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## Multi-billion dollar deficit may stop USPS Saturday deliveries

David Hodges  
Reporter

Weather may not be able to stop the United States' postal workers, but a \$10 billion debt could halt deliveries on Saturdays. The change would mean job reductions on both a national and local level.

The Postal Service has not escaped the reach of the economic recession. As businesses began to feel the weight of the recession bear down on revenue, mailing costs became one of the budget casualties. Online communication and bill payment are also cutting into the agency's revenue source. As a result, Saturday shipping could be dumped.

"If we stop the cost of operation one day a week there would be a tremendous cost reduction," said Carl Walton, Greensboro district communications coordinator.

The Postal Service projects more than \$3 billion in savings.

But locally, post offices are finding different ways to pick up the slack. The Elon University Mail Center is also seeing a sharp decline in mail pieces, from 90,000 to 60,000 pieces over the past few years. The number of package arrivals has increased by 15 percent.

The post office branch on South Williamson Avenue may not receive as many mailed-in bills as previously, but Elon students flood the office for passports needed to study abroad.

Rodney Justice works at the Williamson branch and said he hasn't noticed any decline in business in his 15 years of working there.

"Not a lot of people are going to switch over their bill payments (to online)," Justice said. "I'd say it's about one-third of the people will change their ways."

As Justice offered that estimate, a female senior citizen across the counter volunteered that she has started paying her bills online. In fact, she said she began making most of her transactions online.

It's a trend that's beginning to take a toll on the postal service.

Regardless of local success, the Elon University Mail Center would follow in cutbacks if Saturday delivery were to stop. Saturday positions would have to be eliminated, according to Chuck Sparks, the university mail supervisor.

"If there's no mail for people to pick up, than there's no use in us being here," he said.

The mail center could save more than \$10,000 a year if it were to cut Saturday work hours, Sparks said. One to two staff members and four students pick up the Saturday shift. These employees would not lose their jobs, but their Saturday work hours would be reduced.

Although mail may not be delivered on Saturdays, volume will not decrease. Many people across the nation are worried about jamming six days of work into five.

"We have to try and not stop efficiency," Walton said. "We have a pilot model of how to make this work, and if Congress was to pass the plan, we hope to implement it in six months."

Congress would have to approve the hour reduction that USPS is considering. Because of the current pressure on health care reform, postal workers aren't expecting any possible changes to Saturday delivery for at least a year.

"I've heard this rumor for more than 20 years, since 1986, and they've never taken it all the way to Congress," Sparks said. "Who knows when it'll come out."

But Sparks has been a witness to other cost-saving strategies. Increases in technology have eliminated positions previously necessary to sort mail. USPS combined courier routes to make mail delivery more efficient and less expensive.

In an effort to operate in the black, streamlining has been the answer to the postal service's economic woes, according to Walton. Eliminating Saturday deliveries could just be part of the process for USPS.



Mail services supervisor Chuck Sparks runs mail for the university on Saturday. The economic recession could lead to mail not being delivered on Saturdays any longer.

## Elon releases budget, lowest tuition increase in 12 years

Caitlin O'Donnell  
Assistant News Editor

The Elon University Board of Trustees approved the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget, placing emphasis on maintaining an affordable tuition and funding the priorities of the Elon Commitment.

Early last week, the board approved a 5.2 percent increase in total tuition, the smallest increase since 1998, setting undergraduate tuition at \$26,827 and typical room and board at \$8,648. Last year, tuition cost students \$25,489 and room and board cost \$8,236.

"In recognition of the global economic situation, we knew that we had to keep the percentage increase as low as possible," said Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for business, finance and technology.

According to an E-Net report, the cost of attending Elon next year is 5.4 percent below the national average for private universities and 13.6 percent below the average cost for top private schools in the South.

The university is also recognized as a top-value education. This is determined by both the school itself and other

publications, including Newsweek and the Princeton Review.

"There are different ways to determine this," Whittington said. "We look at where Elon ranks compared to national universities as well as those within our region of the country, but outside publications do their own analyses."

Whittington explained that to keep tuition reasonable, not all proposals could be funded.

"There were lots of great ideas submitted from every possible program in the school," he said. "But we just weren't able to provide money for everyone."

What the board did prioritize was the objectives of the Elon Commitment, a strategic plan for the university implemented in December 2009.

"The biggest factor in building the budget is funding what you said you are going to do," Whittington said. "Ninety-five percent of everything in the budget relates directly back to the Elon Commitment."

This included increasing available scholarships and financial aid as well as

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## Burlington water rates to increase 15 percent during the next 3 years

Eva Hill  
Senior Reporter

Water rates in Burlington are expected to increase 15 percent in the next three years because of new state rules for Jordan Lake in Raleigh. Rate increases for Burlington would also mean increases for the Town of Elon.

Mike Dula, Elon's town manager, said the Town of Elon would be affected by the new rules.

"We're a small town, and we buy all our water from Burlington, send (the water) back and pay them fees," Dula said.

According to the City of Burlington web site, the current water rate in Burlington is \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons of water. The current sewer rate is \$3.57 for every 1,000 gallons.

Local water is supplied from Lake Macintosh to the Burlington Water Plant, which is then sold to other towns, including the Town of Elon, Gibsonville, Greensboro and other cities.

According to Frank Hope, administrative services director, cities that purchase water services from Burlington, including Elon, will be required to add their own expenses for maintaining lines to the base water costs.

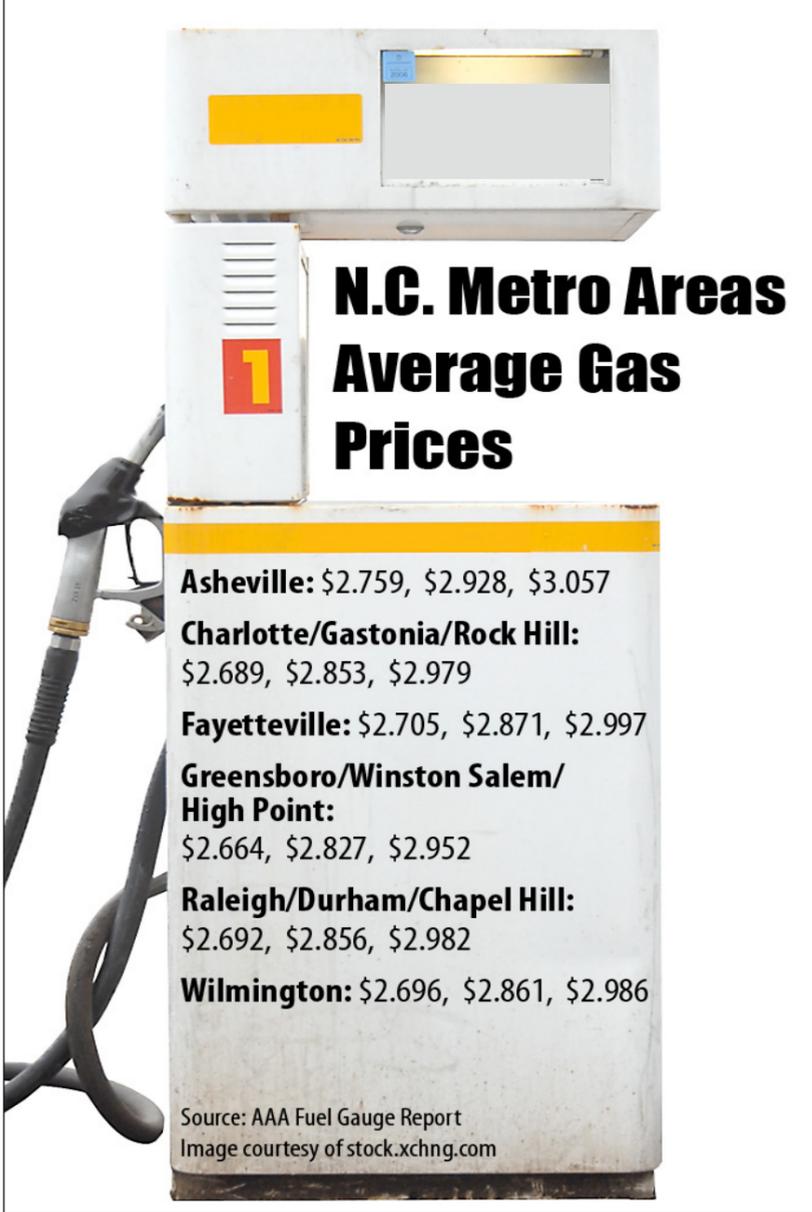


Dula also commented on the normality of the rate increase.

"This is a normal thing. If you compare this change with previous years, (water rates) have been lower,

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# Breaking down area gas prices



## N.C. Metro Areas Average Gas Prices

**Asheville:** \$2.759, \$2.928, \$3.057  
**Charlotte/Gastonia/Rock Hill:** \$2.689, \$2.853, \$2.979  
**Fayetteville:** \$2.705, \$2.871, \$2.997  
**Greensboro/Winston Salem/High Point:** \$2.664, \$2.827, \$2.952  
**Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill:** \$2.692, \$2.856, \$2.982  
**Wilmington:** \$2.696, \$2.861, \$2.986

Source: AAA Fuel Gauge Report  
 Image courtesy of stock.xchng.com

SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

**Jack Rodenfels**  
 Senior Reporter

According to American Automobile Association, the average American uses more than 500 gallons of gas per year and spends almost \$1,500 per year on gasoline.

Between university expenses, living expenses and personal expenses, buying gasoline is one of the last things on a college student's mind. Too often, students travel with their gas tanks hovering on "E," not wanting to fill up their tank. With constant fluctuation, it's hard for college students not to be annoyed with the incremental yet constant rise and decline of gas prices.

Typically, gas prices are higher in cities and around universities — simply because the demand for the gas is higher. Gas stations outside of cities and along highways are typically more inexpensive, lacking an influx of demand.

Where can Elon University students go to find the cheapest gas? Why do gas prices fluctuate? Who exercises control over the price of a gallon of gas?

Included is a guide to buying gasoline for college students on a tight budget.

### Why do gas prices fluctuate?

Gas prices generally occur when the world crude-oil market tightens. Typically, the demand for gas spikes during the summer and peak vacation times. Holidays such as Memorial Day and the Fourth of July create logjams or tourist traffic during the summer. High demand usually translates into higher gas prices.

### Who has control over gas prices?

Each individual gas station has little control over the price of gasoline. Rather, it is determined for each area by oil companies supplying the gasoline. The oil company's prices are determined by the world market and demand for oil.

