon University named to 2008 presidential honor roll for service

Laura Smith
News Editor

For the third year in a row, Elon has been recognized as a national leader in service-learning and civic engagement by the Corporation for National & Community Service.

This award put Elon on the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

The honor roll, which was launched in 2006, is the highest federal recognition a college or university can achieve for commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

Service-learning provides service to others while studying in an academic environment and civic engagement promotes global citizenship but may not be as direct as service.

Organizations that work with Elon to help students accomplish service include Elon Volunteers, Elon Academy, the Watson Community Mentoring Program, Alamance Youth Leadership Association, the Amigos Project, Special Olympics, Project Pericles and more.

"I think we've got an unusually civically engaged campus," said Deborah Long, coordinator of civic engagement and director of the Elon Academy. "We have a faculty that supports this work and a student body that is very interested in doing civic engagement. It's a winning combination."

Within the past year, 60 percent of all Elon students took part in service

and civic engagements and had a total number of 90,184 service hours. This was equivalent to 43 full-time employees working 365 days per year.

"People look to our institution for a collaboration between academic affairs and student life," said Mary Morrison, director of the Kernodle Center for Service Learning.

Kathleen Edwards, assistant director of the Kernodle Center, said she agrees.

"Students are drawn to Elon because of its promise of engagement," she said.

According to Edwards and Morrison, there has been a significant growth in leadership within the Kernodle Center.

This year, the Community Service Honor Roll awarded the Presidential Award to six schools. Eighty-three were recognized as Honor Roll with Distinction and 546 as regular Honor Roll.

Factors determining winning schools include scope and innovativeness of service projects, number of volunteers, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

An example of one of these courses would be an education course where students volunteer in an after-school program.

"I think that we do a lot," Long said. "I hope that's why some of the students come to Elon. They know they will have a lot of opportunities to get involved in civic work."

Morrison encourages students to delve more deeply into one service

agency for all four years instead of several. She is also hoping students will continue to experience service through voluntary means as well as through academic classes in service learning.

"We want what happens in the curricular work to inform the co-curricular and vice versa," she said. "Both are working in tandem with each other to create a richer service experience for students."

"The faculty is eager to incorporate service learning into their courses," Edwards said. "We don't have to convince them [to do so]. It is very natural for them to have this in the classroom."

Edwards and Morrison encourage students to get involved.

"There are students we're missing," Kathleen said in regards to her desire for more students to get involved who may not know about service at Elon.

Long's current goals for making service even more apparent at Elon include updating the civic engagement Web site to make it more accessible for both donors and students with more information on the service programs and who's involved with them.

"We could not do this without our community partners," Long said. "We would not have this award without them. They invite us into their programs. It's a partnership and reciprocal relationship with the community."

Students can get involved by visiting the Kernodle Center and join one of its programs and events or volunteer with a

ELON COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

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American Red Cross Piedmont Chapter
Crossroads Sexual Assault and Resonse
Habitat for Humanity
Loaves and Fishes
Meals on Wheels
United Way
YMCA

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS WITH THE KERNODLE CENTER:

Adopt a Grandparent
E-Cert
EV! Coaches
EV! Green Team
Lunch Buddies
Safe Rides
S.H.A.R.E.
Tutoring
Blood drives
Elon Service Day
Make a Difference Day
National Hunter and Homelessness Awareness Week
Special Olymics

SGA: Elections, meetings, fun fund

Behind the scenes of the SGA elections

Emily Silva
Senior Reporter

Every year, Elon students participate in Student Government Association elections. New senators, class representatives and a new executive board consisting of a president, vice president and treasurer are sworn into office after a long campaign process — the start of which was this past week.

Those interested in running for positions met Feb. 4 for a preliminary meeting to kick off the campaigning. The rules and regulations of campaigning on Elon's campus were explained.

One must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in order to run and must be in good standing with the university. Hopefuls were also given a run-down of what it means to be a part of SGA.

"It is a group of people who are very committed to what they do," said Janna Lynn

Patterson, associate dean of students and director of SGA.

She emphasized members of the board serve "as the primary student sounding board" and are to always remember they represent not only their specific class, but the university as a whole, at all times.

Members of SGA are required to uphold the words of the Constitution. It states that Elon's student government's purpose will be "to represent the rights and opinions of the student body in a manner consistent with the mission of Elon University...and to join with the faculty and administrators of the university in building a stronger, more effective educational community."

"It's an organization that requires dedication from its members," said Erick Brown, SGA senior class secretary and the SGA Elections Committee chair. "For me, that dedication has been rewarded because I

feel like everything I do does make a difference. That's also what SGA does for the campus."

The community can see posters, buttons and sidewalk chalk writings outside Moseley. We hear speeches and witness debates among candidates.

But that's not all that goes into it.

Very strict rules govern the campaign process for SGA hopefuls.

"We are respectful of each other," Patterson said to the candidates. "We often don't agree with each other and that's okay. We really do believe in civil discourse. Please be men and women of honor while you're running. We really frown upon negative campaigning."

Negative campaigning includes dishonoring one's opponents, bribery and even hanging posters on brick walls. Involving others in a campaign is acceptable, as long as those people do not break campaign

rules.

"If they break the rules," Patterson said, "you break the rules."

Once elections are upon us, "every student on campus will be allowed to vote in the executive election and the academic council elections," Patterson said.

Students are separated into classes on the basis of which semester they entered Elon, despite their credit hours.

For example, if a student entered in the fall of 2006, but their credit hours technically make them a senior, they are still considered a junior for SGA elections and would vote with the junior class. The Datatel system is then used to count the ballots.

"The things we say [in SGA] are really listened to," Brown said. "SGA gives students a chance to voice their concerns and influence Elon in a positive way."

Candidates presented speeches that were open to the

SGA officers discuss clocks in classrooms, cost of meal plans

Laura Wainman
Senior Reporter

Who knew clocks could be such a controversial issue? The answer is anyone who attended the SGA meeting last Thursday evening and sat through a 30-minute debate about whether to pass a piece of legislation that would put clocks in every classroom on campus.

The main advocates said they felt having clocks visible in classrooms would eliminate the need for students to be checking cell phones to see the time, thus decreasing distractions caused by looking at one's phone.

But those against the legislation argued it would be just as distracting to have students constantly watching the clock.

The legislation was highly contested, but in the end the motion failed by a narrow vote of 20-19, with two abstentions.

Two other pieces of legislation were discussed, the renaming of the Organizational Awards and Inaugural Ceremony awards after prominent faculty members to honor them. The first was to rename the Faculty Member of the Year award as the "Gerald L. Francis Award for Outstanding Faculty Member" to honor Gerald Francis' position change at Elon. The motion was passed unanimously. The legislation to change the Service Award to the Richard W. McBride Service award to honor Reverend McBride upon his retirement was also passed unanimously.

SGA also discussed requests from organizations for additional money outside their budget to fund various events.

Anytime an organization makes a request larger than \$500, the request must be approved by SGA as a whole, rather than just the finance committee within SGA.

There were two requests up for approval at the meeting. Exercise Sports Science requested \$3,200 to cover the costs of an upcoming conference at which 14 students were presenting, and the finance committee recommended approving \$800, which passed with SGA. The ballroom dance organization also requested \$1,050 to fund two competitions to which they were sending 15 competitors.

The finance committee recommended approving half of their request, \$525, to fund one competition, which also passed with SGA.

Sophomore Justin Peterson, of the Student Issues Committee, raised an issue that is known to be of critical importance to the student body.

The reason for the exorbitant cost of meal plans at Elon is still a mystery to most students, and Peterson proposed inviting a representative of ARAMARK to speak at an SGA meeting and explain why the cost is as high as it is.

He said he felt it would help them decide whether they should propose legislation to lower the costs once and for all, as it is often a topic of debate.

MEET THE EXECUTIVE CANDI-



Adam Walton
Sophomore
Charlotte, N.C.
for treasurer

"I'm going to have financial accountability in the treasurer's office and speedy cash advances."



Justin Peterson
Sophomore
Raleigh, N.C.
for president

"My number one thing is I want to make the work that SGA does more public and more available to the campus. There was an issue a little while ago about local residents complaining about late nights and off-campus parties. With that issue, I support the students, because anyone who moves next to a university is putting themselves in that position. I'm going to focus on a lot of little issues. SGA has a lot of ideas, but things get clogged up and nothing goes anywhere."



Hillary Srsic
Sophomore
Raleigh, N.C.
for secretary

"My job is homecoming, among other things. I want to take complete notes at the meetings that are detailed and well-documented, as well as keeping things open with alumni relations."



Evan Peterson
Sophomore
High Point, N.C.
for vice president

"Last year, we had a lot of guest speakers come in all across campus. I want to continue that tradition of bringing in people just so that all points across campus are able to get feedback and be informed of any new changes."



Marshall Sharpe
Junior
Oriental, N.C.
for president

"I would be in a good position to have conversations with the faculty about things that pertain to the students, like making the experiential learning requirement more rigorous for students. One out of five is not enough. We have a great art program at Elon and I'd like to showcase some of the artists' work. They may not be unrealistic goals — they're things that I feel like I could do as president."

'Fun Fund' provides funding for campus events

Patrick McCabe
Reporter

For students who have ever wanted to host a cookout for their friends but didn't have the money, or host their favorite band at Lighthouse Tavern but couldn't afford a hotel for the band, are in luck. SGA will now help cover the costs.

SGA recently approved the new "Fun Fund," a yearly fund of \$7,500 that will be split up into ten grants.

The fund was established to allow students the chance to host different campus-wide events.

These grants are available to any student organization or student that would like to host a new and exciting event at Elon. Events can range from anything to a school-wide capture-the-flag tournament to hosting a new band at Lighthouse.

In order to be approved by the university, all events paid

for by the fund must be open to all students, be held on campus and should be a new, fun event that Elon does not already support.

SGA learned about programs like the "Fun Fund" at their annual SoCon conference, where all student governments in the SoCon meet to share ideas. The "Fun Fund" is based on a program from Wofford University, but has been adjusted to fit Elon's needs.

SGA executive treasurer Jeff Casullo and members of the SGA finance committee created the fund to encourage students to come up with new events on campus.

"There's a lot of programming on campus, but there isn't a lot of different programming," committee member junior John Lynn said. "We wanted to encourage students to come up with original ideas and new events. We also wanted students

who were not part of large organizations to be active on campus and have the ability to host events."

The fund was endowed from pre-existing money in the SGA budget.

"We had money that accumulated over time that we weren't using, and we felt that rather than using it all this year, why not come up with a program that gives back for years to come?" Casullo said.

On Dec. 31, SGA endowed \$150,000 back to the university in a trust that will accumulate interest over time. The interest accumulated will provide funding of approximately \$7,500 available to students each year.

Like all Elon investments, Gerald Whittington, vice president of business, finance and technology, will manage the fund. He will oversee the trust and the executive treasurer will oversee the approval committee.

The approval committee is made up of a representative from the Multicultural Center, two SGA members, a representative from the Student Union Board, a representative from the Resident Student Association and two faculty members.

There are currently no limits on what organizations can apply for the funds or how many times they can apply each year. All limits will be made by the committee as they receive applications.

The first meeting will take place in the first week of March and the committee will continually meet on a monthly basis.

"I would encourage groups who are thinking of having events after the first week in March to start applying for the fund," Casullo said. "Applications will take about one month to review, so the sooner an application is received, the better the chances

Alamance at War

Times-News editor emeritus presents life in the WWII era

Christina Edwards
Copy Editor

Members of the Alamance County community, ranging from elementary school-aged children to their grandparents, filled Yeager Recital Hall Sunday afternoon for a multimedia trip through history.

Don Bolden, editor emeritus of the Burlington Times-News, gave a multimedia presentation on Alamance County in World War II in a presentation titled "Alamance: A County at War," in reference to his book of the same name.

The book is a chronological look at both the home front in the area and the war front from 1941 to 1945. During the presentation, Bolden used old pictures and excerpts from his book to illustrate life specific to Alamance County.

"I looked at the headlines from Dec. 7, 1941 to Sept. 2, 1945. I took headlines from every day, a mix of what was going on locally and on the war front," Bolden said. "It is reflecting what it was like in Alamance County those four years."

Before beginning his presentation, Bolden asked for a show of hands of how many World War II veterans there were in the audience. Roughly a quarter of the people in the room raised their hands. When he asked how many had family serving in the war, nearly half of the audience members raised their hands. It became clear this was more than a

presentation. This was their heritage.

"In those days, Alamance County was much like any other small town in the South, a textile town," Bolden said. "You could park on Church Street, both sides. Every Saturday, there was a street preacher on the street corner."

Bolden's presentation married what is already common knowledge about the World War II home front with local flavor.

"Everyone began to take notice of the stars appearing in windows around the community," Bolden said, referring to the stars the families of men in the military would hang in their windows, denoting their service. Blue stars were for those currently serving and gold stars honored the fallen.

"We had over 200 of those gold stars," Bolden said.

Celebrities visited the area to sell war bonds. Girl scouts collected recycled cooking fat. Milk was delivered by horse because rationing made it impossible to deliver by truck.

Yet Alamance County moved on.

"In Burlington, it was business as usual," Bolden said. The town dealt with floods, the nearing polio epidemic and college basketball. The day before Pearl Harbor was hit, Elon College played Georgetown University.

"When the war was over, downtown Burlington turned into a party," Bolden said.



Members of every age, including many veterans, from the community attended Don Bolden's presentation.

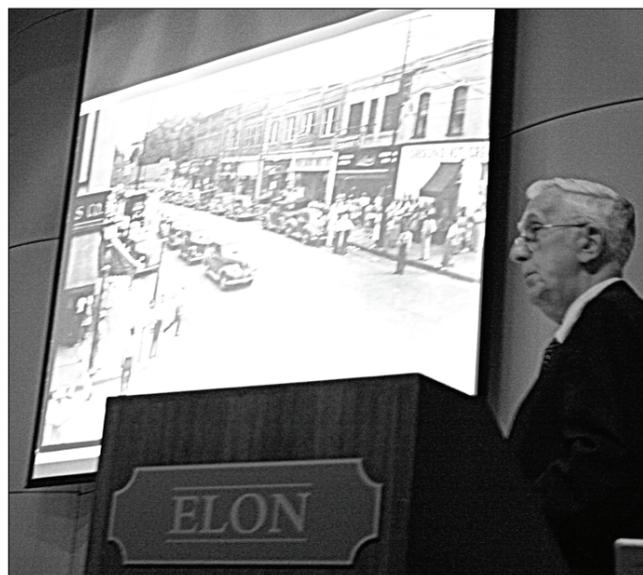
BRYCE LITTLE | Staff Photographer

"Everyone was so excited, they postponed the baseball game that night and played a double header the next day."