### Fast Facts:

- **178 million:** Gallons of gasoline consumed per day in the United States
- **\$2.69:** Average price for a gallon of regular gasoline in N.C.
- **\$2.70:** National average price for a gallon of regular gasoline
- **25:** North Carolina's rank out 50 states for average gas prices

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# Tenure and promotion approvals rank highest in recent years, 16 awarded tenure

Eliot Sasaki  
Senior Reporter

Elon professors spend a probationary period of four to six years upon entering the university, working towards one common goal — tenure.

For some, their hard work paid off March 2 when the Board of Trustees met to approve faculty tenure and promotions. This year, 16 faculty members were granted tenure, nine were promoted to professor and 15, 13 of which also received tenure, were promoted to associate professor.

"This is the most serious decision that the university makes," Provost Steven House said.

Last week's verdict has been in the making for years.

"This was a big group because six years ago we did a lot of hires," House said. "I would say this was the biggest group we had to go through recently."

According to the faculty handbook, 49 percent of the faculty at Elon is tenured. Twenty-six percent are on tenure track appointments and 25 percent are on the non-tenure track, a mixture of visiting professors and those on the continuing track and lecture track.

"It's rewarding, but it's stressful and a lot of pressure," said Hui-Hua Chang, newly tenured associate professor of history, "because we have not only teaching, but also to work on our own scholarship and research, do our own service to the university and be engaged in university events."

Jeffrey Coker, associate professor of biology, who was also recently tenured, took a backseat approach to the process.

"The other way to look at it is to ask the question, 'Why does anywhere have tenure to begin with?'" Coker said. "And there's a deeper set — historically there's a tenure process so that faculty can be more free to be critical thinkers and to be scholars and to serve as society's critics without fear of job repercussions."

The March 2 board meeting concluded a process that began Oct. 15, when faculty members submitted files for tenure, continuance or promotion.

House said this process began well before October.

"They typically work the whole summer, well, they work every day of their life to put this (portfolio) together," House said. "When we hire them, we literally say make a file in the back of your filing cabinet and everything that you do, that

you accomplish, every nice letter that you get from a student, every complaint, every manuscript and every innovative teaching, put it in this file."

The months between October and March are perhaps more busy and stressful to the evaluators than the faculty.

On Dec. 1, the dean sent promotion and tenure recommendations to House. The eight-faculty member Promotion and Tenure Committee repeated that action on Jan. 10, according to the handbook.

Still, the process wasn't complete.

House, the dean and the Promotion and Tenure Committee began meeting in January to make decisions that spanned a couple months.

"I make the recommendation to the president and the president makes the recommendation to the Board of Trustees," House said. "Ultimately, the Board of Trustees says yes or no, but they will approve the recommendation that comes from the president."

Those final decisions were released March 2. Not everyone who applied was tenured or promoted.

House said Elon doesn't release the names of those who weren't granted tenure.

"Without tenure I constantly worried and carried a burden," Chang said. "It even makes me feel more confident in the classroom."

Since immigrating to the United States, Chang has found a way to make things work, adapting well to institutional protocol.

"I didn't grow up here and I wasn't educated here so tenure is very foreign to me," she said.

Coker spoke of a "dark cloud" of uncertainty leading up to his tenure.

"The year that professors go up for tenure is like a dark cloud hanging over you," he said. "Even when you expect a positive result, going up for tenure, especially when you have children at home that depend on you, it's stressful."

To receive tenure, Coker and Chang had to meet the university's criteria for associate professors.

It is of importance to the university to have the quality of faculty performance high and clearly demonstrated before tenure is awarded, according to the handbook.

The handbook also said associate professors should be actively engaged in teaching, advising, service and scholarly activities of a high quality.

House emphasized that in accordance with the tenure process, teaching is given the highest



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer  
Assistant biology professor Jeffrey Coker is one of 16 professors to receive tenure. Each professor must undergo a long procedure before receiving tenure including evaluations.

priority.

"That's what sets us apart from most schools like a University of North Carolina and Duke University — those institutions will give by far the biggest priority to scholarship," House said. "And then there are smaller schools where they only evaluate on teaching."

Elon appears to have their priorities straight and have assembled the right faculty to build upon the university's budding reputation.

"I want to be an excellent teacher and excellent scholar," Coker said. "I think there's a common perception in some circles that when professors get tenure they slow down."

That belief doesn't apply to his work ethic.

In the next three months, Coker will submit a grant to the National Science Foundation. In a ubiquitous manner, he's working on a book and completing another major grant project in addition to teaching.

## New dean of Elon College of Arts and Sciences named

Amanda Bender  
Senior Reporter

Elon College of Arts and Sciences announced Alison Morrison-Shetlar as the new dean of the college Friday morning. Morrison-Shetlar is currently the vice provost and dean of undergraduate studies at the University of Central Florida.

Morrison-Shetlar was invited to serve as the Dean of the Elon College of Arts and Sciences after several meetings with the search committee. She was one of the three candidates chosen

conversations, it became quite clear to me that the best fit would be Dr. Morrison-Shetlar."

Morrison-Shetlar will begin her work at Elon June 1. House said she would be the Dean of Elon College of Arts and Sciences and a full professor of biology with tenure. She said she is excited about working with students and faculty here.

"The mission of Elon resonates strongly with me because I believe I can help realize the strategic plan of Elon University for the future," Morrison-Shetlar said. "I am passionate about teaching and learning, experiential learning and the deepening of the curriculum through cultural competencies."

Morrison-Shetlar has the experience that Elon was looking for. House said she is "committed to diversity" and "a passionate teacher, scholar and mentor." She has worked in multiple institutions, has a strong research background and has been involved in higher education works like Project Kaleidoscope, a program that seeks to build and sustain strong undergraduate programs.

"She is a proven scholar, having won research grants for traditional biology research as well as the scholarship of teaching and learning," said Mary Jo Festle, chair of the search committee. "She is a strong advocate for both faculty and



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS  
Alison Morrison-Shetlar was chosen named the new Dean of the Elon College of Arts and Sciences.

students."

House said Morrison-Shetlar would be on campus this summer in order to help Morrison-Shetlar adjust to Elon. He said she would be meeting with the department heads and learning about their aspirations and challenges.

"Elon University's values mirror those of my own," Morrison-Shetlar said. "I have developed environments that support diverse learners. I continue to do so in every position that I have been privileged to be associated with in higher education in countries including Scotland, England, Germany and the United States."

## Whittington expects cost per retention pond to reach \$50,000

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and most places have had to increase rates just to keep up," Dula said. "In general, it's normal to have an increase due to costs and compliance with environmental regulations."

Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for business, finance and technology, said the rules will mostly impact the university's construction efforts on campus.

"From this point on, when we build a new building we will have to observe much more stringent rules about how runoff water from our construction sites leave the area," Whittington said. "We will be required to contain that water on the site, and only allow it to run off into storm sewers or streams after it has been retained in a retention pond."

This multi-purpose reservoir provides flood control, a critical watershed, recreational parks, fish and wildlife to Chatham County and its surrounding areas.

Whittington expects the cost of the new retention ponds will be additional costs to the university, which will vary due to the construction site. Whittington said the cost could be \$50,000 per pond if they are a large size.

The change in bills isn't expected to come overnight. Bob Patterson, public works

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EXECUTIVE SENIOR VICE  
PRESIDENT, BUSINESS,  
FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

director, expects the change to come gradually.

Jordan Lake covers 14,000 acres of water. The N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation operates nine recreation areas on the lake. Since it became an artificial lake in 1983, Jordan Lake has been rated as hyper-eutrophic, or nutrient-rich.

The B. Everett Jordan Reservoir Water Supply Nutrient Strategy is a set of rules created to reduce the over-enrichment in Jordan Lake and restore it to full use. The rules were established by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources and require the reduction of harmful nutrients in rivers and basins across the state.

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DEAN OF ELON COLLEGE OF  
ARTS AND SCIENCES

to present to Provost Steven House for a final decision.

"I sat down with the committee and for an hour they told me their thoughts about the candidates," House said. "During those

# National teaching expert to visit Elon

**Gabriela Szewcow**  
Design Chief

A teaching expert, nationally-recognized for her research on social justice in the classroom, from Boston College will visit Elon University to deliver a speech on her personal beliefs on education at 7 p.m. today in Whitley Auditorium.

Marilyn Cochran-Smith is the Cawthorne professor of teacher education for urban schools. She is the recipient of many other distinctions and titles, including her current title

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- David Cooper  
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

of principal investigator for a related study of teacher development and retention.

The Teaching Fellows program extended an invitation to Cochran-Smith to visit and speak at Elon as the fellows' keynote speaker for 2010. She meet and interact with students and professors in the education department during her three-day stay.

Cochran-Smith is the author of nine books and more than 150 articles, chapters and editorials on social justice, practitioner research, teacher education research, practice and policy.

Four of her books have won national awards. Cochran-Smith is an elected member of the National Academy of Education and the Laurette chapter of Kappa Delta Pi and a member of the National Research Council's Committee on teacher education.

"We are excited about what she can offer us as teacher educators," said Glenda Crawford, professor of education at Elon. "We believe that both the faculty and the staff will benefit greatly from her visit."



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Marilyn Cochran-Smith will discuss how educators use teaching methods to promote social justice.

David Cooper, dean of the School of Education, worked with Cochran-Smith in the past and said he is also looking forward to her visit. He said he thinks students and professors will learn from Cochran-Smith's

philosophies.

"I hope our faculty will gain technical expertise and learn how to measure the effectiveness of what we do at Elon, in terms of teaching education," Cooper said.

Education professors assigned their students readings written by Cochran-Smith in preparation for her visit.

"I hope that the students will realize the importance of using good scientific methods and research in order to become better educators," Cooper said.

**"Inquiry for the Next Generation: What's Justice Got to Do With It?"**

**Who:** Marilyn Cochran-Smith

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**When:** Today

**Where:** Whitley Auditorium

## More than numbers: Statistics major added to curriculum

**Anna Johnson**  
Managing Editor

Students who enjoy finding the p-value and know how to plot a regression line are in luck. A new statistics major has been added to Elon University's curriculum, making it the second math-related major.

The new major will take effect in the upcoming academic year and offers students the choice of a Bachelor of Science in statistics or a Bachelor of Arts in statistics.

Ayesha Delpish, assistant professor of mathematics, was the first statistician hired at Elon and helped spearhead the statistics major. She said she had been working on adding the major for more than a year.