The presentation was sponsored by the Elon University Library, the Times-News and the Friends of Alamance County Public Libraries as part of the Alamance Reads program. The event was planned as a tie-in to this year's Alamance County community reading selection, the novel "Blue" by Joyce Meyer Hostetter.

"Blue" centers on the real polio hospital built in Hickory, N.C., during the polio epidemic of World War II. Copies are available at Alamance County public libraries.

Don Bolden was the editor of the Burlington Times-News from 1982 to 2000. He currently writes a weekly column for the Times-News as editor emeritus.



As a community full of veterans, Alamance County was a prime subject for Don Bolden's presentation and book, "Alamance: A County at War." Bolden focuses on World War II veterans and life in the 1940s.

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Entrepreneurship: It's not just a job, it's a lifestyle

Laura Wainman
Senior Reporter

With the economy in such a weak state, it is no wonder that students and faculty alike filled the LaRose Digital Theater on Feb. 10 to listen to Stew Leonard Jr.'s entrepreneurial advice. Leonard is the president and CEO of four Stew Leonard grocery stores in Connecticut and New York and eight wine houses — not to mention the father of Elon freshman Ryann Leonard. He was the first speaker in an Entrepreneurship series co-hosted by the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and Elon Career Services.

Leonard's unique leadership style has earned his company a place on FORTUNE magazine's "100 best companies to work for" list seven years in a row. He even learned how to relate to every member of his staff by working each position in the company, including the store's mascot. But according to Leonard, the most important aspect of entrepreneurship is customer satisfaction.

"Keeping your customers satisfied is essential in

any line of business, and all of my employees know that it is our main priority," Leonard said. "Just in case they ever forget, each of my stores has a giant rock with our two rules. The first is that the customer is always right. The second is that if the customer is ever wrong, look at the first rule again."

Knowing his audience was largely comprised of juniors and seniors beginning to plan for life after Elon, Leonard addressed what he thought it was best to do given the current economic crisis.

"Right now, your goal should be to just get your foot in the door," Leonard said. "Don't worry about what position you will be starting in because there will undoubtedly be room for growth once you have secured a position with the company. You will need to come up with creative solutions to the job market you are facing, but if anyone tells you that you can't do it, walk away from them right now."

Both Gary Palin, the director of the Doherty Center, and Leonard pointed out that entrepreneurship is not just about starting businesses, but a way of thinking and a state of mind that you must stay attuned to every day.

"A lot of people don't realize that the food business is changing everyday and I have to keep myself current in what the public is buying," Leonard said. "When I am invited over to a person's house for dinner, I will take a peek in their refrigerator so I can get an idea of what people are buying. Do they buy margarine or do they buy butter? These are the things I need to know in my business."

Leonard's personal motto is to "make them leave happy," and that is exactly what he did when he announced that everyone in the room would be leaving with a free T-shirt picturing the Stew Leonard cow mascot.

"Being an entrepreneur is not something you do for one day," Leonard said. "You do it every day and you have to constantly be thinking about what is going to be new and hot tomorrow, no matter what business you are in."

Leonard's parting words were to advise Elon students not to chase money or fame, but their dreams.

"Start walking in the direction of your dream," he said. "Don't pursue something because it is a hot market right now, but do what you love."

Being POWERless isn't always a bad thing

Campus housing areas compete in energy reduction contest

Laura Wainman

Elon's second annual POWERless energy competition kicked off Feb. 17 at College Coffee.

For seven weeks, students will compete to see which residence building and which area of campus can reduce its energy consumption the most.

A baseline measurement of energy consumption has already been taken from the 40 residence halls participating, and the reductions will be compared to this original measurement. The winner is the building or residential area with the largest percentage of energy reduction over the course of the competition.

Last year's winners were buildings G, H and I in the Loy Center with a 23.8 percent reduction, and the Loy Center won with a 15.1 percent reduction for the residential areas. However, every single participating residence hall decreased its energy usage, which was the ultimate goal of the program.

The coordinators of the program said

they hope to see even better results this year.

"The goal of this initiative is to decrease energy consumption on campus while also raising awareness for energy conservation in general, which are both goals of Elon's overall sustainability efforts," said Elaine Durr, Elon's sustainability coordinator.

There was one change made to the competition this year. In order to account for the differences in occupancy between the residence halls, two separate divisions were created.

Smaller occupancy residence halls will compete in the division two category, while larger occupancy residence halls will compete in division one.

Various residence halls have come up with creative ways of doing their part during the POWERless competition while having fun at the same time.

Sophomore Catie Serex, resident adviser for the International Pavilion,

is planning on hosting an evening of fun in the dark for her residents. All the power, except for the micro-fridges, will be turned off and the residents will be playing games such as sardines and flashlight tag in the dark.

"It is important to participate in POWERless because it means we're doing something as a campus to make ourselves more aware of how we use and abuse energy," said Serex. "It's all about learning, as a campus, how to take care of our world so we can have it for years to come."

Once a week, for the duration of the contest, an informational table will be set up in Moseley to further educate students on the dangers of wasting energy and how they can begin to decrease their energy consumption.

"What I hope students learn from this competition is that saving energy does not have to be difficult or complicated," Durr said.

Architecture school proposed to be built in Greensboro

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

The Piedmont Triad Partnership has a new program to promote economic development in the region — an architecture school in the Triad.

According to the organization's mission statement, the purpose of the partnership is to "create high-skill, high-wage jobs across the Piedmont Triad region and significantly strengthen the region's global competitiveness."

Local architects and representatives from universities have been meeting to discuss the possibility of a new architecture school in the Triad.

"Elon is not building an architecture school," said Steven House, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "We are participating with other schools."

House is currently serving on a committee on the Piedmont Triad Partnership with representatives from other colleges and universities in the Piedmont.

The purpose of this partnership is to stimulate economic growth in the Piedmont Triad area.

The area received a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to promote economic growth and competitiveness. Currently, UNC Greensboro has an interior design program and NC A&T has a similar program.

"There's no preconceived idea," House said. "Currently they are working on the feasibility study."

House said the feasibility



Similar to the Elon School of Law, downtown Greensboro is the proposed site of a new architecture school an Elon representative is currently working on.

study would not be complete until May, so this project is still in the early stages.

Within the next week, a consulting group will be conducting interviews about this project.

The consulting team will be led by Sharon Matthews, the dean of the Florida A&M School of Architecture.

In the early stages, Elon is asking how it can be involved with this project.

"I think the Piedmont Triad Partnership will stimulate the economy and create a better environment and a better place to live," House said.



Elon dean of the College and Arts and Sciences Steven House is serving on a committee with the Piedmont Triad Partnership in an effort to stimulate growth in the area.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Elon in New York" interest meeting

The "Elon in New York" program will be holding an information session at 4:15 p.m. Thursday in Koury Business Center 346. "Elon in New York" is a new summer program meant to give Elon juniors from various majors a chance to complete an internship and 2-credit professional development course.

"Perspectives on Islam and Homosexuality" speaker

Parvez Sharma, director of A Jihad for Love, will be speaking in LaRose Digital Theater at 7:30 p.m. Thursday about what it means to be Muslim and gay.

Students awarded study abroad scholarships

Four Elon students received federally-supported scholarships to fund their semester study abroad experiences. Junior Brian Mackey received \$4,000 to fund his semester at Cracow University of Economics in Poland and sophomore Gabrielle Dean received \$3,500 toward her semester at Beijing Center in China. Senior Nicole Hilgartner was awarded \$4,000 to attend school in Ecuador, and junior Kaitlin Carlin received a scholarship for her study in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Editorial

The Pendulum seeks to inspire, entertain and inform the Elon community by providing a voice for students and faculty as well as a forum for the meaningful exchange of ideas.

The hole in Mynhardt's case: precedent relieves university

The events of Feb. 3, 2007 at 211 N. Lee Ave., in one way or another, culminated in former Elon University student John Lee Mynhardt being paralyzed. As a result of this tragedy, Mynhardt has taken legal action against Lambda Chi Alpha Inc., the Delta Pi chapter of the organization, eight attendees of the night's party and, curiously, Elon University.

Disagreements, as with any legal proceeding, riddle the negligence suit Mynhardt filed in June 2008.

The question as to whether or not the party was an open event, the state of the plaintiff in regards to substance use (Mynhardt admits to drinking several beers during the course of the afternoon and night, but dismisses accusations of cocaine use that day) and the belligerence of both the plaintiff and defendants is up in the air, and will be for quite some time.

As a whole, Mynhardt has a perfectly legitimate case. There are several legal maneuvers as well as implications from the night's events that could lead to him winning out.

Mynhardt is primarily focused on two arguments. He ascertains that the party was open even to those uninvited and the defendants, particularly former UNC Greensboro student Clinton Blackburn and fraternity member John Cassidy, were excessive in their attempts to remove Mynhardt from the premises and declined a last opportunity to avoid the actions that resulted in Mynhardt's current state.

It's the last opportunity that holds a great deal of weight. Under the last clear chance doctrine, even if a plaintiff is deemed negligent under the contributory negligence defense, the defendants can still be found guilty if they were present when the last chance at prevention occurred.

This would effectively nullify the defense's argument, making their portrayal of Mynhardt's actions inconsequential.

The problem with the case is in regard to Elon's inclusion. It is here that the legitimacy begins to falter. Elon had no role in the planning or execution of the party, and the injury occurred off of university property.

Even if Elon did sponsor the event and in doing so hold direct responsibility for its execution, Mynhardt's injury could not be used in a suit against the school.

Stockinger v. Feather River Community College, a case decided in 2003 by a California Court of Appeal, deemed that aside from security, the protection of adult students from injuries sustained as a result of their own actions doesn't fall under the responsibility of the college.

As far as the obligations of a university in the instance of an off-campus event go, legal precedent also works in Elon's favor.

In Nova Southeastern University v. Bethany Jill Gross, a case decided by the Supreme Court of Florida in 2000, Nova Southeastern was found liable for Gross' injuries sustained during an off-campus internship.

This was not due to an all-encompassing legal jurisdiction for the school. The case summary explains, with Nova Southeastern as the defendant despite the case's title.

"...Once the defendant undertook to act, it had a duty, like other persons and entities, to act exercise reasonable care."

Elon took no action that caused the party to take place nor did it influence Mynhardt to attend. Simply because something is linked to the university does not mean that the university is immediately liable.

The case of Knoll v. Board of Regents, decided by the Supreme Court of Nebraska in 1999, dealt with the matter of off-campus fraternity activities. The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, and the University of Nebraska was found liable for injuries sustained by a student during an off-campus hazing incident, but only because the university had taken action to apply its own residence codes to the housing in question, effectively making it property of the university.

The guilt of those attending the party, and even the fraternity organizations, is up to the court to decide.

For Elon, this case shouldn't be an issue. Informal connections and a sphere of influence do not equal legal jurisdiction and with all respect to Mynhardt, Elon is in no way liable for the injuries sustained that terrible night two years ago.

Ticketing merger monopolizes music

Watching your favorite band play their third and final encore, the lead singer quiets the audience for the last word.

"We'd just like to give our biggest thanks to Ticketmaster for providing the ticketing service for this event!" the singer shouts at the audience.

Everyone goes crazy for the performers, but the true rock star of any concert is the price-gouging ticketing company.

On Feb. 10 Live Nation, the largest concert promoter, and Ticketmaster Entertainment, the largest ticket vendor, announced they were working out a \$2.5 billion dollar merger. No one seems to be applauded by the news. Ticketmaster, already a behemoth in the industry, is about to become even bigger.

Ticketmaster has taken heat from music fans and artists alike for years about their "service charges." At an April 25 concert in Nashville, Tenn., Dave Matthews Band fans were forced to cough up \$93.30 for a ticket, \$18.30 of which went straight to Ticketmaster for providing the service.

Live Nation, a concert promoter for more than 140 venues, has until recently had a contract with Ticketmaster allowing them the rights to ticket vending at venues Live Nation promotes. When the contract ended in January, Live Nation began using its own ticketing service. For a brief month, competition entered an industry that hadn't seen legitimate contention in years.

But it was short-lived, as the two companies are now in the works to become Live Nation Entertainment.

With such a grasp on the live music industry, the merger has more than just fans feeling weary.

Because of the size of the merger, the deal must first go through the U.S. Justice Department, which will look into the deal to see if it violates any anti-trust laws.

But this won't be the first time the courts will have heard complaints about Ticketmaster. In 1994, grunge band Pearl Jam filed suit against Ticketmaster, alleging the company was uncooperative in keeping their ticket prices reasonable.

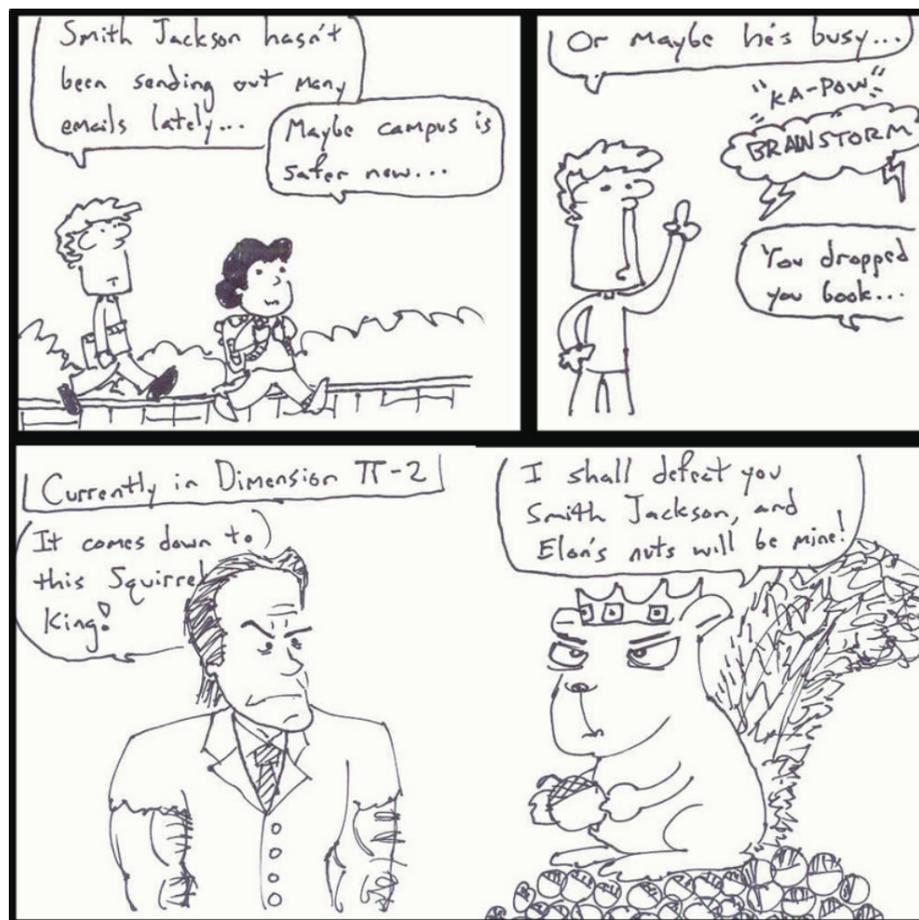
The merger is also tragic news for the already struggling music industry. Live music, the one thing that hasn't been heavily hit by the industry's slumping sales, will soon be owned almost entirely by one company.

Even Bruce Springsteen recently became publicly critical of Ticketmaster. After Ticketmaster's Web site mysteriously went down on Feb. 1 as tickets went on sale for his latest tour, fans were redirected to TicketsNow. The difference between the two Web sites is that Ticketmaster sells tickets at a fixed price, while TicketsNow auctions them. Coincidentally, Ticketmaster owns TicketsNow.

"Some artists or managers may not perceive there to be a conflict between having the distributor of their tickets in effect 'scalping' those same tickets through a secondary company like TicketsNow — we do," Springsteen said on his Web site.

If this deal was beneficial to musicians, music fans and the record industry, they would embrace it. But it's not, and the monopoly Live Nation Entertainment will hold over the music business has squandered the glimmering hope that live music once provided to a crippled industry.

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Opinions

When the grass isn't greener Obama's change to leftist policies too radical for U.S.

I hang my head in shame as I remember the days when I was swept away by President Obama's wave of change. Once I began learning what those changes would be, I had to very quickly jump off the boat.



Laura Wainman
Guest Columnist

As I started researching more of Obama's proposed policies in order to discover what the substance was behind his fluff promises of "change," I came to the frightening conclusion that the man we have put into the White House is a socialist.

Many of Obama's social policies are alarmingly similar to the official beliefs of the U.S. Socialist Party.

Just as the Socialist Party has called for universal health care, Obama has proclaimed the right of all United States citizens to health care. The Socialist Party recognizes the right to sufficient housing for everyone, and Obama has acquired mortgages for numerous unqualified parties.

In 2007, Obama participated in a march with illegal aliens advocating immigration and U.S. citizenship reforms. The Socialist Party supports changing the requirements for U.S. citizenship to six months residency only and calls for more "open borders."

The crown jewel is that not only was Obama endorsed in 1996 by the Chicago branch of the Democratic Socialists of America in his senatorial campaign, but he also worked with Bill Ayers and the Annenberg Challenge to contribute more than \$50 million to anti-capitalist education projects.

More recently, Obama imposed a \$500 million salary cap on executives of failing finance firms seeking bailouts from the taxpayers.

Though million dollar salaries in times of economic crisis are frightening, the president

certainly does not have the right to place an income cap on these CEOs. Since when does the executive branch determine the salaries of those on Wall Street? The lack of a ceiling on income is the cornerstone of capitalism and free enterprise.

What terrifies me most is not the fact that the majority of Americans fail to recognize Obama for what he truly is, but that many are welcoming this slow transition to socialism.

As I sat enjoying a coffee at Acorn recently, I overheard a student ask, "Is it really that big of a deal even if Obama is a socialist?" I couldn't believe my ears. The idea of acceptable socialism is simply appalling to me.

Our country was founded on the principles of capitalism and free enterprise. We are a nation of hard-working individuals who have learned how to take care and provide for ourselves.

The Founding Fathers would roll over in their graves if they knew that we were, even for a second, considering undoing what they so painstakingly created for us: a system where your work ethic determines what you earn.

Instead, we are willing to accept Obama's socialist proposals of wealth redistribution. Either we have forgotten the principles of wealth creation, or we are simply too lazy to do the necessary work to create that wealth and are satisfied with the idea of being handed a check that in no way reflects our individual efforts. Neither of these options is the least bit reassuring.

What exactly is the problem with socialism? The loss of the individual and the emergence of a well-oiled government machine seeking to ensure equity and not prosperity is only the beginning.

Socialism is the antithesis of everything our nation has stood for. I can only hope that our generation will not be content to merely sit by and watch as centuries of work are whittled away and slowly replaced.

If this is your change, President Obama, may God help America.

Republican paper tigers show bipartisanship without purpose

In the wake of the \$787 billion stimulus package's passage, Sen. Judd Gregg's withdrawal from the commerce secretary nomination and Sen. John McCain's all-but discreet comments about President Obama's policies, the feeling of bipartisanship that carried through the election seems to have disappeared.

Led by the Republican Party's ideas on how to get back on track and ongoing struggle with aspirations to make up for the damage of the past eight years, the GOP finds itself going to great lengths to protect the image

of its party. There's a difference, though, between holding your ground to make a point and being an obstructionist.

The stimulus bill passed Friday by a vote of 60-38 in the Senate, with only three Republican votes.

The arguments that were made against the bill were dramatic attempts to win over formerly conservative voters, those

disillusioned by the failures and the issues of the GOP as a whole.

Republican leaders refer to the package as the "Democrats' stimulus bill." Only three Republicans have stood up to take part in the writing and revision of the bill, rather than pointlessly criticizing it.

These three, Sens. Susan Collins, Olympia Snowe and Arlen Specter, are chastised by their own party for cutting back the cost of the bill.

"This is not a bipartisan agreement. This is three members of the Senate — none on the House side — who have joined the Democrats for a partisan agreement," McCain said.

Apparently it is more important to criticize party members willing to go against the opinions of their party, something McCain consistently confronted Obama for not doing during the election, than to be involved and willing to help the passage of a bill that will positively affect the economy.

The stimulus bill is not the only place that this feeling of desperation from the Republicans appears.

Gregg's controversial, and somewhat obnoxious, withdrawal prompted Republicans to call their party "emboldened," as Rep. Patrick McHenry of North Carolina said. Any chance to embarrass the Democratic Party is a chance to redeem the Republicans.

The GOP has come up with new measures to combat their lagging support, causing a mindset that is essentially ineffective as far as federal politics goes.

Their policies, and their arguments that pertain to the effects of the bill or the actions of the new administration, may not be flawed at all. In fact, it doesn't matter whether they are completely right and those who support the bill are utterly wrong.

The way to win support and improve the footing of the U.S. economy is not to use the issue as an excuse to reinforce party ideals. Recently, seeing their support falling further, the Republicans used important and timely matters to try to make up for their losses.

Now is no time for partisanship. It may be true that Democrats left out many Republican opinions in drafting the bill, but there have only been three Republicans that actually used the bill as a bipartisan effort.

It is more important and effective for the GOP to use this opportunity to show that they can still have a positive effect on politics, despite the harm done to their party's reputation.

If halting progress for the sake of party politics is more important than the issues the United States is facing, then the Republicans are exemplifying perfect action.



Jack Dodson
Columnist

Poster Boy acts as a poster child for creative political dissent



Haley Hennes
Columnist

New York City police claim to have captured Poster Boy last week. Poster Boy is the title that has been given to an elusive ad-defacing subway artist.

He creates anti-consumerism collages with advertisements. Posters for "Iron Man" were altered to read "Iran=Nam," and in an advertisement for Puma shoes, featuring Jamaican Olympian Usain Bolt, a headline advertising McDonald's reading "McDorse the world," was added.

There is debate as to whether or not the arrested 27-year-old from Brooklyn, Henry Matyjewicz, is actually Poster Boy. Many claim Poster Boy is in fact multiple artists, but that is not the important issue.

What America should be enraged about is the fact that there is a warrant out for Poster Boy at all.

New York City has a zero-tolerance policy for petty crime. Therefore, graffiti has been banned from subway trains.

Would-be graffiti artists have been reduced to a new

art, "scratchiti," which are etchings into windows and bodies of trains.

Poster Boy took the common tool of scratchiti artists, the razor blade, and ingeniously used it to produce creative political art.

The only good thing about his arrest is the attention given to this renegade hero.

Poster Boy is taking control of his environment, which is something to be admired in this era.

In an age of uncertainty and economic collapse, we should be questioning old standards.

Change will not happen unless we become an active society instead of a passive one.

Larry Lessig, a professor at Stanford Law School, stated we were in a "read-only" society in 2006. Three years later, we are still the same.

What we need to become is a "read/write" society, a society that enables people to shape their own environment.

We need to become less focused on copyright and authorship by realizing it is far more important to share our creativity.

By sharing, we can learn and become inspired, which will enhance our own creative efforts.

We will also be able to freely collaborate through reusing and remixing each other's materials.

We would have control, which we do not have now.

We are forced to only read whatever is thrust into our public space.

Legally we are not allowed to alter it.

Graffiti, for instance, is labeled as illegal because it is vandalism of property, but isn't public space the property of taxpayers?

Why should we be force-fed advertisements by corporations?

It is our space. We should be able to manipulate it to our liking.

Let's applaud Poster Boy for not being passive. An overwhelming need to arrest this man exists only because he did not sit idly by.

Do we really want to live in a society that is so opposed to active citizenship?

A Pendulum columnist, Anna Zavala, previously wrote about consumer ownership.

She felt the question was not about which is better, sole ownership or socialist sharing, but about which our society is moving toward.

"One system will never completely take over the other," she said.

What if one of the systems controls the entire society? Ownership is in the hands of a select few, the CEOs of media conglomerates.

Are we content to let them dictate our lives, or do we want to create our own?

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SHADES OF CHANGE



When you come back in Fall 2009, these are the things that WILL definitely be different.



Projects that may begin if Elon's board of trustees votes to approve them at its April 17 meeting.



VERY vague possibilities that may be constructed sometime FAR off in the future.

By Alyse Knorr
Senior Reporter

Photos by Angie Lovelace
Staff Photographer

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FIELD HOUSE

Neil Bromilow, director of construction management, said a design is in the drafting process for a new field house to be constructed on the north end of the football field in Rhodes Stadium under the scoreboard. If approved by the board of trustees, the field house would contain new offices, weight rooms and football locker rooms opening for the fall of 2010. The building would be similar in size to the Lindner building.

According to an E-Net posting about gifts made to the Ever Elon Campaign, Wade Williamson Jr., a class of 1970 alumnus, has made a \$50,000 gift to support the expansion of Koury Field House.



CONVOCATION CENTER

Perhaps the most ambitious facilities construction goal included in Elon's NewCentury@Elon strategic plan, which was implemented in 2000, is a 9,000- to 10,000-seat convocation center that, according to the strategic plan's Web site, would be used for convocations and campus-wide events, graduation, basketball and sports tournaments, large concerts, community events and an ice rink.

The plan outlines that the athletics offices and the dance program could be moved to this structure, which would share parking with Rhodes Stadium.

MCEWEN COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING EXPANSION

"The School of Communications has outgrown McEwen," Dean of the School of Communications Paul Parsons said.

Parsons said the school's long-term goal is to expand the McEwen Communications building, but that there are no plans to do so in the next couple of years. He said the school is pursuing design work for how McEwen could be expanded, with the possibilities including expanding the front or wrapping it around the building where the TV studios are currently located.

"We're just exploring possibilities, since funding does not exist for such a project at this time," Parsons said.

MULTI-FAITH CENTER

According to Bromilow, the Elon Community Church on the corner of Williamson and Haggard may partner with the university to construct a multi-faith center. The church congregation is in the process of reviewing, voting and deciding if they want to go through with the project.

PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL

Another project that could begin if the bo
struction of a pedestrian tunnel under the rail
rest of campus.

"The railroad pedestrian tunnel for South
Barney residence halls are," Bromilow said.

The tunnel would run under the railroad tra
to South Campus. Bromilow said Elon's cor
working with the railroad administration to de
and where responsibilities would fall.

"It's like negotiating between Democrats
milow said. "Everybody has a slightly differer

As of last week, Bromilow said, a legal a
concerning these issues.

"We're very close now to having the final
take bids and come back to us with how m
bids are presented, the trustees can vote on

Bromilow said the dates for the tunnel co
project is approved by the board of trustees,
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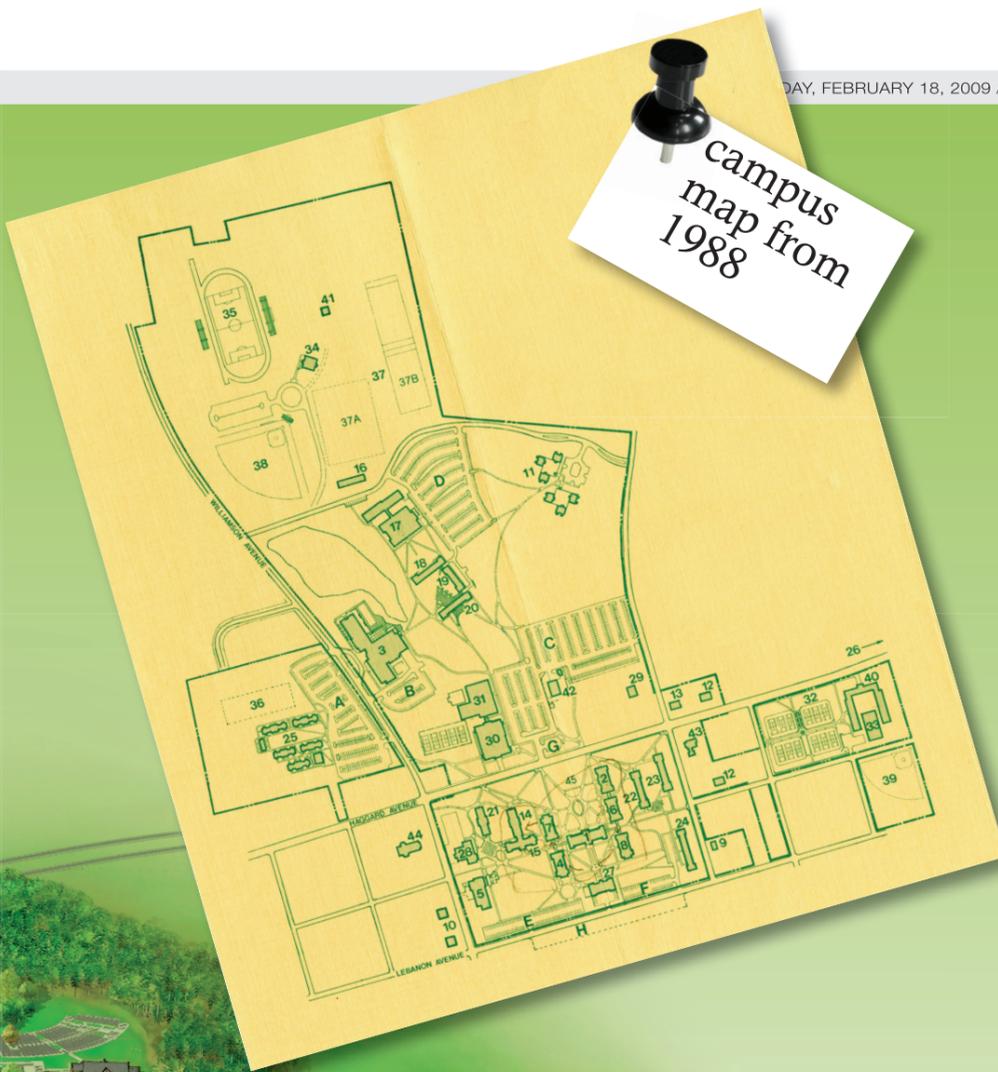
Find full story online, including the plan for Powell's second floor Interactive Media program and Knorr's personal perspective on the changes at Elon.