"One of the main reasons to have a statistic major is we live in a world in which decisions are based on quantitative measurements," Delpish said. "It is important for students to look at numbers and judge whether they are appropriate and make sense."

The B.S. of statistics is geared toward students who wish to have a deeper understanding of mathematical and statistical theory. The degree will prepare students who wish to go to graduate school for statistics or seek to study higher levels of math.

The B.A. will be offered with different concentrations that will help focus the students' interest in the subject.

Delpish said the different concentrations are meant to expose students to different parts of statistics and give a statistical background in various programs. The three concentrations are environmental statistics, statistical methods in social science and bio-statistics. She said with the different concentrations it would be easier for students to double major.

"There are few liberal arts schools that offer (a statistics) major," she said. "It really does attract students who have taken AP stats. And with the

interdisciplinary courses it promotes liberal arts education."

In the 2007-2008 academic year a statistics minor was added to the curriculum. Jerome Lewis is a statistic minor and said if the statistic major had been added he would probably have double majored.

"(Statistics) opens a lot of different job doors," Lewis said. "A lot of different companies are looking for any type of statistical analyst. There are just so many different options statistics offers."

Abby Lauer is a 2009 Elon alumna who is now at the University of South Carolina pursuing her masters in statistics. She said she feared students were scared of statistics because they associated the major with math and students didn't realize there was more to the subject.

"A statistics major has such a wide variety of classes you can take," Lauer said. "There are classes that vary from the design, analysis and theory behind the subject which really gives you a broad spectrum."

Jeff Clark, co-chair of the curriculum committee and chair of the mathematics department, said he approved of the new major because he knew there was student interest.

"When we got the minor, we saw students who were mathematically gifted and people who wanted to naturally re-enforce their foundation," Clark said. "The job market is strong for statistic majors."

The statistics major was officially approved at a faculty meeting March 5. The faculty passed the vote unanimously.

"Statistics is the up and coming major," said Laura Taylor, assistant professor of mathematics. "And now Elon is leading the way for liberal arts schools."

Delpish said in the past seven years the number of students entering Elon with AP statistic credit have increased, thus showing a demand for the major. There were 70 freshmen entering Elon with a

## APPROVING A MAJOR

### FACULTY

Faculty forms an idea of what major they would like to see added.

Faculty must have idea approved by department chairman.

If the idea affects other departments their chairman must also approve the proposal.

The idea is sent to the Curriculum Committee

### COMMITTEE

The committee is made up of representatives from every department.

The proposal to the committee consists of questions that cover the majors: Mission statement, goals, course load, costs to school, difference from other majors, rationale and interest from students.

The proposal is approved by the committee and sent to the full faculty for a vote.

### FACULTY APPROVAL

At the monthly faculty meeting the major is put to a vote.

There is time for discussion and questions from the faculty.

Faculty votes.

## Convenience fee added to online payment

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maintaining Elon's student-to-faculty ratio by hiring as the University grows. As a result, 14 new faculty positions were added.

In an effort to better use tuition funds, the Board approved the addition of a 2.75 percent convenience fee for credit card transactions used to pay for tuition. In the past, the University was required to pay this fee to credit card companies.

"This past year, we will have spent \$1.1 million for the fee," Whittington said. "That is money we could have been using for financial aid."

Elon researched how many families actually used credit cards to pay for tuition and found that the majority did not.

"We discovered that there was a subset of people using it, while there was a large group of families who weren't," Whittington said. "Essentially, this larger group was paying the privilege for those who did use it and that should not happen."

Although gifts to the University and the Elon endowment contribute to

the budget, Whittington said the \$125 million that comes from tuition, room and board each year is the principle source of income.

For many students, tuition remains a major factor in their college decisions. Laura Ragmanauskaite, a senior at Fort Dorchester High School in Charleston, SC, was seriously considering Elon, but decided to attend an in-state school with more opportunities for scholarships and aid.

"It is extremely sad that money affected my decision and that I had to forgo some great schools, but it is simply out of reach," she said.

Elon sophomore Chelsea Erskine said the tuition increase will not affect her financial situation next year.

"My Watson Scholarship, given to students from North Carolina with financial need, fluctuates with the rise of tuition, and if there is any difference left over, my outside scholarships cover it," she said. "Some people aren't as lucky as me and don't have outside scholarships and will probably end up taking out loans to make up for the difference."

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# Rick Gunn boasts fiscal conservatism

## North Carolina Senate candidate makes second attempt

Anna Johnson  
Managing Editor

When it comes to the economy, North Carolina State Senator candidate Rick Gunn said get back to the basics and start at ground zero. Gunn is running against District 24 incumbent Tony Foriest and Libertarian candidate Barry Coe.

Gunn said his experience in business and as a fiscal conservative would benefit the residents of Alamance and Caswell counties. Gunn was the vice chair of the government liaison committee for Alamance County chamber of commerce and served on the YMCA North Carolina public policy board. He said his experience comes from serving on boards that work with the government.

The top issues this election, he said, are job creation, the economy, government taxes and government spending.

"Many fiscal conservatives have been preaching for years you cannot sustain the spending levels that our General Assembly has elected to maintain," Gunn said.

Gunn said the past assembly has looked at "their wants and needs" and then found the revenue needed. If no revenue can be found, Gunn said the people are taxed.

"It is past time we start prioritizing our spending," Gunn said. "We have to go back to the basics and decide where to appropriate our funds based on our priorities. It is critical that our state gets a hold on their spending habits."

He said he would ask all departments to

look at their spending and find which programs could be more efficient and find the programs that can be cut. The best way for the departments to prioritize, he said, was for departments to start with a zero-based budget.

"Zero-based budget means we are going to be making our budget as if we are starting all over," Gunn said. "All back to square one."

Gunn said he would not have voted for the current North Carolina budget because he said it was not sustainable. He said with the federal stimulus money the General Assembly spent more money during an economic downturn than ever before.

One of the top issues Gunn said he would like to see pushed is job creation. Jobs can be created by lowering the corporate tax to help persuade businesses to relocate to the counties.

In 2008, Gunn ran against Foriest and lost by less than 5 percent of the votes. Gunn said he has learned from the experience and does not regret anything from the past election. He said the past election was a negative one across the board in all campaigns.

He said both sides, he and Foriest, did their fair share of negative campaigning, but he did respect Foriest.

"We truly have a mutual respect for each other," Gunn said. "We both have our districts best interest at heart. We just have a different philosophical way of going about it."

Gunn owns Gunn and Associates LLC real estate company. He has been married for 28 years and has two sons, both in college.



ANNA JOHNSON | Photographer  
Rick Gunn is running for North Carolina State Senator. He said his top priorities are job creation, the economy, government taxes and government spending if elected. This is the second time he is running for office.

## Alamance County receives money for improved roads

Jack Dodson  
News Editor

Alamance County received \$2.1 million for road construction, according to an article in the Burlington Times-News, allowing improvements for highways N.C. 87, N.C. 62 and N.C. 49.

The county was one of 43 in the state that received funds for projects that can start March 15, the Times-News reported. The total amount of funds being spent on the projects state-wide is \$138.3 million.

The Times-News also reported the projects came in about \$18.4 million below expected amounts for the bidding on the projects.

Mike Dula, Elon's town manager said the town hasn't seen any of the funding and won't be involved in any of the construction projects.

"A lot of time (the Department of Transportation money) goes to the roads with the most traffic," Dula said.

Dula said Haggard Avenue, University Drive and Williamson Avenue are all under the control of the state Department of Transportation, and the town would not carry out any construction on those roads.

Cook Road, an extension off University Drive, is where the town hopes to work on a project improving the quality of the roads. The project would include doubling the number of lanes on the road.

"Cook Road's in pretty rough shape because of the traffic," Dula said.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money paid in part for the funds going to the road construction, according to the Times-News report, paying for 12 of the 43 projects across the state. But roads at Elon are seeing some of that money for road construction, too, outside of these projects, Dula said.

The sidewalk built next to Oak Street by the South Campus playing fields came from the act, he said.

## School of Communications unveils journal for undergraduate research

Pam Richter  
Editor-in-Chief

Each semester, students in communications senior seminar classes are required to complete an in-depth research project. The students, who participated in the class in the fall had some extra initiative when completing their projects.

Monday, the School of Communications unveiled the inaugural edition of The Elon Journal of Undergraduate Research in Communications. Eleven students had their work chosen to be published in the journal.

"This is a huge honor," senior corporate communications major Grace Trilling said. "This is my biggest achievement at Elon. I'm excited to see it published."

Connie Book, the associate dean of the School of Communications, said there is not a national journal about undergraduate research in communications.

"We are trying it locally to see how

well it goes," Book said.

The students completed work for their class under the advising of Professor David Copeland, Assistant Professor Dan Haygood and Associate Professor Don Grady. One student completed an independent study with Assistant Professor Rich Landesberg.

"We envision this at some point going national," said Paul Parsons, dean of the School of Communications.

There were 28 submissions total, and faculty members reviewed each paper. In addition to the printed copy, the journal also has a Web site complete with multimedia features.

Byung Lee, an associate professor of communications, was the editor of the journal and helped design the Web site.

"Research is not just in the print version," Lee said.

According to Parsons, this is the first journal in the nation that focuses on undergraduate research specifically in the field of communications. The journal will be published twice a year.

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## RecycleMania update

After the third week of the 10-week RecycleMania competition, Elon University ranked first in cumulative pounds recycled (per capita) among Southern Conference institutions. Elon is currently ahead of the data reported last year in this stage of the competition, making the University ahead of its 2009 pace.

## Special Olympics awareness event

At 7 p.m. today in McKinnon F, Elon Volunteers! will host an event to raise awareness about the spring Special Olympics and the elimination of the "r-word." Dr. Hans Hanson, whose daughter participated in the 2007 Special Olympics World Games, will be speaking. Interested students can find out more at College Coffee on March 9 or by visiting [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org).

## David Childers to speak on business ethics

David Childers will speak as the Love School of Business Ethics Speaker at 4:30 p.m. March 11 in LaRose Digital Theatre. Childers currently works as president and CEO of EthicsPoint, Inc. in Portland, Oregon, which works with clients around the globe to provide management, risk and compliance, and governance. Childers is a member of the Ethics and Compliance Officers Association as well as the Open Compliance and Ethics Group, which develops standards and guidelines for national businesses. A reception will follow the presentation.