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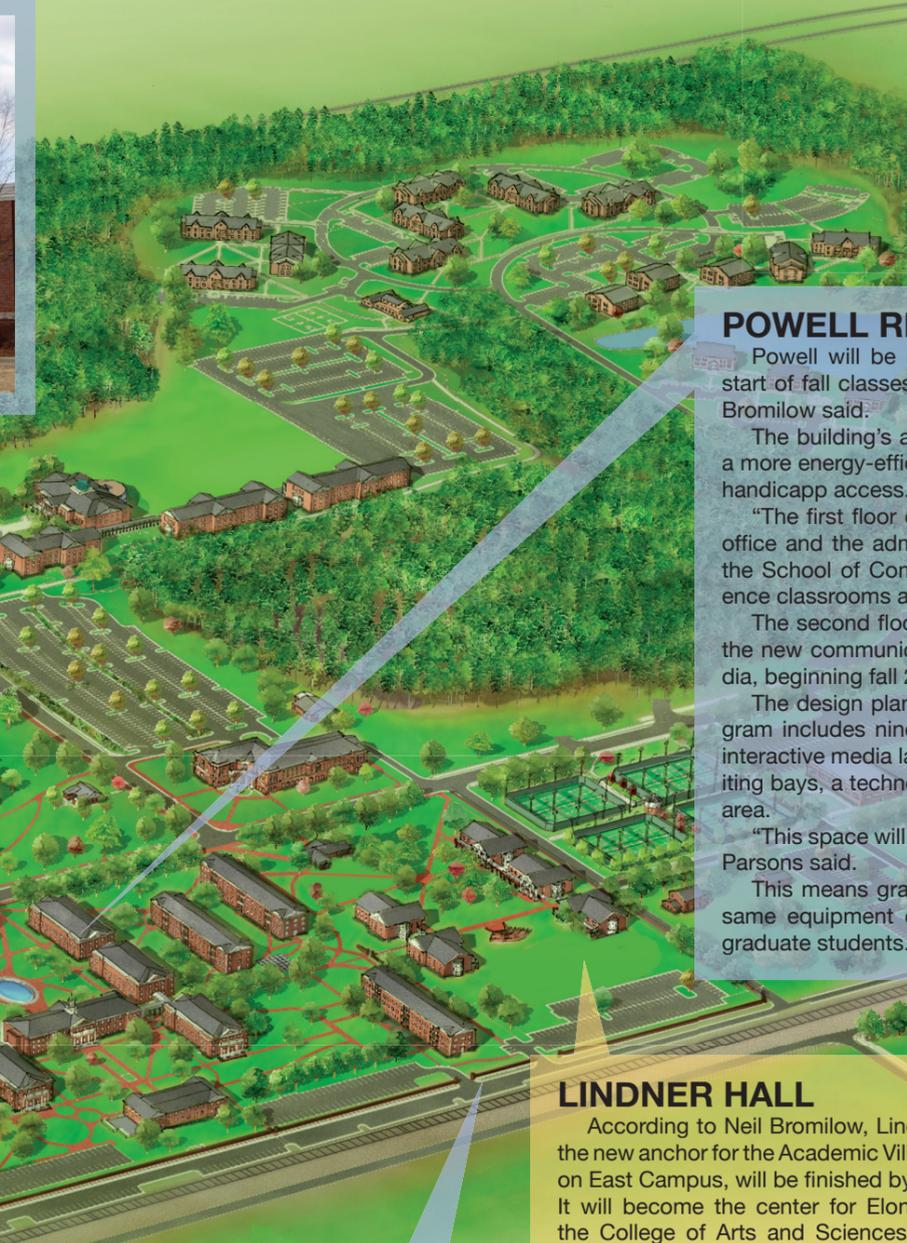
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you now know could be some changes, depending on the board of trustees votes this April. Construction plans span from the student house to the driving range campus, and only time will tell what it will look like in the months and weeks following the vote.



campus map from 1988



POWELL RENOVATION

Powell will be renovated this summer and reopen for the start of fall classes if the board of trustees approves the plan, Bromilow said.

The building's air conditioning system will be replaced with a more energy-efficient unit and an elevator will be installed for handicapp access.

"The first floor of Powell will continue to be the president's office and the admissions office," said Paul Parsons, dean of the School of Communications. "The third floor will have science classrooms and labs."

The second floor of the building will be renovated to house the new communications graduate program in Interactive Media, beginning fall 2009.

The design plan for the second floor Interactive Media program includes nine faculty offices, a high-tech classroom, an interactive media lab with Macintosh computers, four video editing bays, a technology storage room and a student commons area.

"This space will make the graduate program self-contained," Parsons said.

This means graduate students will not be using any of the same equipment or facilities currently designated for undergraduate students.

GOLF TRAINING BUILDING

A golf training facility will be constructed near the driving range. The one-story building, which will be about the size of a two-car garage when completed, will house golf equipment, including balls and high-tech swing monitors donated to Elon's golf program. Bromilow said the structure should be completed by next fall.

LINDNER HALL

According to Neil Bromilow, Lindner Hall, the new anchor for the Academic Village quad on East Campus, will be finished by next fall. It will become the center for Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, housing the departments of sociology, anthropology, geography and history.

The completion of the 30,000-square-foot building will mean moving around the offices and classrooms of several different departments.

"People are moving in and others are being rearranged," Bromilow said.

The geography department, for instance, will move from Powell to Lindner, and the Sociology House will become the new home for the environmental studies department. Some science professors will also move into Powell.

"It's impacting a large number of people on campus," Bromilow said.

Lindner Hall will also be Elon's "greenest" building, using photovoltaic solar power cells and low-flow plumbing. According to E-Net, much of the building's materials contain recycled materials and local products.



board of trustees votes to approve it is the construction of railroad tracks connecting South Campus to the East Campus. The tracks would be about where the Hook and the old tracks and incorporate ramps and steps leading to the new building. The construction management department has been working to determine how the tunnel would be constructed. "I've talked with Democrats and Republicans on the budget thing," Bromilow said. "I've got an opinion on how to do it." An agreement was made between the two entities. "I've got bits of paper in place so that the railroad could be built. I don't know how much it would cost," Bromilow said. "When the construction is finalized, but if the work would start this summer and could take

Style

Lions and tigers in Mebane, OH MY!

Conservators' Center provides a home for a unique array of animals

Dan Rickershauser
Multimedia Contributor

It's an unfamiliar sight in the forests of North Carolina. Through winding country roads, the Conservators' Center is nestled into a beautiful piece of farm land with a maze of cages full of the most interesting wildlife the world has to offer.

It's an unusual scene for the visitor, but for executive director of the Conservators' Center Mindy Stinner and CEO Douglas Evans, it's the best career anyone could ask for.

"I still wake up here every morning and want to be here," Stinner said.

A former English teacher, Stinner began volunteer work at another center and fell in love with the job. It wasn't long before Stinner and Evans started talking about opening their own center. In 1999, they incorporated the Conservators' Center and in 2001 they opened the center on the 45 acres where it still operates today.

In 2004, a zoo closed down in Ohio and their lions and tigers, already in failing health and living in deplorable conditions, were left without a home.

"The guy had 981 violations of the animal welfare act, was convicted of 950, and he didn't do a day in jail," Evans said.

Evans and Stinner couldn't turn down the offer.

Before they knew it, they were on their way to Ohio to rescue a total of eight lions and six tigers. Although one of the tigers had to be euthanized, the surprise of two pregnant female lions brought them 15 more cubs.

Today the center is home to a whole spectrum of unique animals. From lions and tigers to the lesser-known exotics like binturong, servals and the rare New Guinea singing dogs, the center is a refuge to a community of animals that have needed rescuing.

But perhaps just as amazing as the



BRYCE LITTLE | Staff Photographer

The Conservators' Center has one of the largest binturong populations outside of Southern Asia. Binturongs have long muscular prehensile

animals themselves is the hard work Evans, Stinner and other volunteers put into keeping the center operating. It is run entirely off of private donations and volunteer work.

Elon senior Evan Ross is one of a handful of students who recently started their internship working at the Conservators' Center. While Ross enjoys the time he puts in at the center, he admits the work is anything but glamorous.

"It's a lot of dirty work, chopping chickens, raw meat or cleaning lions' poop," Ross said. "I thought I wouldn't like it, but it's actually a very interesting experience."

While Ross has only been working at the center for a few weeks, he is already gaining a better understanding of how each animal is unique.

"Now that I've been there a while I'm starting to learn their personalities and which ones are nice," he said.

While the center does the occasional scheduled tour, and on rare occasions breeding to preserve certain species, its main focus is education. This includes children's groups that come in to people from all over the world who want to better understand different animals.

"We wanted to have an education focus because that's the only way we're going to help these animals in the wild," Evans said.



BRYCE LITTLE | Staff Photographer

Servals are some of the smallest cats at the Conservators' Center. They



BRYCE LITTLE | Staff Photographer

LEFT: A group of lions was brought to the Conservators' Center after allegations of mistreatment at another big cat facility in Ohio. Lions eat up to 25 pounds of meat a day. After a bill was proposed by an animal rights group that would have ultimately shut the Conservators' Center and other similar places down, the owners of the center are introducing a bill this year.

BELOW: One of the largest and



BRYCE LITTLE | Staff Photographer

New Guinea Singing Dogs are a sub-species of the Dingo and are called "singing dogs" because of their ability to use a wide range of yelps and howls.



BRYCE LITTLE | Staff Photographer

A chance for every child: Camp Carefree and Stride and Ride offer disabled children an opportunity for fun

Rebecca Smith
Reporter

Imagine the difference one person can make. Gloria Thompson, a human resources assistant at Elon, raised \$1,777 last year to send a child with muscular dystrophy to camp. This year, she is hoping to make an impact on lives again by sending two children to summer camp.

Camp Carefree is a one-week camp for chronically ill or disabled children, as well as children who have family members that are chronically ill or disabled. Each session is specific for campers with one disease or disability.

Campers can attend epilepsy week, cancer week, spina bifida week, kids week for campers with ill or disabled parents or Hemophilia/Turner Syndrome week. The camp offers most of the opportunities that any summer camp offers, but it also has a volunteer medical staff from many different medical organizations, including University of North Carolina hospitals.

Thompson organized a group of cheerleaders and football players to help her fundraise and participate in a celebratory event this March 14 called Stride and Ride at the Four Seasons Town Centre in Greensboro. Stride and Ride is a "victory lap" organized by the Muscular Dystrophy Association, a national voluntary health agency.

"The cheerleaders got involved in MDA to help support one of our friends, Josh

Want to help?

Tonight – Eat at Texas Roadhouse 4 p.m. – close.

This week – Donate to the table in Moseley, and get a chance to win free food from Chick-fil-A

Feb. 27 – Eat at Red Bowl Asian Bistro 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Cranfil, a former Elon Student," Elon senior cheerleader Erin Smith said. "He has MDA and is still at every one of our games helping us cheer on the football team as well as courtside to help cheer on the basketball team. Our part is to cheer on the participants as they either walk or as those with MDA ride in wheelchairs around the mall."

Muscular dystrophy patients get the chance to participate beside other passionate people hoping to find a cure for the disease. They ride their wheelchairs or scooters in time with the strides of other concerned citizens, and they are emotionally moved as they see a community come together to assist a fight close to their heart.

Children who are diagnosed with muscular dystrophy will gradually lose the ability to participate in activities that most children take for granted, including sitting up, walking and breathing easily. But the Stride and Ride event and the camp allow the children to feel as if they can accomplish anything.

"It just gives me a smile to



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Stride and Ride raises money and awareness for children with muscular dystrophy. The summer camp, hosted

see the kids enjoy themselves," Thompson said. "This camp is the only place they can go and be themselves."

One of the largest goals of Camp Carefree is to provide the experience for little to no charge because the campers' families often have large medical bills to pay. They are able to do this through the hard work of volunteers like Thompson and the Elon students.

"I was a camper there from the time I was nine until I was fourteen, and then I worked there for three summers," said

Hally Swartwood, a freshman at UNC Charlotte. "The great thing about it is that each week you bring kids together with the same challenges, and eventually they feel a sense of normality."

When these kids get to go to camp, they are able to feel like stars.

"The turnout of campers to counselor is really amazing. It really shows how much it affects the kids that come out there," Swartwood said. "When you return as a counselor, it's not only to help other kids but as a way to give back."

Thompson has visited the camp and watched the children light up as they participate in camp events including prom and graduation. She was already donating financial support for the MDA, but in the past two years she has become even more active in her attempt to help these children realize their potential.

"The children's smiles make me want to work even harder," Thompson said.

Pagano heads west

Laura Wainman
Senior Reporter

After six years of service to Elon, Monica Pagano, assistant dean of international programs, has packed her bags and headed to the west coast. Pagano accepted the position of director of study abroad at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, and last Friday, Feb. 13, passed as her last day at Elon.

Pagano came to Elon with many goals in mind of how she could add to the Elon study abroad programs, and she left feeling very accomplished.

"I chose Elon because it is a powerhouse in the study abroad arena," Pagano said. "I really felt a connection with the students when I came to Elon and the atmosphere was so positive."

According to Pagano, leaving Elon was a very difficult decision. Ultimately, she said, the position at Loyola was the best professional opportunity for her.

"I came intending to increase the semester affiliate and exchange programs available to Elon students, increase the public's awareness of everything Elon has accomplished regarding study abroad options and of course I wanted to have an all-time high of international students attending Elon through exchange programs, she said. "I believe that I helped to make all three of these goals a reality for Elon," she said.

Pagano said her specialty is truly in developing programs and Elon already has its study abroad program well underway and thriving.

"What I will miss most about Elon is the close connections I have made with so many of the students," she said. "Elon has its own unique culture, rapport and way of doing things. It has so much character and is very charming, just like a southerner."

Pagano believes being a foreigner herself has contributed to her success working with international programs.

"My diversity is a benefit to my work because I never have to sell my product. I am the product," she said.

Outside of the work she has done for Elon study abroad programs, Pagano has actively participated in numerous service projects offered at Elon. As the adviser of Alpha Phi Omega, Elon's co-ed service fraternity, Pagano worked closely with the members to organize various service projects enacted by the group, such as the ongoing service program between APO and the Hispanic community in the area.

She also served as the faculty adviser on three of the alternative spring break service trips to the



ANDREW DODD | Staff Photographer

Monica Pagano, assistant dean of international pro-

Dominican Republic.

"My favorite memories of Elon have without a doubt been the service projects I have worked on with students, in particular the alternative spring break trips to the Dominican Republic," Pagano said. "It is very hard to know that someone else will take my place there in March."

Pagano said it is important for faculty to stay connected with students because they need to know who they are. "These service trips absolutely gave me a mechanism to do just that, while at the same time helping to better our world," she said.

Pagano was also selected for membership to the Council on International Educational Exchange's Whole World Committee in 2004. She gave a presentation at the CIEE's world conference in Santa Fe, N.M., titled "How a Well Designed Service Learning Program Can Go Beyond the Missionary Statement."

A farewell reception was held for Pagano last week to thank her for her time and work at Elon.

"I would be bragging if I said I added to Elon," she said. "In reality, it was the students who added to me. They truly taught me so much more than I ever could have expected, and leaving is going to be extremely difficult," she said.

Penny-pinching patients

Students without health care find options at health center

Rachel Cieri
Features Editor

With more than 3 million Americans newly jobless, some students are now facing the prospect of losing health care coverage.

Director of Health Services Kitty Parrish said she does not have a "magic solution," but the health center might be able to relieve some of the financial strain.

What some students might not know is that visiting the health center instead of a standard medical practice could actually save them quite a bit of money. The Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce estimates the average doctor visit in the Southeast costs more than \$80, but all visits to the R.N. Ellington Health and Counseling Center are free to students.

Medications do carry a charge, but through the health center it's only a nominal fee, meaning students are only charged a small amount more than the health center paid for it. Patients can also request to be prescribed the least expensive medication possible, typically a generic version rather than a brand name.

"It's something we do for all students. If the prescription is \$4 at Walmart, we'll let you know," Parrish said.

But there are strings attached.

All Elon students are required to have some form of health insurance. For students whose parents have lost their jobs, there are a couple of options. Elon offers an "Injury and Sickness Plan" through BCS Insurance Company and students can apply for a public plan through their state of residence.

If a student loses his or her insurance and has not yet found a replacement policy, the student can put any charges on his or her student account to deflect the expenses temporarily. What the health center cannot offer, though, is a pool of money to pay for patient expenses.

Students could also check to see if they qualify for care at Open Door Clinic, Alamance County's free clinic in Burlington. To qualify for coverage, patients must be both employed, uninsured and North Carolina residents. The clinic is open Tuesdays and Thursdays with limited hours, making it more of a last resort than a place to be treated regularly.

"I don't have a magic answer because I don't think there is one right now," Parrish said. "But we'll never turn you away."

Housing Selection 2009

Phase I

Find your roommates: Depending on the type of housing, squatting requires a minimum number of roommates. Check the Residence Life Web site for more information.

Apply: Log onto OnTrack and enter your group's Datatel numbers.

Rising juniors and seniors: Upperclassmen are guaranteed housing if they squat, but only a limited number will be given housing.

Dates to remember: Apply between 8 a.m. Feb. 26 and 5 p.m. Feb. 27.

Phase II

Find your roommates: Housing applications require a minimum in a group, ranging from one to eight depending on location.

Get your priority number: Log onto OnTrack after Feb. 16 to determine the time you will be able to select housing. The person in your group with the highest number should be log in to select your housing.

Apply: Select a building from the list of available housing, and a specific room will be posted at the end of the application period.

What's Changed:

Oak House is no longer an option.

Danieley A-F apartments will be furnished.

Some Danieley buildings will become freshmen-only housing.

Pay your reservation fee: A \$200 deposit must be paid to the bursar's office before students can complete housing applications. Make sure to allow 48 hours for the fee to be processed. Students renewing leases in Elon-owned apartments are the only ones exempt from this fee.

The Road to Housing

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On the weekends, the airport serves primarily private pilots with their own planes. Bur-

Learning to fly Burlington Alamance Airport gives locals airborne hobby

Lindsay Fendt
Reporter

Few students get off campus and into the Burlington community that surrounds it, leading many people to refer to university life as living in the "Elon Bubble." But Burlington has more to offer than Target, Wal-Mart and Cookout. For this reason, it comes as no surprise that few students know about the Burlington Alamance Airport situated a mere 15 minutes from campus.

The airport was created in the 1930s when a group of businessmen began flying their planes out on business trips. Now the airport has grown to include a flight school and a number of small businesses.

"We're a small airport," said Dan Danieley, the executive director of the airport. "But there are a lot of things going on behind the scenes that people don't know about."

Among these is the \$27 million jet engine plant built by Honda in 2007, making Burlington the Honda Jet Engine world headquarters. Engine production is set to begin in 2010 and will create up to 140 jobs.

Aside from the factory, the airport is primarily used by private companies, but it also gets business from private

pilots and the occasional VIP.

Elon senior Melissa Sienko works for Sky South Aviation, a company that sells aviation products and services to pilots.

"A lot of parents actually fly their kids in and out through here," she said. "Sarah Palin came through here when she came to Elon."

Another feature of the airport is the flight school, Burlington Aviation. For around \$8,500, Burlington Aviation will train any qualified person to fly.

They give lessons whenever it is convenient for the student and also rent aircrafts. The school is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, meaning there are shorter time requirements to learn to fly.

"Usually the second time a student is here, they're airborne," said Burnice Hilliard, the flight school manager.

Although the school does train the occasional military officer, the majority of people training at the flight school are just regular civilians want to learn to fly.

It takes 41 to 55 hours of training to obtain a pilot's certificate. According to Burlington Aviation, this training can be done in as little as a month, but more realistically in three to four months.

For more information, contact Burlington Aviation at (336) 227-127 or www.burlingtonaviation.com.

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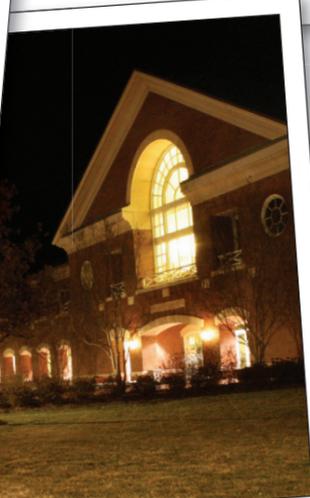
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Ethan ups Lighthouse's cool factor



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Local band Cool Ethan adds to Friday night's four-band lineup

Bonnie Efrid
Reporter

This Friday, Lighthouse will host a four-band bill of Left on Kate, Nugget, Topsy Bacchanals and Cool Ethan. Tickets will be sold for \$5. The fourth band in the lineup, Cool Ethan, is a local band currently gaining recognition in the larger music scene.

Based in Chapel Hill, Cool Ethan is made up of five musicians with a hunger to share their stories through their energetic pop-rock music.

Three of Cool Ethan's band members came together during their time at Pennsylvania State University. Guitarist and chief songwriter Sean Spollen, lead singer Bart Hipp and drummer Jim Logrando started their music career together as a cover band.

"Up there, that was the only kind of scene there was," Logrando said. "You couldn't really make it up there as an original band. But I think times have changed."

Cool Ethan has experienced a lot of change itself. Spollen recently returned to the band in October 2008 after being diagnosed with tinnitus, where one hears sound without it being made, and hearing loss in his left ear in 2007,

which led him to take a break from the group. Around this time, Cool Ethan's original bass player also left to focus on another project.

After a few transitional members came and went and Spollen returned, the group found balance. In addition to Spollen, Hipp and Logrando, Cool Ethan includes lead guitarist Although the current group has only been together for a little more than a year, it has been able to put together a complete album. The group's debut, "Songs For Your Self Esteem," was released Jan. 9.

During its short time together, the group has also relocated from Pennsylvania to Chapel Hill.

"We came down here in search of a cooler music scene and better economic ventures," Logrando said.

Cool Ethan is looking to expand from touring only in North Carolina to touring throughout the Southeast. The band seems to collectively agree that it would like to take on "band stuff" full time.

"We would like to rock for a living," Lowe said.

The band members have big goals in mind. Not only do they want to make it big, but they want their music to mean something to people.

"We're all together for a reason," Logrando said. "It's really cool to go out there and play music that we create for people and to get a reaction."

In addition to audiences' reactions, fellow musicians inspire Cool Ethan to continue to make quality music

and push the boundaries of pop-rock music.

"I think what inspires me is all the music that has come before us," Hipp said. "I want to create something that, years down the line, someone is going to be like 'Remember that song by that band?'"

Cool Ethan utilizes catchy lyrics and melodies to help them create music that will be remembered.

"When people say to you 'I can't get that song out of my head,' you're like, 'That worked!'" Drake said.

Keeping its music original is also important to the group. Being inspired and learning from other groups is helpful when creating their music, but ultimately, their works have to be all their own.

"We strive to include elements of songs from bands we like, but not parrot them and not become a clone," Logrando said.

Cool Ethan recently gained considerable recognition when its hit "Homecoming Game" was featured as MP3 of the week on walmart.com, amazon.com and itunes.com.

WANT TO GO?

When: 8 p.m. Friday

Where: Lighthouse

Cost: \$5

FEBRUARY/MARCH CONCERT CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		18 Son Volt @ Lincoln Theatre Escape the Fate @ Amos' Southend	19 Victoria Fischer Fall Faculty Recital @ Whitley Auditorium	20 Fujiya & Miyagi; Project Jenny, Project Jan @ Cat's Cradle Greensboro Blues	21 Elon University Jazz Festival Concert @ McCrary Theatre North Carolina	22 William Yelverton @ Yeager Recital Hall Dave Barnes and
23	24 Hinder @ Amos' Southend	25 ...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead; Funeral Party; Red Collar; Midnight Masses @ Cat's Cradle	26 Pico vs. Island Trees @ Cat's Cradle	27 Harvey Milk; Black Skies @ Local 506	28 The Breakfast Club @ Amos' Southend	1 Thriving Ivory @ Local 506 Ben Kweller; The Watson Twins @ Cat's Cradle
2 Tapes 'n Tapes; Wild Light @ Cat's Cradle	3	4 Black Lips; Gentlemen Jesse @ Cat's Cradle	5 The Music Tapes; Nana Grizol; Supercluster @ Cat's Cradle	6 Neil Diamond All-Stars; Dave Spencer Band @ Cat's Cradle	7 The Wailers @ Carolina Theatre Anathallo @ Cat's Cradle	8 Richard Thompson @ The Artscenter
9 Richard Thompson @ The Artscenter	10 Lydia; Black Gold; All Get Out @ Local 506	11 Kathleen Edwards; Clare Burson @ The Artscenter Modest Mouse; Mimicking Bird @ Disco Rodeo	12 Vetiver @ Cat's Cradle	13 The Airborne Toxic Event; Alberta Cross; The Henry Clay People @ Local 506	14 Newsboys @ Greensboro Coliseum Arena	15
16	17	18	19 A.C. Newman; The Broken West @ Cat's Cradle	20 Rayen Belchere @ Amos' Southend	21	22 The Ting Tings @ Cat's Cradle

Q&A:

Calhoun discusses original screenplay

Amanda Kennison
A&E Editor

Students aren't the only talented individuals walking around Elon's campus. Many Elon faculty members deserve recognition for their own achievements. One such member is Assistant Professor of Communications Ken Calhoun.

Recently, Calhoun received a Broadcast Education

Association Award for Excellence for his screenplay, "Dizzy." The screenplay was adapted from a short story Calhoun wrote, "Noise Gate."



Ken Calhoun

Assistant Professor of

"Dizzy" tells the story of its namesake, a former drug dealer. Challenged by a pawnshop owner to

repossess a number of instruments in order to save his own guitar, Dizzy comes across a prodigal trumpet player. Moved by the young boy's skill and troubled situation, Dizzy must find a way to switch out the boy's trumpet so he can win back his own instrument without taking away the young boy's prized possession.

Below, Calhoun discusses the creation of "Dizzy" and how his past experiences affect his current and future work.

What did you do before coming to Elon?

I have held three long-term jobs, starting my career as a trivia writer when I was an undergrad in San Diego. Most of the shows we produced were live, play-along sports games or trivia. At first I was paid a mere \$3.50 a question. This wasn't bad when, on a good day, I could crank out six or so questions an hour. I created a few shows. One was called Abused News and it was like the Daily Show, except with trivia questions.

I ended up climbing the ladder there, eventually becoming creative director. After that, I was recruited by Jewel's [the singer] organization to be a member of its creative team. I worked on the project, which eventually became Soul City Café. I also designed her first Flash Web site, edited books and shot video in Tanzania, Mexico, India and Bangladesh. It was a great gig.

After that, I moved to North Carolina. I was hired as creative director at Center Line, an interactive agency in Raleigh. I managed a team of talented writers, directors, editors, animators and designers, producing video, animations, events and microsites for Fortune 500 clients.

How have your past experiences influenced both your film work and teaching?

I do not consider myself a filmmaker and, other than an editing class I taught last spring, I do not teach cinema. What informs my teaching is my writing and design skills. For many students, the hardest part about producing media is having a good story to tell, then telling it well. I try to emphasize that as much as possible. My insights into three industries allow me to shape lessons that I believe are relevant to the workplace. I try to convey that, ultimately, it's not about the technology or the tools. It's about ideas, strong communication skills and an ability to be creative on demand.

Why did you want to tell Dizzy's story?

What I love about the story is the music aspect. In stories, music can do funny things, like bring people together or non-verbally communicate strong emotions. In written form, this is hard to convey and exploit. But in film, or even a purely audio format, you can use the music to reach deep inside the audience and stir them up. I also like the idea of someone who suspects that his moment has perhaps passed him by, but he can help someone coming up do what he couldn't. And, in doing that, he has forged a new moment for himself.

How did you feel upon hearing the news that you received the BEA award?

I got an e-mail from the person running the screenplay contest for BEA. I was pleased to be recognized. I have won a few contests before, and the feeling of winning never gets old.

Do you have any future projects in the works?

I have several future projects in the works. I want to shoot a story that I believe can be an interactive film. The story will appear in the next issue of Quick Fiction magazine. Of course I want to shoot "Dizzy." A friend and I have been talking about shooting it for a year now. He owns a production company and one of those new Red cameras. I'm also working on a documentary about my daughter's strange activities on Second Life. I want to make an interactive documentary about a literary tour in St. Petersburg called the "Dostoyevsky Walk." Finally, I'm hoping to collaborate with Elon's Coordinator of Video Projects J. McMerty on a short documentary about a tuba dealership in Durham. It's a music store, but they only sell tubas. Intriguing, right?