## Panel to discuss megachurches and the media

On March 15 at 7 p.m. in LaRose Digital Theatre, the Truitt Center of Religious and Spiritual Life and the Society of Professional Journalists will host the second annual Religion and Media Conference.

The event will facilitate a discussion between local religious leaders, students and faculty on the subject of megachurches and the media. Panelists will include Ken Garfield, the communications director for Myers Park Methodist in Charlotte, Dr. Sir Walter L. Mack Jr., pastor of Union Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and Tim Riddle, executive pastor of St. Mark's Church in Burlington.

## Former NFL player to speak at Love School of Business

At 2 p.m. March 15 in McCrary Theatre, Student Entrepreneurial Enterprise Development and the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership will host Steve Young and Gary Crittenden of Huntsman Gay Global Capital.

Young, former NFL player for the San Francisco 49ers, will speak on adapting from a football career to working in private equity and law. Crittenden, former CFO for Citigroup, will share his experiences leading the company through the recent financial recession.

## Sara Evans to speak on gender revolution

Historian Sara Evans will speak on women's influence during the last third of the 20th century at 7:30 p.m. March 16 in Yeager Recital Hall. Evans will focus on gender revolutions in the workplace, family, sexuality and language, among other topics and how the struggle for gender justice continues today.

# Greek Courts littered with abandoned furniture, trash

Rachel Southmayd  
Senior Reporter

A walk through the Loy Center offers views of the rocks outside each house and some remnants of glitter on the ground from a weekend party. But recently, the walk has also included some out-of-the-ordinary views.

The Loy Center is home to 11 stand-alone houses and one duplex, which houses 182 members who live in on-campus housing. It is also home to a broken billiards table and couches drenched by rain and snow.

Shana Plasters, director of Greek Life, reported that the couches and billiards table have been visible outside for the entire spring semester as the result of a miscommunication between Pi Kappa Phi and Phi Mu during girl's recruitment at the end of January.

Freshman Devin Donnelly said prospective students visiting Elon and their parents will be unimpressed by the look of these facilities.

"The people that took it outside and left it there should take responsibility," Donnelly said.

Plasters said Elon's Environmental Services are responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the grounds and common spaces of the Loy Center, such as the common areas and kitchens.

"If there are excessive things that need to be done, outside of normal cleaning, then a fee might be assessed," Plasters said.

"Elon maintenance should definitely not have to take the initiative to move the furniture," freshman Sophie Biggar said.

Plasters said that when excessive cleaning or maintenance is needed, residents of the area are fined, just like in other campus housing.

"They are taking care of the situation," Plasters said.

Plasters also said each Greek house in the Loy Center, and the Greek suites, located in Maynard Hall, has a "house manager" that is responsible for overseeing the use of the space and for enforcing university and chapter rules.

Environmental Services can report any misuse or excessive mess to the house manager.

"The houses in the Loy Center see



Furniture sits outside of the Pi Kappa Phi house because of a miscommunication between the fraternity and Phi Mu during recruitment week.

a lot more traffic than most student housing so I think they could be better maintained," said Amy McLeod, Alpha Xi Delta president.

She also said she thought the houses should be cleaned by the same staff members who clean all other campus housing areas.

"Physical Plant and the staff who work to maintain the houses do an amazing job," she said.

Not all Elon students are bothered by the furniture sitting outside in the Loy Center.

"I think that the whole area is really clean and well-maintained," freshman Brooke Babb said.

President Leo Lambert announced last week the construction of five new units in the Loy Center. The new expansion will include four stand-alone houses and another duplex.

"Hopefully there will come a time when all of the (Greek) organizations can live in the Loy Center together," McLeod said.



Besides old furniture a billiard table decorates the lawn in Loy Center. Many say that this is hurting the appeal of itself.

## Zeta to replace KA in Loy Center

Jack Dodson  
News Editor

Kappa Alpha Order learned during Winter Term that it wouldn't be keeping its house in Loy Center. The house had been awarded conditionally in the fall.

Last year, groups applied for and received Loy Center housing. KA was awarded a house under conditional guidelines. The fraternity had to resubmit an application in January for review to determine if it was meeting the requirements.

The Zeta Tau Alpha sorority will take the house. Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will take the house currently operated by ZTA, and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will move into a Maynard Suite, said Shana Plasters, director of Greek Life.

"Elon's practice has always been that they do a tri-annual housing review, so groups have to apply for housing every three years," Plasters said.

Changes are being made to the assignments this year under the Foundations of Excellence program the housing review committee Greek Life uses to judge which organizations will be granted on-campus housing. The review committee is led by Vice President and Dean of Student Life Smith Jackson.

Plasters said sometimes organizations are granted housing on a conditional level.

"Maybe we're not ready to say to an

organization, 'We want to give you a house for three years,'" she said. "We did have a couple of organizations that had to reapply this January to update the committee."

KA did not meet the housing requirements laid out for them by the housing review committee, she said. But it came from a number of reasons and not just one incident.

Plasters said there was no police involvement that contributed to the decision to give ZTA the house.

"Sometimes there are groups that haven't done anything wrong but there are others, that are doing more than they are (to deserve the housing)," she said.

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity president Chris Markwood said many aspects of the organization go into consideration when the committee reviews housing applications.

"Each organization basically has to complete a pretty extensive application packet," Markwood said, which includes honor code violations, anything chapter members have gotten in trouble for, average GPA of the chapter and the overall scholarship of the organization.

Lambda had the house KA is now in during the 2008-2009 school year, but lost it during the initial review process. Lambda now has a Maynard suite, but said the overall presence on campus is not the same.

"We just went through our rush process and that's one difficult aspect — we don't have a house," he said. Lambda had to use the Tri Delta house for rush this year.

Plasters said that having a house is important to an organization for many reasons.

"The visibility of having a house is very important to them," she said. "It's how you meet people, it's how you bring people into your organization."

For Markwood, though, there are more considerations to take into account when dealing with trying to get a house back. Lambda applied for the same house they had lost this year, but didn't get it. The fraternity will be housed in Maynard suites again next year.

Markwood said fraternities are faced with tougher situations when applying for housing.

"Obviously, sororities have a little less liability in their houses, and that makes it harder as a fraternity president," he said, referring to regulations that keep sororities from having alcohol and throwing house parties.

He said as an organization that recently lost its housing, Lambda has been under pressure when applying for Loy Center housing.

"We have the added pressure of having to go above and beyond the standards others have set," he said.

# Perdue seeks alternative alcohol systems for state

Samantha King  
News Editor

Gov. Bev Perdue is exploring the idea of privatizing the N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control System, which would permit Elon University students to purchase hard liquor at any time from possible vendors such as Wal-Mart or the BP gas station.

The Budget Reform Advisory Commission was created by Perdue to determine the state's best financial option for the ABC system.

In a letter to the members of the Joint Study Commission on Alcoholic Beverage Control, composed of two representatives and one senator, Perdue charged the group with examining the possibility of moving the state to privatization as a more cost-efficient alternative for the state.

Alamance County ABC chairman Haywood Simpson said he is not in favor of privatization.

"If it's privatized, there will be even less regulation than there is now," Simpson said.

The current ABC system is not controlled by the state and is not funded through taxes. The system is controlled by a commission of three people at the state level. The commission regulates the prices of the liquor and the brands of liquor sold.

Below the commission are local boards that must apply for a license to run stores within districts. The amount of stores and locations are voted on by its citizens through a referendum.

The problem with this system, Simpson said, is there is no regulation from the state once the liquor leaves the state-maintained warehouse.

"Each (district) operation is completely autonomous," Simpson said. "There are 158 operations in the state of North Carolina, and each one is doing the same thing differently. It breeds ineffectiveness."

North Carolina is a unique case because there is no other state with a similar liquor distribution system.

"We're sandwiched right between two extremes," Simpson said. "Virginia is completely state-run and South Carolina is privatized."

One perk of North Carolina's system is it supports local governments. According to Simpson, much of the profit goes directly to the district government in which the stores reside.

"Fifteen percent of the profit goes to law enforcement," Simpson said. "There is no limit on how



North Carolina is looking at privatizing the ABC liquor system. This would change regulations dealing with the selling of alcohol.

much to give back or keep."

With the current system, the boards have no regulations to follow.

House Bill 768, an action plan Simpson is in favor of, would give the commission more power to regulate the boards.

If the bill were enacted, commissions could set and enforce standards for district operations to meet, something the system is currently lacking. It would prevent instances similar to the one with the manager of New Hanover County, who made \$250,000 in salary last year, from happening again.

Bill 768 calls for board mergers, so that stores similar to Gibsonville, according to Simpson, which lost money last year would, would be regulated by more experienced boards.

If the system becomes privatized, Simpson said all liquor stores would go out of business.

"In Burlington, Graham and Mebane, 32 employees would lose their jobs," Simpson said.

While alcohol would fall under standard capitalism, Simpson said he has a few concerns. He is not sure if the prices would be cheaper or more expensive and said he believes underage consumers would be able to acquire hard liquor more easily.

"We don't need to get rid of the system. There's nothing wrong with it," Simpson said. "It just needs to be regulated."

## Upscale outlet mall moves into Alamance

Hunter Parrish  
Reporter

Elon University students will soon have a new shopping destination in Alamance County.

Tanger Outlets has begun construction of an upscale shopping outlet on a 52-acre plot in Mebane.

The outlet mall will house more than 80 stores including J.Crew, Saks Fifth Avenue, Banana Republic, Gap, Michael Kors, Nike and Tommy Hilfiger.

The mall will be only a few exits away from the university on the interstate, a short 15-minute trip for Elon students.

"We are investing \$60 million in the project," said Steven B. Tanger, president of Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc. "That is the largest investment in commercial retail development in North Carolina this year."

Tanger Outlet is a national chain based in Greensboro that has 33 centers in 22 states across the country.

Some Elon students are just as excited for the new shopping center as the Town of Mebane.

"It will be so nice to have a new upscale place to shop nearby," sophomore Caroline McDonough said. "Alamance Crossing doesn't seem to have much variety for the college student taste."

Alamance Crossing has more stores focusing on an older generation than the college student style, McDonough said.

The Mebane Tanger Outlet is estimated to open during the fall of this year. The project began in 2007 but was delayed because of the need to have 75 percent of retailers on board before beginning construction.

The Tanger Outlet company previously owned the Burlington Manufacturers Outlet Center on I-40/85 but sold all investment in the center in 2007 to a Raleigh developer who is working to revitalize the area.

"Having the state's largest retail shopping development taking place here in our backyard

is a tremendous economic stimulus for our city, region and the entire state of North Carolina," said Mayor of Mebane Glendel Stephenson, in a recent Tanger Outlet press release.