Lupe Fiasco, Girl Talk headline SUB's spring concert

Amanda Kennison
A&E Editor

Last Wednesday the Student Union Board announced the performers for Elon's annual spring concert. On May 1, Alumni Gym will serve as the stage for artists Lupe Fiasco and Girl Talk. This year's show, featuring artists of the urban music genre, is certainly a change from the past few years' shows of rock and alternative artists.

"We decided to go urban this year, because it's something we've never done before," said Billy Koehn, chair of SUB's music committee. "I like trying new things and whatever the people want it's my job to get it. I think urban and rap transcends different lines. You have people from all different cultures, backgrounds and ethnicities that will enjoy it."

Initially, the committee wasn't able to book Lupe Fiasco because of a conflict in his recording schedule. Girl Talk was another student body favorite that the committee was able to book with relatively little difficulty. Then, as the search for another act went on, Lupe Fiasco became available. A few rounds of price negotiations later, this year's musical talent was finally booked.

A native of Chicago's West Side, Lupe Fiasco broke into the mainstream rap/hip-hop scene in 2004 after signing with Atlantic Records. His first album was executive produced by Jay-Z and garnered three Grammy nominations.

Described on his Web site as "anything but average," Fiasco has managed to escape the new trend of "negative messages" in many rap songs, instead gravitating toward "dazzling lyricism."

Fiasco recently released his second album, "The Cool." According to his Web site, the album is a "conceptual tour-de-force," combining character-driven tracks and commentary on the artist's newfound fame. And, of course, it wouldn't be Fiasco without upbeat

TICKET INFORMATION

Students: \$20
Public: \$25
At the Door: \$27

Tickets can be purchased online now or in Moseley starting March 3. They will be sold every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until April 30.

sounds and powerful rhythms.

In accordance with his first effort, Fiasco's sophomore release received a nomination in the Best Album category at the 2009 Grammys.

Co-headlining with Fiasco at this year's spring concert is the equally unique Girl Talk.

"Girl Talk is an interesting one," Koehn said. "He's not really a DJ. He's more than that. He takes songs and mashes songs together, but doesn't do it in a way that's complete chaos. He uses all the tones and melodies, and blends them all together so they flow really well."

Specializing in mashup remixes, Girl Talk mixes cuts of popular songs to create entirely new tracks. Although The New York Times has described his music style as "a lawsuit waiting to happen," Girl Talk has exploded onto the music scene since beginning his career in 2001.

His newest release, "Feed the Animals," was included on Rolling Stone's "Top 50 Albums of 2008."

"Girl Talk is a great opener because he's a fun act and sells out consistently," SUBLive co-chair senior Anna Davis said. "And Lupe Fiasco is coming with a full band. Basically, the idea is that this is going to be a big dance party. Even for students who don't know all the songs, they are going to enjoy the high energy."

With musical talent costing around \$75,000, there are high expectations for



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Student Union Board selected hip-hop star Lupe Fiasco (left) and mashup artist Girl Talk (right) for its May 1 spring show because it wanted to go a different route from its rock and alternative concerts of past years.

the concert. Of course, with Grammy-nominated and critically-acclaimed artists, those expectations shouldn't be too difficult to meet, Davis said.

Now that the performers have been decided upon, there's still a lot of work ahead for the music committee. Its main concern now is spreading the word about the show. With the help of SUB's PR committee, a promotional campaign for the concert is in the works.

"A lot that we focus on in order to spread the word is just creating buzz about the event," said junior Carolyn Baumgarten, executive chair of SUB's PR committee. "By starting ticket sales

online, the first 200 students who purchase tickets online have a chance to dance onstage with Girl Talk, which is definitely unique about this show compared to past shows. We are using the plasma screens in Moseley, we'll have media boards made, advertise on E-net and in The Pendulum. We are also talking to local radio stations that can do on-air advertising for us in exchange for free tickets."

Students are urged to order tickets online or purchase them early in Moseley. Many tickets have already been sold, and with a 3,000 person limit, it is expected to be a crowded performance.

THEATER REVIEW

★★★★★

'Nine' captures audience emotion and imagination

Mary Nease
Reviewer



BRYCE LITTLE | Staff Photographer
Quality of performance within "Nine" caused viewers to both laugh and cry.

performance moving some audience members to tears.

Not to be neglected, the women playing Contini's various mistresses were amazing. After all, who could forget Chelsea Clark, the senior music theatre major who portrayed Carla Albanese, and her infamous number with the phone? Such calls should not be coming from the Vatican. Sophomore music theatre major Emily Laudeman played Claudia Nardi and delivered a tear-jerking performance.

Senior music theatre major Ashlea Potts played Contini's stubborn producer, Liliane LeFleur. Her lethal threats and unexpected enjoyment of love-filled musicals proved absurd in the best sort of way. In fact, that is perhaps the best way to describe the entire show — absurd in the best sort of way.

While some parts of "Nine" left the audience confused, that did not disturb the overall enjoyment of the show. And although Contini is exactly the sort of womanizing "hero" that feminists loathe, this musical shows us how far society has come from the world of the 1960s, the world that is portrayed in "Nine."

Whether audience members laughed or cried, this show should be remembered. Better than some of the professional shows this reviewer has seen, "Nine" serves as a reminder of what a privilege it is to attend Elon, where students can see such quality shows for free.

This past week, Elon's musical theatre department stunned audiences once again with its performance of "Nine," directed by Lynne Formato. Unlike many of the shows that Elon has performed in the past, such as "Sweeney Todd" and "The Phantom of the Opera," "Nine" is not widely known. "Nine" is a musical that is equal parts comedy and drama, detailing the exploits of Italian filmmaker Guido Contini (played by senior music theatre major Matt Keffer). It's based on real-life Italian filmmaker Federico Fellini, who made semi-autobiographical films in the 1960s and 1970s.

In the musical, Contini's personal life and his creative one have become so irreversibly entangled that as one falls apart, so does the other. In a last-ditch attempt to solve his marital issues and escape the hounding of his producer, Contini and his wife Luisa (played by sophomore Barrett Weed) go to a spa in Venice. But instead of solving their problems, the trip escalates them.

Elon's musical theatre department has a reputation for spectacular performances, and "Nine" did not disappoint. Keffer's portrayal of Contini was brilliant, capturing both the genius and the shortcomings of the main character. Opposite him, Weed was an incredible Luisa, her

Elon jazz festival continues to thrive

Chris King
Senior Reporter

On Feb. 21-22, Elon University will play host to more than half a dozen middle and high school bands from across the state, as well as two highly respected jazz musicians. This year marks the campus' 12th annual jazz festival.

"A lot of different kinds of things are combining for our festival," said Jon Metzger, associate director of music and Elon Jazz Ensemble conductor.

Professional musicians attending the festival include Mark Clodfelter, a professor of trumpet at the University of Kentucky, and Skip Gailes, a saxophonist who is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music.

Gailes also co-founded Virginia Commonwealth University's jazz program. These guests will come not only to play at the festival's closing concert but to run clinics for both Elon music students and visiting students.

"[The visiting bands] will be playing for our guest artists," Metzger said. "When they play, they're playing for a rating. The clinicians will be using judging sheets."

Friday will be entirely dedicated to the visiting bands as they each perform three selections. Afterward, the special guests will come onstage to help out the younger bands. At 1 p.m. there will be a clinic run by

Elon's own Technical Director for Cultural and Special Programs Rick Earl, who will show the students how they sound with and without sound reinforcement.

The next day will be dedicated to Elon students. Clinicians will hold master classes for university students before the members of the Jazz Ensemble and the guests get together for a big band rehearsal.

The culmination of the rehearsal is a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, where the Elon Jazz Ensemble will play, accompanied by Clodfelter and Gailes.

After 12 years of arranging Elon's jazz festival, Metzger said he feels this is one of the best festivals he has helped put together. He believes it is important for students to have programs like this in place.

"I remember how much it meant to me when I was a student to be able to rub elbows and spend time with the pros," Metzger said. "I wanted that for my students. [The festival] is also a great recruiting tool for Elon."

Metzger has high hopes for what he can do with the festival, as well as what students can take away from the experience.

"We hope that all players emerge with something from these activities that makes them a better player," Metzger said. "Also, we hope that they emerge

from these activities with an appreciation for the art form. These are all for the education. Becoming better players, becoming better performers, becoming better jazz teachers."

And the students do appreciate what the festival offers them. They get to be both teachers and students, learning from professionals and offering their own advice to younger players.

"Well, this will be my fourth festival," senior Colin Harden said. "They're always a humbling and inspiring time where you get to play side-by-side with professionals and learn from their example. At the same time we get to provide inspiration for the kids that come to play here at Elon. It's a really great experience."

Most important for Metzger is that festivals like this continue to thrive. As he sees it, they are important for today's youth, especially for looking forward in today's economy.

"Our festival is a celebration of music," Metzger said. "That's sort of the umbrella for all of this. I saw that we needed community outreach, and it's all about education. We're going to be together as a band, and as musicians this is what we need to happen with the arts. Even with budget cuts and what have you, the music continues and it is going to continue."

Oscars 2009: Year of the underdog

'Slumdog Millionaire' likely to take top awards, some films have already been snubbed

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

When the Oscar nominations were announced in January, there were plenty of snubs, surprises and sure things. When the 81st annual Academy Awards airs at 8 p.m. Sunday on ABC, the list of winners should follow suit. Here is a look at the likely winners, possible slights and those who should have been nominated to begin with.

Best Picture

This is one of the few categories in which the winner is almost a sure thing. It was unlikely for "The Reader" to even be nominated, and while "Frost/Nixon" has been nominated consistently throughout awards season, it hasn't garnered any wins. The visually stunning "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" and the politically topical "Milk" could be contenders. But the poignant and emotionally powerful "Slumdog Millionaire" has swept every other major awards race so far and probably won't stop now.

Will win: "Slumdog Millionaire"
Should win: "Slumdog Millionaire"
Should have been nominated: "The Dark Knight"

Best Actor

Veteran character actor Richard Jenkins finally got the chance to shine with his subtle performance in "The Visitor," Brad Pitt did a solid job breathing life into "Benjamin Button" and Frank Langella did a remarkable job balancing Richard Nixon's humanity and corruptness in "Frost/Nixon."

But this race is really between Sean Penn and Mickey Rourke. Rourke tugged at audiences' heartstrings and showed real versatility with his comeback role in "The Wrestler" while Penn's incredible portrayal of Harvey Milk, California's first openly gay politician, has picked up steam following his SAG Award win. Many critics cite its relevance in light of the Proposition 8 controversy.

Will win: Sean Penn, "Milk"
Should win: Sean Penn, "Milk"
Should have been nominated: Leonardo DiCaprio, "Revolutionary Road"

Best Actress

Angelina Jolie and Melissa Leo will likely not take home an award for their roles in "Changeling" and "Frozen River," respectively, but the other three lead actresses are all contenders.

Academy favorite Meryl Streep gives another strong and intense performance in "Doubt," and Anne Hathaway proves she's left behind her "Princess Diaries" days with her gritty portrayal of a recovering alcoholic in "Rachel Getting Married." But Kate Winslet has taken home trophy after trophy for her role in "The Reader" and a switch to the lead category from the supporting category shouldn't stop her this time.

Will win: Kate Winslet, "The Reader"
Should win: Anne Hathaway, "Rachel Getting Married"
Should have been nominated: Cate Blanchett, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"

Best Supporting Actor

This category should be a lock. Michael Shannon stands out in his few scenes as a mentally ill mathematician in "Revolutionary Road." Robert Downey Jr. proves his comedic genius playing an Australian playing a black man in "Tropic Thunder." Philip Seymour Hoffman gives another brilliant performance as a priest accused of molestation in "Doubt." Josh Brolin tackles the role of Harvey Milk's assassin with ease.

But this year, no one can compare to the sheer magnitude of Heath Ledger's Joker in "The Dark Knight." Ledger has dominated this category at other awards thanks to his ability to immerse himself in this psychopathic and darkly comic character. On Sunday, he should become the second actor in history (after "Network's" Peter Finch) to win an Oscar posthumously.

Will win: Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"
Should win: Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"
Should have been nominated: Dev Patel, "Slumdog Millionaire"

Best Supporting Actress

This race is the hardest to call. Amy Adams and Viola Davis are both amazing in "Doubt," but will likely split the vote since they are nominated for the same film. Taraji P. Henson is remarkable as the surrogate mother in "Benjamin Button," but has failed

to pick up steam at other major awards.

This category will likely come down to "Vicky Cristina Barcelona's" Penelope Cruz and "The Wrestler's" Marisa Tomei. Both have swept the critics' awards. They lost to Kate Winslet at the Golden Globes and the SAG Awards, but their move to the lead category clears the path for one of them here. If the Academy does in fact award Sean Penn over Mickey Rourke, it may choose to acknowledge "The Wrestler" by voting for Tomei.

Will win: Marisa Tomei, "The Wrestler"
Should win: Taraji P. Henson, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"
Should have been nominated: Rosemarie DeWitt, "Rachel Getting Married"

Best Director

"Milk's" Gus Van Sant and "Frost/Nixon's" Ron Howard both did solid work this year, but they don't stand out enough from their competition. Unless "The Reader's" Stephen Daldry pulls an upset as surprising as his nomination, he'll likely go home empty-handed as well.

David Fincher's fantastical world of "Benjamin Button" is certainly worthy of recognition. But Danny Boyle's ability to combine tragedy, hope, raw emotion and visual appeal, paired with his Director's Guild win, should ensure the man behind "Slumdog Millionaire" a prize.

Will win: Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire"
Should win: Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire"
Should have been nominated: Christopher Nolan, "The Dark Knight"

Best Original Screenplay

"Frozen River," "In Bruges" and particularly "Happy Go Lucky" could potentially pull upsets, but the race is likely between "Milk's" Dustin Lance Black and "WALL-E's" Andrew Stanton, Pete Docter and Jim Reardon.

The "WALL-E" team's futuristic story combined with a silent movie style played out brilliantly onscreen. While it would be nice to see the film get some recognition in a major category, the Academy will likely go with Black's inspiring "Milk" script, especially given its relevance amid the Proposition 8 controversy.

Will win: Dustin Lance Black, "Milk"
Should win: Andrew Stanton, Pete Docter and Jim Reardon, "WALL-E"
Should have been nominated: Ben Stiller, Justin Theroux and Etan Cohen, "Tropic Thunder"



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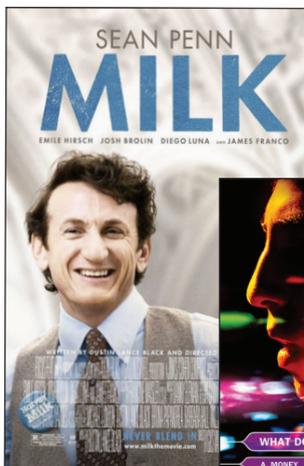


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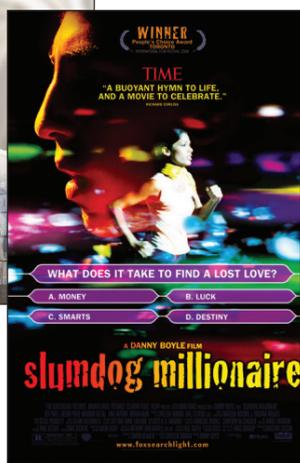


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Kate Winslet will likely take home an Oscar for her performance in "The Reader."