The company has plans for hotels and restaurants to come into the project but none have been finalized. The Tanger Outlet group suggests that around 800 full- and part-time job positions will become available at the outlet center.

"Tanger is going to bring us the type of first class outlet shopping center that they are so famous for, as well as jobs, jobs and more jobs for our area residents," Stephenson said.

Alamance Crossing opened in 2007 in the Burlington area, giving Elon students and staff a new place to eat and shop without leaving western Alamance.

"Alamance Crossing is definitely a great place to get off campus for some light shopping or a good meal," sophomore Bridgit Shaefer said. "I know I will be heading out to the Mebane outlet often just because it gives more shopping diversity."

## Elon junior hopes to bring green ideas to campus

Kevin Monahan  
Reporter

An Elon University junior is proposing an on-campus chapter of the Green Party and has begun the process to have it officially approved by the school.

Drayton Aldridge created a Facebook group, "Elon Campus Greens," to gauge and generate student interest in a campus chapter of the Green Party. The page outlines his goals for the group and has gained 48 members in

a little less than a month. In the page's information section, he pledges the group will "work to elect Green Party candidates and help Green candidates achieve ballot access."

In addition to creating the Facebook group, Aldridge has met with Wayne Turner, co-chair of the North Carolina Green Party, who he says is excited about the prospect of college chapters.

Aldridge intends for the group to promote student activism on campus and address both on-campus issues and those in the surrounding communities.

"I love Elon, but I hate the Elon bubble," he said. "There are several issues in the Burlington area that we can and should address."

A secondary goal Aldridge has for the party is to increase awareness and overcome preconceived notions of the party.

Aldridge said he hopes the establishment of the campus chapter will make more people, particularly younger people, more aware of the party and its efforts.

The Green Party's Web site lists its "10 key values." Among the values are grassroots democracy, ecological wisdom, non-violence, decentralization, future focus and sustainability.

According to Aldridge, the Green Party's position as an alternative to the current two-party system is one of its greatest benefits. Unlike the two major parties, the Green Party is firmly against war and corporate power in nearly all instances.

"The two parties prop each other up," he said. "They want this system because it means one or the other is always in power."

The Green Party is further separated from the two major parties because it does not accept funds from corporations. This limits the party's campaign capabilities. Within several states, North Carolina included, political parties are required to collect a number of signatures from citizens before they can place a candidate on a ballot.

"The major parties are able to pay people to go out and retrieve these signatures," Aldridge said. "(It's) something that the Green Party is generally unable to do."

Aldridge said he has high hopes for Elon's potential Green Party chapter. He would like to see it become officially recognized by the administration and in the future act as a model for similar groups at other colleges and universities. He said he believes that the involvement of young people is critical to the advancement of the party on a national level and he understands the difficulties it is facing.

"It's a very 'David versus Goliath' type thing, but it's doable," he said. "The Republicans were a third party before Abraham Lincoln won the election."

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# More students failing AP tests nationally

T.J. O'Malley  
Reporter

Across the United States, the failure rate for Advanced Placement tests has continued to increase throughout the past 10 years, according to a report from USA Today. But at Elon University, the pattern doesn't seem to be holding up.

More than two in every five students in the country, or 41.5 percent, failed their AP exams in 2009, compared to a failure rate of 36.5 percent just 10 years earlier, according to a report by USA Today. The increase has created concern across the country, especially in states like Arkansas where 70.3 percent of students failed their AP tests in 2009.

The exams are based on a point scale of one to five, where a score of a one or two merits the student a failing grade. Across the country, students are commonly receiving scores below three, according to the USA Today article. But Mark Albertson, registrar, said the university hasn't noticed declining scores among students in his 32 years of experience.

"If there's a trend, the trend is up," he said.

Albertson noticed an increasing number of Elon students receiving credit for AP exams during the last decade. The percentage of freshman students getting credit in at least one

AP course has jumped from 19.6 to 35.2 percent from 1999-2009, according to Albertson.

In 1999, students were only required to score a three or higher to receive credit, but since 2003, all students who have come to Elon have needed a score of at least four (with the exception of Calculus AB which requires a score of at least 3 for credit.)

According to Albertson there are few Elon students receiving failing scores.

"I will very rarely come across a score of a one or a two," he said. "The majority of scores are three's and higher."

In response to the concerns nationwide about AP scores and other issues with the education system in the United States, President Barack Obama announced a \$250 million teacher training initiative, according to the USA Today article. During his address, Obama stressed the importance of developing the education programs for the future of our country.

"Make no mistake: Our future is on the line," Obama said in the article. "The nation that out-educates us today is going to out-compete us tomorrow."

Obama stressed the importance of having the necessary number of educators to teach the country's students in important subject areas, in which many students take advanced placement classes.

Will Brisco, a freshman at Elon, took

## BY THE NUMBERS: AP exams

In 2009, 41.5 percent of U.S. students failed AP exams.

At Elon, AP credit has increased from 19.6 to 35.2 percent between 1999

Since 2003, Elon students are required to score a four or higher to receive AP courses.

Source: USA Today

SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

four AP courses and scored a three or higher in all of them. Because of his accomplishments he was able to receive credit in both calculus and statistics at Elon.

Brisco said he believes he was able to have success with the AP exams because of the education quality he received from his public high school in Avon, Conn.

"The AP courses may have been difficult, but they were always well run at my school," Brisco said. "My teachers were all very knowledgeable about the subject."

Brisco said the AP credits that transferred to Elon have proven helpful for Brisco and have given him an advantage over his fellow classmates.

According to Albertson, Brisco, along with many other Elon students, appear to be exceptions to the downward trend of AP scores because of how desirable Elon has become for prospective college students during the past decade.

"Elon has grown a lot over the past 32 years," Albertson said. "As we have grown we have been getting better students, and with better students that usually means better scores."

Albertson said he believes there is no reason to think Elon will see a decline in AP scores any time in the near future.

"It looks like AP scores will continue to rise for years to come at Elon," Albertson said.

## Social networking: If you would not say it in person, don't say it on the Web

Sylvia Ohanyan  
Reporter

At Elon University, students and professors are learning how to use Facebook to their advantage to obtain connections with colleagues and future employers.

Lynn Huber, assistant professor of religious studies and women's gender studies program coordinator, tried working with Facebook to make herself more available to her students by using Facebook during her office hours last year.

Her rationale was that students need help when they are actually working on projects, which is generally late at night. So she logged on to Facebook chat at 10 p.m. and was available to take questions from her students.

Although many did not take her up on the offer, a few from each of her classes did "friend" her and found her unorthodox advising method useful. For Huber, Facebook was an easy forum to use since many people were already accustomed to its format.

Though she thinks that Facebook is a great way to network and stay in touch with people, she warns students to use caution when posting content on Facebook since it is a public site.

"Never say anything on Facebook that you wouldn't say in person," she said. "It's a public space so don't do anything you would be embarrassed about or would affect you negatively."

She also mentioned when it comes to social networking protocol, students and professors should recognize the blurred line between private and public content.

For example, earlier this month, a professor at East Stroudsburg University was suspended after she jokingly posted a status about not killing her students that day. Gloria Gadsden thought only her friends and family could see the remark. But a student saw the comment and notified the university.

Tony Crider, assistant professor of physics at Elon, saw that story in The Chronicle of Higher Education and mentioned that everyone, students and professors alike, should be careful with what they post on the web, especially to Facebook.

"Many people don't realize that with the recent privacy changes, more people can see their information than they think," Crider said. "They need to manually go in to their privacy settings in order to make their profiles more secure."

Peter Felten, director of the center for the advancement of teaching and learning, said there should be reasonable boundaries for Facebook. He said he did not feel comfortable "friending" students because he knows that Facebook is for personal content and entertainment.

"For most people, Facebook is a fun space," Felten said. "It's not appropriate to bring coursework into that environment."

Some students believe they have a closer relationship with their professors and say they feel more comfortable with them seeing their personal information.

"I like being friends with my adviser because he tells me if something on my Facebook could make me look bad to a potential employer," said sophomore communications major Clinton Edmondson. "He's someone I have a close relationship with, and I know I can trust him."

Facebook can be a great way to connect with future employers if used properly. "I think it depends on what field you're going in to," Felten said. "Obviously if you're in the communication field it could be a good way to show someone you're work, but if you're a physics student it might be a little more difficult."

## New test detects heart problems, not a current priority for Elon athletics

Sam Calvert  
Sports Editor

Despite findings that adding an electrocardiogram to the NCAA-required physical exam and health history survey could detect potential heart problems in at-risk athletes, it doesn't seem like the testing will begin any time soon at Elon University.

Several members of the Elon sports medicine department said the testing is not the top priority for the athletic department.

Instead, they said they would rather increase screening for other conditions, including concussions and sickle cell anemia.

"There are things we can use our resources for that would definitely give us more bang for our buck," said Kenneth Barnes, team physician and director of sports medicine.

Concussion testing and testing for the sickle cell trait are two things he said would be a better use of the university's money.

Testing for the sickle cell trait has become a hot topic in sports medicine recently after a University of Mississippi football player's death during training was attributed to it.

In response to the death, Eric Hall, associate professor in exercise science and faculty athletic representative explains the NCAA is pushing for sickle cell testing as part of the mandatory pre-participation physical.

Sickle cell testing, along with concussion testing, are two things Barnes said he hopes to implement in the Elon screening process, even if it is not required by the NCAA.

"To be able to better manage the safety of the athletes is obviously my No. 1 concern," Barnes said.

Barnes said he went to a sports medicine conference last year, and the group spent two days talking about introducing EKGs into the pre-screening athletic process.

He said it sparked a lot of discussion, and the topic continues to be controversial in the world of athletics.

Most recently, Stanford University conducted a study on various medical screenings on athletes in an attempt to reduce the number of sudden cardiac deaths and found that EKGs helped identify athletes who may be at risk.

"I don't think this study was a real

surprise to anyone," said Hall, associate professor in exercise science and faculty athletic representative. "It may gain more support, but there's always going to be the cost. That's always going to be the big problem."

A big concern with the EKGs is that the team physicians are not sufficient, both Barnes and Hall said. A cardiologist would have to be hired to read the results and determine whether an athlete needs further testing.

EKGs are used to monitor the electrical activity of the heart. Through these tests, abnormalities can be detected and checked further to find and prevent serious injury or death.

Testing for heart abnormalities could identify serious problems that surface-level tests may miss.

"Even if an athlete is very healthy and very fit, if they haven't been tested, you wouldn't know (there was a problem)," Hall said.

The NCAA mandates one physical examination for athletes every four years of play. At Elon, the athletic department goes a step further.

When athletes first come to Elon, either Barnes or his sports medicine fellow, Aaron Leininger, a certified physician, must conduct a physical for that athlete to play.

Along with the physical, the athletes fill out two-page questionnaires about their medical histories and health risks. Barnes said he thinks both parts of the screening are in-depth enough to really identify any potential health risks that may need more testing.

Then, every subsequent year students participate in athletics, they must fill out a new form. The team physicians then determine whether the players need additional physicals.

"We try to be proactive instead of reactive," Barnes said. "It's all about preventative maintenance."

Barnes said he strives to practice preventative medicine such as this, but he also practices evidence-based medicine.

He said at the moment there is just not enough research to support the use of EKGs.

Lack of research means lack of guidelines to manage the testing, Barnes said, and without guidelines there is nowhere to draw the line.

"If you work an athlete up with EKGs," Barnes said, "when do you stop?"



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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.

## University history and tradition threaten to invalidate progress made in racial relations

At the University of California at San Diego, time seems to be traveling backward. Universities are often the places where controversial ideas are spread rapidly and without apology. They're places where young adults seek to push authoritative boundaries, find their identities and step out from beneath the protective umbrella of their upbringing. But sometimes, random acts of injustice occur on university campuses, threatening the forward movement of society and causing the regression of intolerant mindsets.

A half-century ago, students across the country were protesting the Vietnam War. They lived against the grain of socially acceptable behavior and challenged the norms consistent with the era. The government wanted a draft, and they wanted peace. But what happens when the forum in which ideas are expressed is the cause of conflict? What if those who are speaking out aren't speaking for peace but rekindling old flames of historical inequality? The recent demonstrations taking place on university campuses nationally seem to be indicating those trends.

On Feb. 15, an off-campus party at UCSD titled, "Compton Cookout" mocked black history month. To add insult to injury, a student-run TV station supported the party and labeled blacks ungrateful while using a racial slur. Then, a noose was discovered Thursday night in the UCSD library, prompting a sit-in of 150 students in the Chancellor's office. California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger deemed recent displays of racial intolerance at the university "horrific" and "completely unacceptable."

Similarly, the University of Mississippi is undergoing a controversial debate about replacing its current mascot with something more agreeable to the times. Right now, Ole' Miss has Colonel Reb, a Caucasian, old man with white hair - reminiscent of a plantation owner from the Deep South. He was created in 1970 and has been showing up at games and school events ever since.

Ninety four percent of the students surveyed at the school

support keeping the mascot as it is, and some ridicule those who want to change it. But the remainder think the colonel stands for past events that harbor emotional ties to those from minority backgrounds.

So, is this the crux of the issue - letting go and embracing change? Or are students staring controversial representations of racial unrest in the face in efforts to attempt to decrease the power associated with them?

When hearing about situations such as these, it makes one grateful for the accepting, open community Elon provides for its students. Our mythical mascot isn't offensive to most and the Elon community has been working diligently to promote the appeal of Elon to international students and those of minority backgrounds.

That appeal may be the inviting atmosphere and attempt to provide an open forum for discussing hard topics without the threat of retaliation. Broadening mindsets helps with dissolving die-hard stereotypes and promoting new, accepting mentalities.

Though our community is developing their plans for increasing diversity within the student body, the diversity that already exists is not always capitalized upon. "I feel like people from similar races hang out with people that are similar to them," sophomore Kelly Mead said. "It's not that they mean to, it's just that sometimes your daily life doesn't allow you to be exposed to different people."

In areas where collaboration is the way of learning, distinct divisions within a student and faculty body prohibit accomplishments from being made. An off-color comment from an intolerant individual or slight act of discrimination from an administrator should not be tolerated, no matter how small the gesture.

Although free expression is a value that should be appreciated in collegiate forums, demonstrations of discriminatory behavior come in multiple forms and all should be monitored, especially on college campuses.

## Case for domestic versus international adoption

### With thousands of children in desperate need of parents in global communities, many are overlooked within domestic boundaries

The eyes of a poor, starving child stare back at you from the television screen, flies swarming around his face. He has no clothes. He has no money. He has no food. He has no mother, and he needs one, but so does the kid who lives two miles down the street.

When a couple makes the decision to adopt a child, they also have to narrow down their decision depending on a few factors. These factors include gender, age and location - either domestic or abroad. International adoption has become an increasingly prevalent form of adoption among Americans. But why?

It could be the celebrity influence. Stars like Madonna and Angelina Jolie are all about adopting foreign children. Or it could be that adopting internationally is faster.

Couples may also think adopting from overseas may reduce the probability of the birth parents reclaiming their child.

Regardless of the reason, the choice to adopt internationally instead of domestically is on the rise. In fact, the overall number of international adoptions has tripled since 1992. But it's not like there's a lack of parentless children here in the United States.

Wouldn't it make sense to adopt a little closer to home?

There are many issues that come with adopting a child from outside of the United States. For one, the process is expensive. There is a great deal of international scrutiny that can befall the potential parents and child, as well as a lot of waiting time and paperwork. There's also the argument that adopting a child from another country may result in that child losing their sense of culture or identity.

So the question remains - why are celebrities and other Americans traveling abroad to search for new additions to their families when there are plenty of children without stable homes right here in the United States?

There is no evidence to show that domestic adoptions are more expensive or more difficult than international adoptions. According to Adoptive Families magazine, the average time frame for an international adoption ranges from 10-12 months, while domestic adoptions take between one and 28 months.

There are also new laws and tighter restrictions slowing down the process of international adoption from countries such as China and Guatemala. The cost of adopting a child from Guatemala ranges from \$25,000-\$30,000, from Russia \$30,000-\$40,000 and from China \$20,000-\$25,000.

The cost of adopting a child domestically ranges from \$8,000-\$40,000. If it is shown international adoption has no real cost benefit.

The Dave Thomas Foundation reported there are currently 129,000 American children waiting to be adopted. Those children deserve homes and families.

Providing a parentless child with a family is one of the greatest gifts anyone can give. It's a wonderful thing to do, regardless of where you're adopting a child. But there are kids in need everywhere and they're closer than you think.

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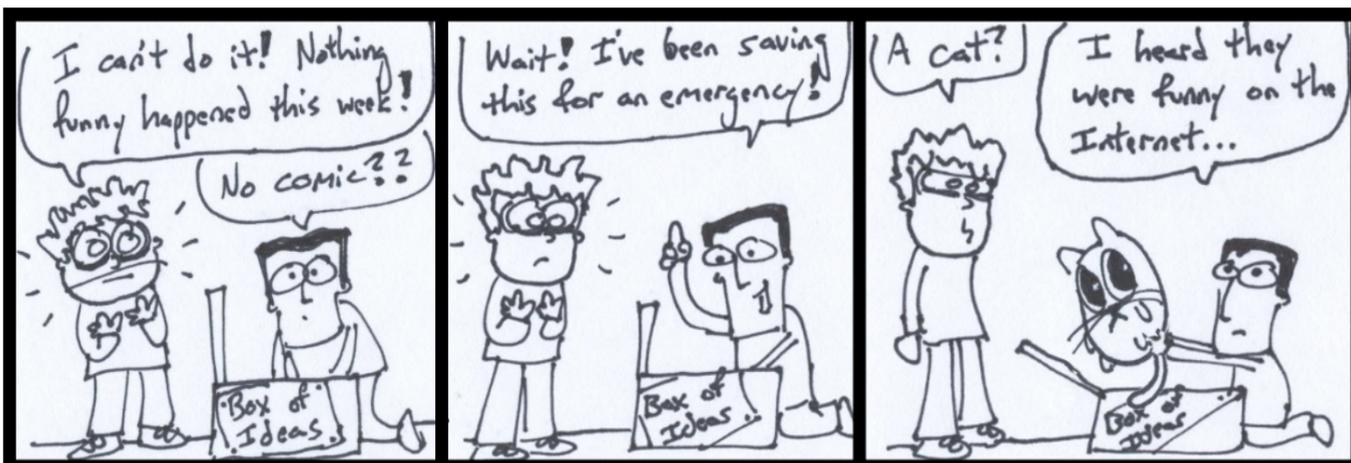
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# Opinions

## Plugged in, tuned out

As increases in technological gadgets impact our generation, young adults lose connection to real world



**Ashley Fahey**  
Guest Columnist

It surrounds us everywhere in the classroom, in our homes, on the streets. It is not possible to go from point A to point B without running into some form of it. What is this phenomenon that seems to have taken over life as we know it?

It's a little thing we all know as technology. Our generation is, by far, comprised of the most tuned-in and advanced users of technology, having grown up in the age of computers, cell phones and online social networking. All of these things are great because they allow us to communicate and connect with one another with great ease and can even help us meet new people from different parts of the world.

But has it become too much? Have we abandoned interpersonal relationships in the face of a technologically developing world?

Almost everywhere you go, people are texting, talking or typing. In many circumstances, they are surrounded by other people doing the exact same thing, yet they rarely interact with one another. In fact, it's fair to say that many members of our generation spend more time interacting with

people through technological means than good old-fashioned face-to-face communication. In day-to-day living, people frequently put their spoken conversations on hold when their phones vibrate to respond to a text message or call.

Don't get me wrong — I am guilty of the exact same crime. It's incredibly convenient to simply look up a friend's name on my contacts list and text them a question rather than seeking them out in person. Our society is a stressful, busy, constantly moving one, which oftentimes accounts for the usage of technology. It's efficient and speedy. But it is also inevitably a sign of laziness in many circumstances. People don't even have to leave their houses to go shopping. The Internet can be accessed within seconds on cell phones, which used to have one purpose only. We can talk to almost anybody in the world through a webcam.

In time, this might prove that we need help with our social interaction skills. For now, our generation still seems to value and appreciate interacting with others in person rather than just through a technological medium. So, next time you find yourself consumed by your BlackBerry or Macbook, glance up and see who's around you. It just might be the perfect opportunity to get in a solid dosage of timeless human face-to-face interaction.

## Elon's campus challenging for disabled students



**Jasmine Gregory**  
Columnist

Making a building accessible for those with physical disabilities seems like it would be a basic construction consideration, especially when a good number of people living in the United States are considered physically handicapped.