Elon football announces 2009 schedule

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

The Elon athletic department announced the Phoenix football schedule for the 2009 season Monday morning. The team has 11 games on the schedule — five at home and six on the road.

The team opens up the season with three games against nonconference opponents, Davidson, Presbyterian and Wake Forest.

"Playing Wake Forest is an exciting opportunity for not only the football program, but for the entire university," head coach Pete Lembo said. "The game will receive tremendous attention, regionally and nationally, because Wake Forest is in the ACC."

Last season Wake Forest finished with an 8-5 record. The team tied for third in the ACC Atlantic Division and

was a Football Bowl Series team.

"That is an important piece of out-of-conference scheduling, to play opponents students can connect with outside of athletics," Lembo said. "It can add to the sense of pride and excitement about the football program."

The team begins conference play on Sept. 26 against Georgia Southern in a family weekend matchup. Last season, Georgia Southern finished with a 6-5 record and tied for fourth in the Southern Conference. Elon defeated Georgia Southern 22-20.

The team then travels to Furman to face the Paladins before returning home Oct. 10 to face The Citadel.

Elon has an open date with no games scheduled before playing against University of Tennessee-Chattanooga on Oct. 24 for Homecoming Weekend.

The team then hits the road against Wofford. Last season, Wofford finished

second in the Southern Conference and defeated Elon by a score of 55-20.

Elon's last home game of the season is against the four-time defending Southern Conference champion, Appalachian State, on Nov. 14. The Phoenix lost to them on the road last season 24-16.

The team finishes up the regular season on the road against Samford, who it defeated 23-17 in the 2008 season.

Last season Elon finished with an 8-4 record and ranked No. 17 overall in the Football Championship Series. The team defeated three top-25 FCS ranked opponents and finished with a 6-2 record in the Southern Conference. The team earned sole possession of third place in the conference only behind Appalachian State and Wofford.

This year marks the seventh season Elon has been in the Southern Conference and the 11th season in Division I football.

As planning of the 2009 season is underway, the team looks past last season and is



During the 2008 season, Elon stormed onto the national spotlight. The 2009 schedule is highlighted with a match up against ACC power-house Wake Forest.

2009 football schedule

SEPT. 5

Davidson (4-7, 7th PFL)

SEPT. 12

at Presbyterian (4-8)

SEPT. 19

at Wake Forest (8-5, T-3rd ACC Atlantic)

SEPT. 26: FAMILY WEEKEND

Georgia Southern* (6-5, T-4th SoCon)

OCT. 3

at Furman* (7-5, T-4th SoCon)

OCT. 10

The Citadel* (4-8, 7th SoCon)

OCT. 17

Open Date

OCT. 24: HOMECOMING

Chattanooga* (1-11, 9th SoCon)

OCT. 31

at Wofford* (9-3, 2nd SoCon)

NOV. 7

at Western Carolina* (3-9, 8th SoCon)

NOV. 14

Appalachian State* (11-3, 1st SoCon)

NOV. 21

at Samford* (6-5, T-4th SoCon)

Athletic success yields need for enhanced facilities

Michelle Longo

Online Programs Director

As the years have progressed, there is no doubt Elon athletics has taken a step toward the future. First, it was the move to Division I in the Big South Conference. Then the Phoenix joined the ranks of the elite Southern Conference.

While being a member of the SoCon has its perks, it also provides Elon with enhanced competition -- in athletics, academics and facilities.

"To be honest, we are at the bottom of the conference right now when it comes to facilities, besides the stadium," head football coach Pete Lembo said. "Most of the facilities were built during the NAIA or Division II era at Elon so they are not up to DI standards or expectations."

The athletic department has committed to enhancing these facilities with the start of construction on a new field house behind Rhodes Stadium and a new golf training facility.

The football field house will overlook Rhodes Stadium, sitting directly behind the scoreboard on the north end of the field. The three-story, 30,000 square-foot building will be equipped with a large weight room, meeting rooms, improved locker space and offices for coaches and support staff.

"The real challenge now is that everything is in different places," Lembo said. "That leads to an inefficient set-up."

Lembo said the new facilities will aid in the recruitment process, especially as Elon garners more success and more national headlines and recognition. He likened it to 'recruiting' students in different academic departments. Just as future communication majors want to see McEwen and future doctors want to see McMichael, future athletes can't wait to see where they will be spending a lot of their time.

"[The players] want to see not only where they will be playing on six Saturdays in the fall, but where they will be working and learning everyday," Lembo said. "Being able to showcase the new facilities to potential recruits shows Elon believes it is important to be competitive in the SoCon."



Athletic administration hopes to match team success with athletic supplemental facilities for golf training and field house.

FILE PHOTO

The fieldhouse is made possible in part by a \$1 million donation by Jay and Amy Hendrickson in name of former Elon great head coach, Horace Hendrickson. Alumnus Zac Walker and Dot Walker also donated \$500,000. Zac is a member of Elon's Sports Hall of Fame and his uncle, D.C. "Peahead" Walker is another all-time great coach.

On the opposite side of campus, a new golf training center is in the midst of construction. The facility will include an indoor practice area with hitting bays and a swing analysis center, as well as a putting area and players' lounge.

Outside the facility will be an area where players can work on their short game, including two new putting greens in addition to what is there already. "[The facility] will give us the chance to take it to the next level," head men's golf coach Bill Morningstar said. "We can have as good a facility as anyone."

A \$250,000 donation by former Elon golf player and 1986 alumnus Cecil Worsley III is the main funding behind the new South Campus structure.

"I saw the need for a superior training center that has state-of-the-art equipment that can help the men's and women's golf teams and help Elon recruit," Worsley said in a press release. "We have a good golf program, but we're going to be left behind if we don't have a training facility."

Worsley said his gift's intention was to honor his former coach and current head coach, Morningstar and his former Elon teammate Chris Dockrill, who is now head women's golf coach.

"We are very fortunate to have people like [Worsley]," Morningstar said. "He is the reason we have an opportunity to build such a facility. It is going to make a big difference in the entire golf program."

In addition to the greens, the new building is state-of-the-art with lights and computerized information for the players. Morningstar said it will be the difference-maker in the types of students he is able to recruit for Elon golf.

"DI is an arms race," Lembo said. "If you are not building, someone is passing you up."

MORE CONSTRUCTION

For more information on campus construction, see pages 12 and 13.

On the right track: Women's indoor track team off to a good start, breaks multiple school records

Chris King
Senior Reporter

The women's indoor track team shows no signs of slowing down as it continues to break school records and achieves top-10 finishes in the early part of the season.

"It's going really well," head coach Mark Elliston said. "[We are] very excited about how the girls are training. And we're actually breaking a lot of school records, some really good performances all around. They're really doing a great job."

The season opened Dec. 4 in Lynchburg, Va., with the Liberty Kickoff Invitational, where the Phoenix won three titles and had seven top-3 finishes, including long jumpers junior Monique Vines and junior Veronica Day, who were first and second, respectively. Vines broke a school record.

Since the Liberty Kickoff, the women have had three meets at Chapel Hill, including the Carolina Classic, which is a two-day meet at the end of January.

On the first day, freshman Amy Salek set an Elon record 400-meter dash time at 57.73 seconds, while her teammate, sophomore Justine Robertson, threw a program-best 43-10.75 in the weight throw.

On the second day, the 4x400-meter relay team, made up of Salek, sophomore Sarah Skogen, freshman Lauren Wilmer and sophomore Melissa Turowski, broke another school record, clocking in at a speedy 3:58:34, good enough for third overall.

At the beginning of February, the team traveled to New York to compete in the New Balance Collegiate Invitational.

At the event, Elon competed alongside schools such as UCLA, Texas, Oklahoma, Oregon and dozens of others.

While there, the Phoenix broke four school records,



JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Photographer

The women's indoor track team posted 11 top-three finishes at the Liberty Quad women's indoor track and field meet Friday evening. Teammates Jennine Strange, Madison Russo, and Taylor Shaw posted a first, third

including Salek breaking the same record she had set only weeks before.

"[Salek] has broken her own record twice, and anchors our 4x400, just a very outstanding runner, very competitive. She is already ranked second in the conference," Elliston said.

Last Friday, the team went back to Lynchburg to compete in the Liberty Quad Meet.

At the meet, the team broke two records and placed 11 members in the top-3, including three top-3 trophies.

The meet at Liberty was the team's final conference meet before the Southern Conference Championships at Clemson on Feb. 28 through March 1.

"We are way ahead of where we were last year. We have a tremendous amount of talent, and everybody is really working hard," Elliston said. "This team is very strong and very competitive."

Following the SoCon Championships, the team will go to College Station, Texas to compete in the NCAA Indoor Nationals.

But regardless of where the team ends up, Elliston said he is just happy to see them do well.

"We're a very young team, and this is a really great group of young ladies that come together on the track and get involved in the community off the track," Elliston said. "It's good to see them come together and work hard like they do."

"They're really getting it done all the way around, and I'm really excited and very impressed with the way they are finishing out the season."



JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Photographer

Freshman Amy Salek blew away the competition in the 400-meter dash, winning in 47.33 seconds. The Phoenix will compete

Men's tennis enjoys success at home, shuts out UNC Wilmington



ANDREW DODD | Staff Photographer

The No. 50 ranked duo of Philip Nemeč and Damon Gooch posted an 8-5 victory over UNCW's Bertei and Ybarra. Nemeč and Gooch also captured singles victories. The team bested UNCW 7-0 with wins by Oscar Podlewski, Carlin Murray, Chase Helpingstine, Alberto Rojas and Cody Stauffer-MacDowell. The men play again Saturday as they go on the road to take on Charlotte.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Men's basketball game against Davidson sold out

The Elon vs. Davidson men's basketball game March 2 at Alumni Gym sold out Sunday morning. Tickets sold out immediately. For fans still wanting to watch the game, video and audio streaming can be found at elonphoenix.com.

Last season, Elon lost to Davidson in the Southern Conference final game. Davidson is led by junior Stephen Curry, who averages 29 points per game and 5.8 assists. The Wildcats currently stand at 15-1 in the Southern Conference in first place.

Kensrue named SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week

Elon women's tennis player, junior Paige Kensrue was named the Southern Conference Student-Athlete of the week last Wednesday. Kensrue became the first women's tennis player to earn this honor in the six seasons in the Southern Conference.

Kensrue is the junior co-captain for the Phoenix. Currently, Kensrue has a 3.84 cumulative grade-point-average and she is an Honors Fellow majoring in exercise sport science. This is the second time this year that a Phoenix athlete was named the SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week. Previously, soccer player junior Steven Kinney was named on Nov. 12, 2008.

Soccer team signs three players for 2009 season

Elon men's soccer head coach Darren Powell announced that the program has signed two players to National Letters of Intent for the 2009 season. Chris Thomas from Snellville, Ga., and Gabe Latigue from Apex, signed letters with the club.

Powell also announced that Mark Berlin from Winston-Salem, will join the team. These players will add to the 2008 Southern Conference championship team.

Brannon Joins Elon Baseball Coaching Staff

Nick Brannon has joined the Elon University baseball coaching staff as a volunteer assistant coach. Brannon served two years as an associate scout for the Houston Astros.

As a scout with the Astros, Brannon was responsible for evaluating talent in North and South Carolina. He was a graduate of UNC Asheville in 2001 and played minor league baseball in the Cincinnati Reds', Cleveland Indians' and Oakland Athletics' organizations.

ATHLETIC RESULTS FEB. 11- FEB. 15

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 16
Elon 61,
W. Carolina 77

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 12
Elon 54,
Chattanooga 76

Feb. 14

Elon 47,
Samford 69

MEN'S TENNIS

Feb. 14
Elon 1,
South Carolina 6

Feb. 15

Elon 7, UNC Wilmington 4

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Feb. 15
Elon 2,
UNC Charlotte

SOFTBALL

Feb. 13
Elon 0,
Cleveland State 7

Feb. 14

Elon 4, Winthrop 7
Elon 0, Georgia 11

Feb. 14

Elon 1, Longwood 5

ELON SPORTS THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 2/19/09

Men's Basketball vs. Western Carolina - 7 p.m.

Women's Tennis @ UNC - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY 2/20/09

Baseball @ Auburn - 4 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Georgia Southern - 11 p.m.

Men's Tennis @ Charlotte - Noon

SATURDAY 2/21/09

Baseball @ Auburn - 4 p.m.

Men's Basketball @ UNC Wilmington - 7 p.m.

Softball vs. North Carolina A&T - 1:15 p.m.

Softball vs. Southern Illinois - 3:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Wofford - 7 p.m.

SUNDAY 2/22/09

Baseball @ Auburn - 2 p.m.

Softball vs. Southern Illinois - 12:15 p.m.

Softball vs. North Carolina A&T - 2:30 p.m.

Women's Golf (College of Charleston Invitational) - All Day

A man of many talents

Star quarterback Scott Riddle to play on the 2009 Phoenix baseball squad

Russell Varner
Reporter

Scott Riddle has decided he's going back to his first love. And no, it's not football.

This spring Elon's record-setting sophomore Scott Riddle, a sophomore will suit up with cleats and a baseball bat to become a member of the defending Southern Conference baseball champions this spring.

"I got more love for the football game, but my first passion has always been baseball and I just decided to go for it and see what I can do with it," Riddle said. "I've always had a good relationship with [Head] Coach Kennedy, I've come to camps here when I was seven years old and I've always wanted to play for the guy."

Riddle, from Ramseur, N.C., admits that he grew up as a baseball player.

"Growing up, that's all I did. I played football too, but I didn't really see any potential for it until 7th, 8th grade," Riddle said. "I knew that playing college football offers more scholarships, more money."

Riddle is listed as an infielder/catcher on the baseball roster on elonphoenix.com. Kennedy admits Riddle sought him out and wanted to be part of the team.

"He likes the success we're having and wants to be a part of that," Kennedy said. "We recruited him as an athlete out of high school, and obviously he was a very good football player and chose to come here and play football."

Riddle is the current record-holder in numerous passing categories in the Elon football record books, including passes completed in a career, passing yards in a career, touchdown passes in a career, touchdowns responsible for in a game and a career and total offense in a game, a season and a career.