Although at first glance Elon's campus may feel relatively handicap-friendly, a lot of basic tasks around campus are far more difficult than they appear.

Story Center, which includes Maynard, Colclough, and Chandler, is one of the most popular housing areas for freshmen and sophomores and it lacks a way for handicap students to reach the second or third floors. The only way to access these floors is to use the stairs. Something so simple becomes virtually impossible for those with a physical disability and also challenges anyone temporarily on crutches.

Another example of challenges with housing is presented in Danieleley Center. Although it does have some handicap-friendly flats and apartments, the tram running from Danieleley lacks the equipment to accommodate anyone with a physical disability.

Powell, a popular academic building, also lacked a way to reach the second and third floors until this summer. In contrast to the remainder of the buildings in the academic quad, Powell was the only one without an elevator. The year 2009 seems a bit late to just start making adjustments for the handicapped. Also the elevator in Powell is off-limits after 5 p.m. when the admissions office closes.

Outside of these major obstacles, Elon hasn't necessarily made it easy to be handicapped and gain access to its most popular buildings. Moseley, for example, has an extremely long ramp that is nowhere near the normal entrance way. The button to automatically open the doors outside of Belk Library is also awkwardly positioned away from the door.

Of course it seems reasonable to structure a building for visual appeal, but incorporating the handicap-friendly features seems like it would also hold equal weight. Maybe not.

Unfortunately for a prospective student with a physical disability, Elon would likely have to fall far from being one of their top choices given the obstacles on campus as well as limited housing options.

The Diversity Emerging Education Program focused its week in the fall on disability awareness on Elon's campus. A scavenger hunt-style challenge placed regular students in wheelchairs and on crutches and sent them on a series of errands around campus.

The participants quickly found that all of their challenges could not be completed without assistance or completed at all.

It seems unfair to make students on Elon's campus with disabilities have to make so many sacrifices to live as normal a life as possible. For future building projects, Elon needs to make more of an effort to accommodate all students, regardless of disability.

With diversity as the No. 1 goal in Elon's strategic plan, physically handicapped students should be equally included and considered. Diversity is about much more than matters relating to skin color or race. It's also about embracing and fairly accommodating students with disabilities.

## Tolerating tumultuous times



**Rachel Southmayd**  
Guest Columnist

A 7.0 earthquake in Haiti on Jan. 12. An 8.8 earthquake in Chile on Feb. 27 and on Mar. 8, a 6.0 earthquake in Turkey. People can feel the earth move under their feet. Literally. And they're panicking.

Last week, CNN featured stories on March 4 and 5 about 6.4 and 6.5 magnitude earthquakes in Taiwan and off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia respectively. CNN doesn't normally cover every single strong quake that occurs on the planet. But everyone's got earthquake fever right now. Any 2012-fearing individual is bound to at least entertain the thought that the Earth is falling apart beneath us. Surely some great cataclysmic disaster must be in the works.

In Feb. 2009, approximately 14 percent of the 162 "seismic events" recorded by the U.S. Geologic Survey were a magnitude of 5.0 or greater. This February, 25 percent of the 240 events were above the 5.0 mark.

Is this a sign of the so-called apocalypse? The

Chilean earthquake and its resultant tsunamis claimed more than 700 lives and also altered the physical make-up of the entire planet. NASA scientists estimate that it shifted the Earth's axis by three inches and shortened our days by 1.26 microseconds.

The tectonic plates are shaking like a second-grader before a piano recital. How are we reacting? We're emptying our pockets into coin jars and attending fundraiser events for victims of the Haiti and Chile earthquakes. We've spawned a new wave of "voluntourism," raised awareness of a destitute third-world nation badly in need of economic reform and displayed a shining example of disaster preparedness and response.

If belief in the coming of the end of days is what inspires people to do good upon their fellow man, then keep it coming. We can do without the loss of life and destruction of property, but we can't do with the hiding of heads in the sand and ignoring of the billions of people who are not as lucky as those of us who are fortunate enough to live in the United States.

Losing 1.26 microseconds a day means that in 2,174 years, Earth will have lost a single second. We could stand to drop a few more seconds if it will prevent us from losing our humanity.

## HISTORIC EARTHQUAKES

<b>2001</b>	Jan. 26: Gujarat, India. Magnitude: 7.6. Fatalities: 20,023.
<b>2002</b>	March 25: Hindu Kush Region, Afghanistan. Magnitude: 6.1. Fatalities: 1,000.
<b>2003</b>	Dec. 26: Southeastern Iran. Magnitude: 6.6. Fatalities: 31,000.
<b>2004</b>	Dec. 26: Sumatra-Andaman Islands. Magnitude: 9.1. Fatalities: 227,898.
<b>2005</b>	Oct. 8: Pakistan. Magnitude: 7.6. Fatalities: 86,000.
<b>2006</b>	May 26: Java, Indonesia. Magnitude: 6.3. Fatalities: 5,749.
<b>2007</b>	Aug. 15: Central Peru. Magnitude: 8.0. Fatalities: 514.
<b>2008</b>	May 12: Eastern Sichuan, China. Magnitude: 7.9. Fatalities: 87,587.
<b>2009</b>	Sept. 30: Southern Sumatra, Indonesia. Magnitude: 7.5. Fatalities: 1,117.
<b>2010</b>	Jan. 12: Haiti. Magnitude: 7.0. Fatalities: 222,521.

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# CAMPUS SENSES: Sounds, smells & sights of Elon

Lina Patton  
Design Editor

There are certain things you notice when you step on Elon's campus: the beautiful brick buildings, perfectly-trimmed grass, a bustling student body — everything that made us say "yes" as high school seniors. But it doesn't take long to notice the little things that make Elon unique. After just months on campus, one will start to notice that certain smell in Moseley, that door that won't open in Colonnades and all the other little things that make Elon feel like home. Just like it's hard to describe the feeling you get when you go home (think of your mom's laundry detergent, your dog's bark, the way your sister slams the door), it's difficult to pinpoint what it is about these familiar places that form that sense of bELONGing. Still, we can try. It's in the senses: the sounds, smells and sights of campus.

## KOURY GYM



Sweaty metal; black rubber; spray bottle sanitizer; Spandex; sneakers hitting treadmills; letter shirts; faint blares from budding white headphones; weights; heavy breaths; shiny steel; sticky bodies; beeps of increasing speed; chlorine.

## MOSELEY

Flat screens; maroon; tart cleaner; lined tables (luring candies, cookies); block-lettered whiteboards; paint; shoes against tile; egg-and-cheese croissants, hot griddle; tables; checkout lines ("meal plan, sweetie?"); tour groups; polished pamphlets; cardboard; turning locks (left first); sticking stamps; metal.



## BELK (CLUB)

Warm paper; dry air; textbook pages turning; black ink; yawns; quiet voices (first floor), hushed whispers (second floor), awkward noises (third floor); carpet; cell phones vibrating; Sharpies; stairwell footsteps, echoes; sour energy drinks; Bene pizza boxes (by the slice); cleaner; old books; warm light, the clicking and typing and pressing of buttons; backpacks against sweatshirts; humming machines; body odor or old food.

## ARTS WEST

Soft lead; color; energetic voices; angles; sketches across walls; space; sculptures; guests; running Pandora playlists (work time); clay; purposeful light; pens (ink or tablet); slow footsteps, tracing eyes; canvas (stretching); installations; free minds.



## LAKE MARY NELL



Everything geese.

## WEST END

Beer (stains, spills, bottles); tugging wristbands; clanking pool balls; crowds and close bodies; darkness; chalk; neon game lights; bathroom lines (girls); something fried; a mix of perfume and liquor; money; grime; high heels; meeting people for the second time; hugging; flashing, clicking shutters; taxi lines (no Safe Rides weeknights); wafting cigarette smoke; mascara; friction against X's (underage).

## CROSSWALKS



Darting heads; impatient drivers; following brick; the slowing down and revving of engines; caution on Williamson Avenue.

## ACORN COFFEE SHOP

Short, sharpened pencils; salty ham; gray-blue paint (new); mustard; bread becoming toast, cheese becoming melted; onion; sweet tea; muffins; car exhaust carried in the door; doughnuts; wax paper; pickles; knives against cutting boards; Eddie's friendly hello; shuffling lines; orange peels; coffee.



## McEWEN COMMUNICATIONS SC



Newspaper; Apple logos; heavy doors; clean tile; deep sighs (forgotten scratch disks, wrong ActionScript, misspelled name); ink; cool air; crowded rooms; climbing stairs; red; tripod juggling; bright lights; sterile sets; the whir, hum, rewind of tape.



## GREEK COURTS



Letters; front steps; brothers, sisters; suburban-  
esque cul-de-sac; beer cans (21 and older);  
crowded doors, slippery floors, music, DJs  
(fraternities on weekends); chants; secrets;  
spray paint (rock); January craze; bigs, littles.

## KOURY BUSINESS CENTER

Numbers; lattes; flashing stock exchange;  
space; balconies (circular); meeting  
groups; a slight dentist office smell;  
couches; glass; fountain views; reworking  
equations; heavy books (money); ties,  
jackets, skirts (presentation); PCs; plans;  
PowerPoints.