"By the first weekend this year, I really started missing [baseball] so I went to talk with [Head football] Coach Pete Lembo," Riddle said. "He was understanding about it, and he knew I was going to try to play baseball in the spring. I'm very thankful for [Kennedy] and Coach Lembo."

Last season, Riddle led the Phoenix to an 8-4 record and a third place finish in the Southern Conference.

"Aside from his academic and football related commitments, Scott — like any one of our team members — is free to utilize his limited spare time however he wishes," Lembo said.

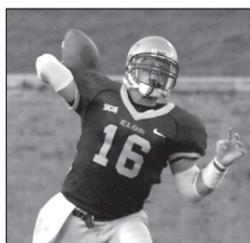
Though Riddle has only been practicing with the baseball team for a few weeks, he can already tell there are some differences between being a baseball player and a football player.

"It's not like [baseball] is laid back or anything, but it's a different demeanor and the guys have a lot of fun on the baseball team, as we do on the football team," Riddle said. "You can't really compare the two sports, but it's fun being on both fields and experiencing college baseball and college football and seeing if I can work that into my schedule."

Riddle has found himself fitting right in with the rest of the team, despite his status as starting quarterback.

Both Kennedy and Riddle are still trying to figure out how best to use the two-sport star before he returns to the football field this fall, but Riddle says he's willing to do whatever it takes to best help the team.

"I'm out here to play as much as possible," Riddle said. "I'm going to work my hardest to get on the field, but whatever role I can play for these guys, I'm here for Elon. I want to win the Southern Conference and maybe go on to a regional and win that."



FILE PHOTOS



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Sophomore quarterback Scott Riddle has dropped football for the spring season to pick up a position on the No. 1 ranked Phoenix baseball team. Riddle hopes to make many contributions to the baseball team in the 2009 season.



ONE ON ONE

Daytona's rain problem and picking the NBA powerhouse

Andy Harris & Joey Accordino
Sports Commentators

This weekend was host to the Great American Race, the Daytona 500. They called the race after only 152 of 200 scheduled laps because of rain, much to the delight of Matt Kenseth, who was up front when the rain started to fall. Although it's impossible to run a race during the rain, did NASCAR make the right decision or should they have held out longer for dry conditions?

ANDY

No, they definitely made the wrong decision. I don't care if you have to wait until Thursday for the rain to end, it's the Daytona 500. Letting it end at lap 150 is like calling the Super Bowl in the third quarter. Looking at the Doppler, they had about a three-hour window, starting around 8 p.m. Sunday night, to dry the track and get the race finished. Not to mention there was a dry forecast for Monday. It just doesn't make sense to have the race called that early, unless President Mike Helton wants to throw away his sports best marketing tool — NASCAR's greatest race.

JOEY

I think it's a bit optimistic to say they could have fit it in Sunday night, and I'm not sure Monday is a better option. At best, your viewership is cut in half (taking DVR viewers into account), and the excitement and drama that had been building all week has been erased by the wait. It's a tough situation, but I think you have to

end the race when the majority of the fan base — and potential fans are watching.

We're at the All-Star Break in the NBA season and there haven't been too many surprises so far. But, there is a lot of intrigue when it comes to forecasting this year's finals champ. Whereas last year all the talk was about the Lakers and Celtics, this year there are a few more teams that may have something to say about how the season ends up.

ANDY

I think this is the year of the Cavaliers. LeBron James is playing better than ever — and that's scary. Also, he's finally got a great point guard in Mo Williams. Cleveland, you may finally have a championship team on your hands. (The Indians aren't a bad dark horse pick, either.)

JOEY

The Cavaliers aren't quite there yet. I think the Lakers are still smarting from their stunning finals collapse last year and have everyone clicking on all cylinders. They will not be stopped.

ANDY

You can make the case for any of about five teams right now, and that's what makes the NBA so exciting. The second half and the playoffs are going to be thrilling, and I can't wait to see which team escapes the melee unscathed.

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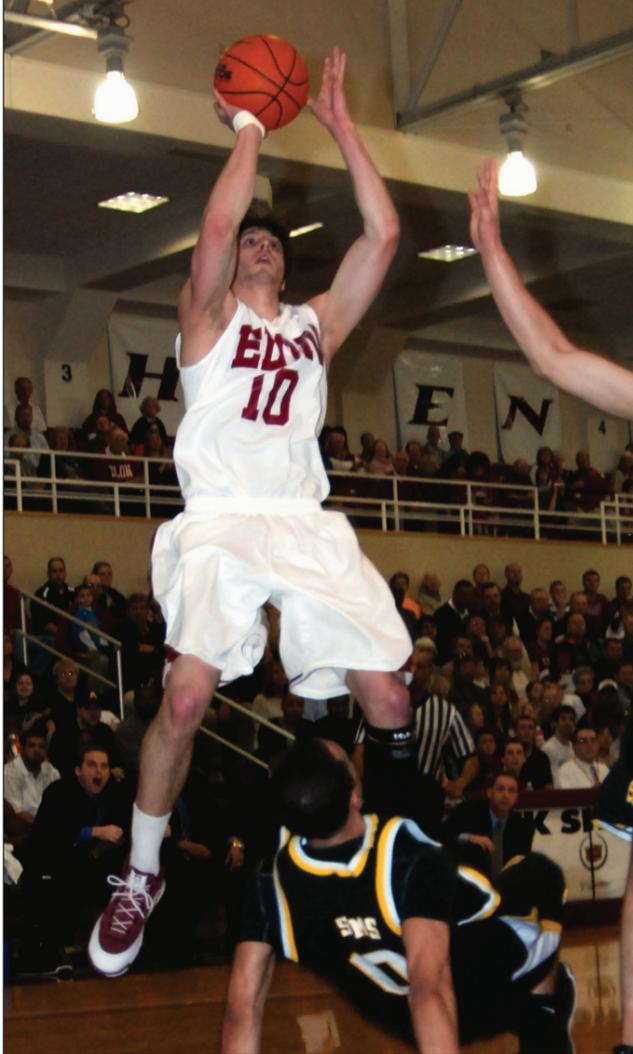


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Busting the bracket: Men's basketball team looks to rebound this week



Guard Brett James shoots over an Appalachian State defender in a 77-63 loss earlier this season. James scored 8 points in that conference game.

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

With two key games coming up this week, the Elon men's basketball team is focusing on finishing the season strong. On Thursday night, the Phoenix hosts Western Carolina in a Southern Conference matchup. Then the team travels to UNC Wilmington to play in a BracketBuster game Saturday night.

"We're trying to get refocused as we begin this last push," Elon head coach Ernie Nestor said.

The Phoenix is coming off back-to-back losses against UT Chattanooga and Samford. The team is 8-16 overall and 5-11 in the Southern Conference.

"We just have to get back to being a better team. It's a combination of offense and defense and executing. We did not shoot the ball well," Nestor said.

Elon has five regular season games remaining before the Southern Conference tournament begins March 6 in Chattanooga, Tenn. The Phoenix faces Western Carolina on Thursday night and then travel to UNC W on Saturday night for the ESPN BracketBuster game.

"When you get that team a second time around at home, it's definitely an advantage," senior forward Monty Sanders said.

In the previous meeting this season with Western Carolina on Jan. 10, the Phoenix lost 74-67. Currently, Western Carolina sits at second place in the Southern Conference's North Division behind UT Chattanooga.

On Saturday, Elon travels to UNC W for an out-of-conference ESPN BracketBuster game.

In the midst of a challenging conference schedule, a nonconference game will be able to relieve some stress.

"Every game matters, but it's not a conference game, it's not as stressful," Sanders said.

UNC W is in the Colonial Athletic Association and has made four NCAA tournament appearances since 2002.

Nestor said the team will focus on UNC W on Friday and a little bit Saturday morning before the game.

In Thursday's game against Western Carolina,

Elon hopes to improve its recent shooting woes that have been a problem in the past two games, as well as a consistent issue throughout the season.

In the game against Samford, Elon was held to 47 total points. This tied the team's lowest point total for the season. In the opening game against West Virginia, Elon was also held to 47 points.

"You can't shoot at the level we're shooting the basketball and expect to be successful," Nestor said. "We have to make more shots to give ourselves a fighting chance."

Elon is in the midst of a four-day layoff before its next game Thursday night. This break will provide much needed rest for the team.

"It's a long season," Nestor said. "We've played 24 games so far and have a lot of games on a lot of guys so far. It gives them a chance to renew themselves."

Out of the team's next five games, three of them are at home. The Phoenix only had six wins on the season at the Nest.

Nestor said the team must improve on winning at home.

The team lost its last two games going into Thursday night's matchup, but it is focusing on finishing the season strong.

"We haven't been able to close out games or sustain leads," junior forward Adam Constantine said. "We just have to play 40 minutes of basketball."

WHAT IS A BRACKETBUSTER GAME?

BracketBuster games pit NCAA Tournament hopefuls against one another.

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Sports

Team's triumphs carry into 2009 season

Russell Varner
Reporter

If you were to ask any of the members of Elon's baseball team about their season last year, you would hear the same thing from them that head coach Mike Kennedy has echoed to his players for the past few weeks.

"It was a great year, there's no doubt about that," Kennedy said. "But the thing we are trying to stress with this year's club is that's last year. It's over and done. This is a new club that takes on new personalities and a new work ethic. It's a totally different ball club."

After finishing 44-18, shutting out then No. 2 University of North Carolina, winning the regular season SoCon title for the second time, winning the SoCon tournament for the first time and making an NCAA Regional appearance, it may be hard for some to just forget about last year's success.

Four Phoenix players — seniors Cory Harrilchak, Bennett Davis, Dallas Tarleton and sophomore Thomas Girdwood — were named to the Preseason All-SoCon team. Davis and Harrilchak were named Preseason All-Americans. Harrilchak was named preseason SoCon player of the year, and the team was picked to finish first in conference in both the media and coaches' polls.

"It's special. Anytime you can get guys recognized, that's great for your program," Kennedy said. "But when you start throwing them in there with some of the best programs in the nation, that speaks volumes to where our club is. But it's still preseason, and both of those guys will tell you that."

Davis said these preseason awards are a reflection of both his individual and the team's success last season.

"Last year's team worked really hard and got along very well," Davis said. "If the team plays well, hopefully we'll have another good season. You can always have individual years, but it doesn't mean anything unless your team succeeds."

Harrilchak said it is good to know that his hard work is starting to pay off.

The team is losing some talent from last year, including three players who were drafted by MLB teams. These include starting pitcher Steven Hensley (Mariners), second



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SOCON PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

1. ELON (8) - 98
2. Georgia Southern (3) - 89
3. College of Charleston - 79
4. The Citadel - 62
5. Appalachian State - 57
6. Western Carolina - 52
7. UNC Greensboro - 51
8. Furman - 46
9. Samford - 40
10. Wofford - 19
11. Davidson - 12

baseman Donny Jobe (Mariners) and center fielder Chris Dove (Rangers).

"Obviously, those guys were successful but we got a lot of guys back," Kennedy said. "We got the core of our lineup back, we got some new kids who've come in."

Kennedy praised the play of junior Justin Hilt. Hilt is a transfer player who, according to Kennedy, shows promise early on.

"We have a lot of guys who are capable, but the big thing is that they understand where we are as a program and work hard each day."

Having the majority of a lineup that scored nearly 350 runs last year is clearly the team's strength and something the Phoenix is very proud of. Less glamorous were the 91 errors the team had last year. It has been something that they have been working on all offseason to fix.

"Defensively, we've got to get better," Kennedy said. "That's probably our biggest weakness,

and it's something these guys know and will take ownership of."

Even with all the preseason hype, no one is more excited or has put more pressure on this team than the players and coaches themselves. Both are expecting big things this year and hope this is the year they leave a major mark on the national stage.

"Obviously, we want to sweep the SoCon again," Harrilchak said. "We want to win the regular season outright and the tournament. This year, ultimately, we want to win a regional. We want to get to the next step. We want to get to a Super Regional and be one of the 16 best teams in the country."

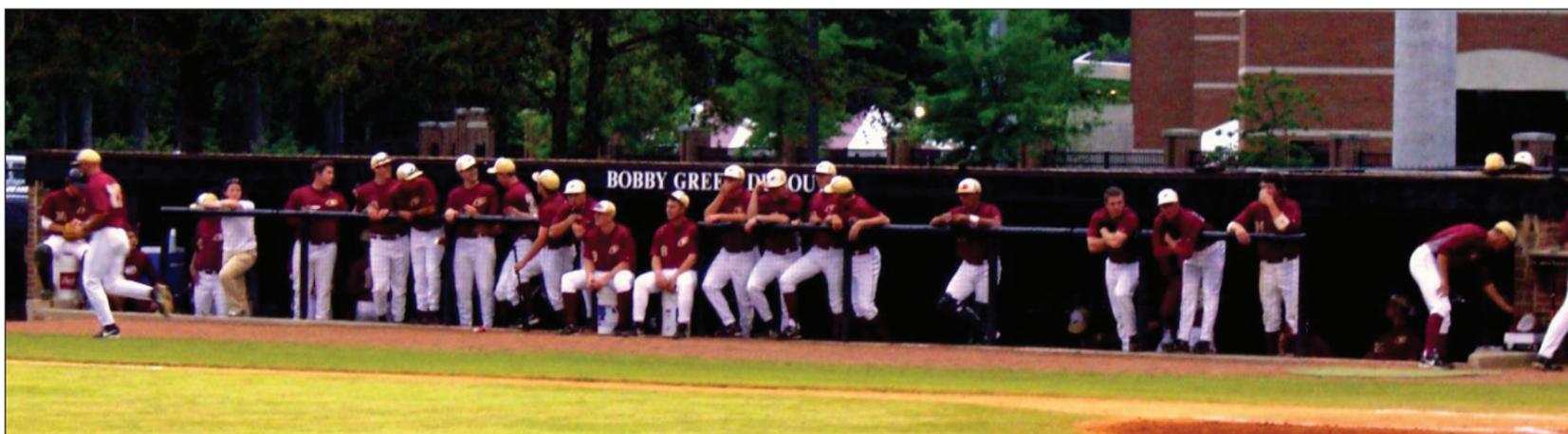
Kennedy said a successful year would be winning the championship.

"With this club we feel like we got some experience and we'd like to win a regional. But first we gotta win a back-to-back [SoCon] championship," Kennedy said. "We haven't done that yet, and it's time to try to get one."



FILE PHOTO

TOP: Senior first baseman Mike Lobacz has had a successful 2008 season and will start again as the Phoenix first baseman.
ABOVE: Mike Millilo takes a swing during a game last season. The 2009 season is filled with expectations for the Phoenix.



File Photo

The Elon baseball team will be spending the season defending both its Southern Conference regular season and tournament crowns. The 2009 season begins Feb. 20 as the Phoenix