## ALAMANCE FOUNTAIN

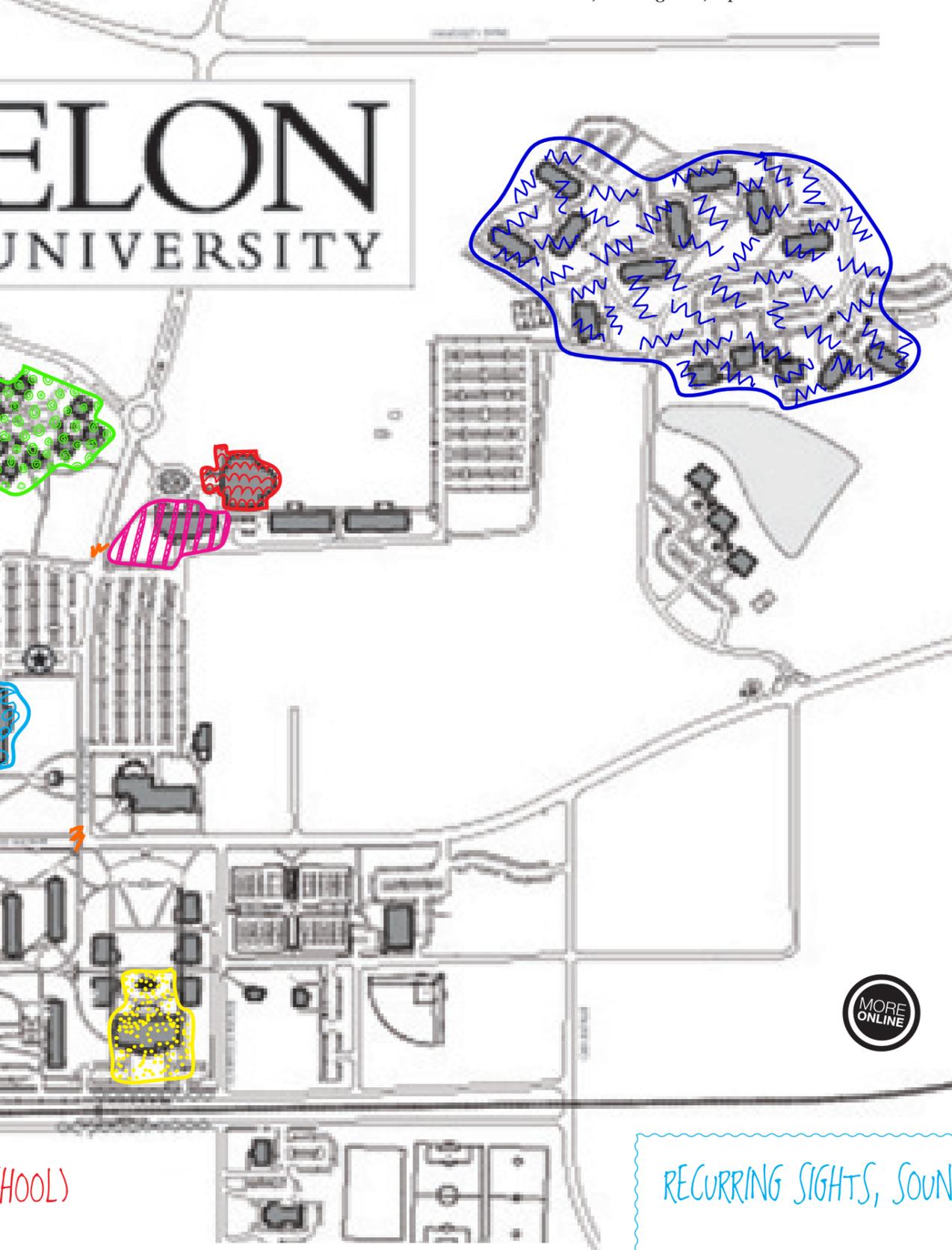
Splashing; small talk; teal; cement; sitting  
on brick, finding sun; squirrels.

## DANIELEY

BioBus or long, long walks; sandwiches  
(Commons, "hey boo"); broken printers;  
lake; basketballs hitting asphalt;  
bedframes out windows; bikes; lettered  
buildings; escaping Residence Assistants  
(or not); vice-filled posters; roommates;  
stairwells; ripped bulletin boards; the  
lingering smell of laundry detergent.



# ELON UNIVERSITY



## COLONNADES DINING HALL

Warm dough; stir-fry; piling swoosh  
of cereal; grits; stacking, balancing of  
plates; moving chairs; please and thank  
you's; pepperoni, cheese, grease; high  
ceilings; indecisive murmurs; frosting;  
marshmallow; looping lines (weekend  
brunch).

### Downstairs 'Nades:

Turkey (Ovengold, Salsalito); eyes scanning  
shelves, tables; waving; snapping lids,  
crunching straws; "romaine, carrots,  
broccoli..."; newness; swiping meal dollars;  
pushing doors (it's the left one); footsteps;  
cleaner; plastic bags.

## LINDNER HALL



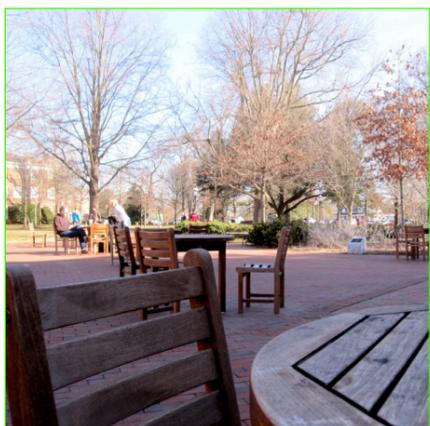
Rocking chairs; new(est)ness; toffee-  
colored tile; dark wood; chandeliers;  
varnish; glass; golden light; disinfectant;  
fancy chairs, tables, lamps; wide rooms  
with long tables; "Obsession Tower"  
(sculpture); arts, sciences; sleek, shiny  
water fountains; echoes from the stairs;  
going green.



HOOO)

## McEWEN PATIO

Fried chicken mixed  
with fresh air; chairs  
scuffing brick;  
conversation; mulch-  
dirt combo; fleece zip-  
ups (now); bright shorts  
(later); greasy paper;  
full trash bins; sky;  
wind on trees; ketchup.



## RECURRING SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND SMELLS:



Brick; grass; black, blue, green bins (trash, paper, bottles);  
nodding; waving; acorns (real, symbolic); clutching cups; close-  
up squirrels; revving Cushmans; girls.



Printing paper; "how are you?"; northern accents, southern  
twangs; the swiping and friction of Phoenix cards; clicking  
BlackBerry buttons; talk of weather (snow day).



Chick-fil-A; new building (paint, carpet, tile); ventilated air;  
sandwiches, bagels; expensive perfume; dusty construction;  
tart, lemon cleaner (versus H1N1).

# Style

## Earning an honest living:

# FARMING



“

People just go to the grocery store and buy their milk — they don't really know where it comes from.

—DOUG SOCKWELL  
FARM OWNER

”



Justine Schulerud  
Photo Editor

Doug Sockwell's alarm clock goes off every morning at 3 a.m. He gets out of bed before the sun rises to do what he has been doing his entire life — farm. Doug begins the morning milking, which usually starts by 3:30 a.m. and lasts about two hours. This is just the morning of his 24 hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week job.

Doug, along with his wife, Paulette, and two sons, William and John Paul, own Riverside Dairy Farm in Gibsonville eight miles from Elon University. Doug is the seventh generation to farm on the land of Riverside Dairy, which was initially purchased in 1850. Doug's father began a dairy farm with six Holstein cows in the early 1940s. The farm has grown since his father hand-milked six cows. Now, the farm averages 120 milking cows. Despite the expansions made since his father began the farm, Doug, along with farmers all across the country, is dealing with the issue of sustainability.

Riverside Dairy Farm is one of the seven remaining dairy farms in Guilford County. In the past year, two other farms in the county have been sold. In the 1950s, there were 170 dairy farms in Guilford County.

This drastic drop of farms is not just a problem in North Carolina, but throughout the entire country. Farms are slowly dying out because of money situations, pressure from housing developments, the government and lack of interest

from children to take over the farm, Sockwell said.

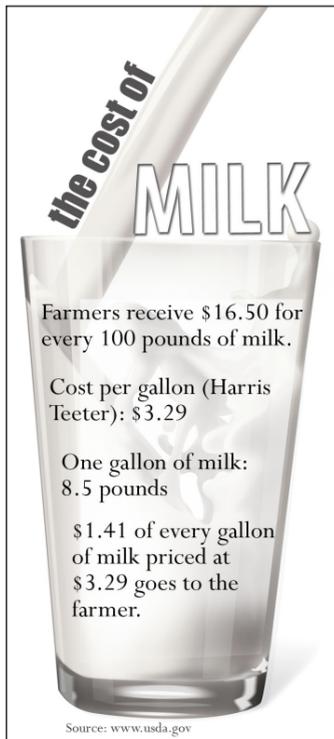
The Sockwells serve as a prime example of the hard economic times that are plaguing the country, especially in the agricultural business. Just last year, the Sockwells lost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and finished the year with an income of \$20,000.

The lack of profit for farmers, such as the Sockwells, is primarily because of the low milk prices. The farm gets \$16.50 per 100 pounds of milk, while it costs \$17 to produce. But improvements have been made in the past three months.

At one point they were receiving \$11.50 per 100 pounds. The farm sells its milk to Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association. This milk is then processed and sold to places such as Maola Milk Company, Valley Milk, Harris Teeter and Food Lion. Staying in business for farms throughout the nation is a constant question.

“I stay in the business because of my love of farming,” Doug said. “Being my own boss, being out in the fresh air and enjoying the country smell is what keeps me going.”

Although the future isn't looking especially bright, Doug hopes to turn the farm over to William and John Paul. They would then be the eighth generation of Sockwells to carry on the farming tradition. John Paul and his wife are expecting twins soon and hope to have a son who will later take over the farm. Good values, work ethics, learning how to survive on

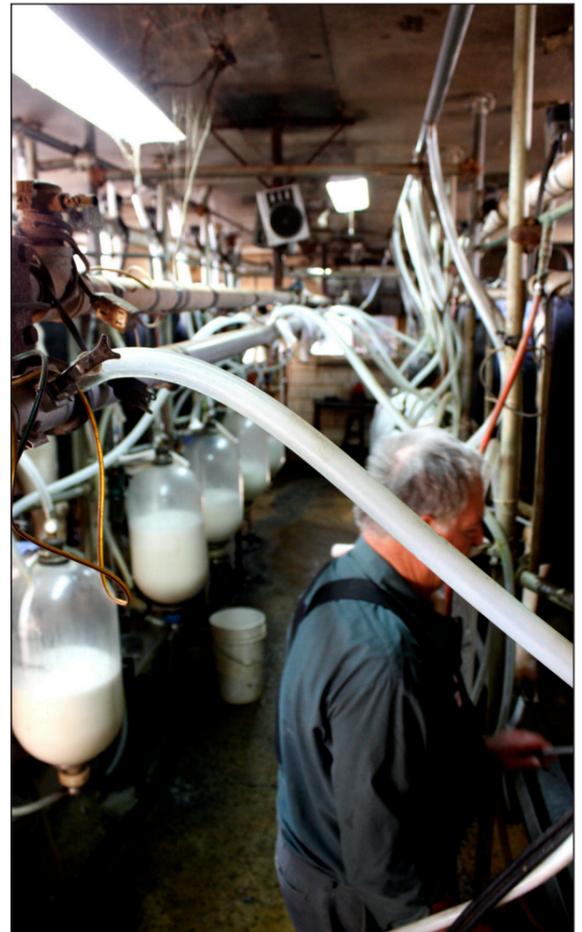


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little and being independent are all qualities that John Paul said he hopes to instill in his children, as was done for him.

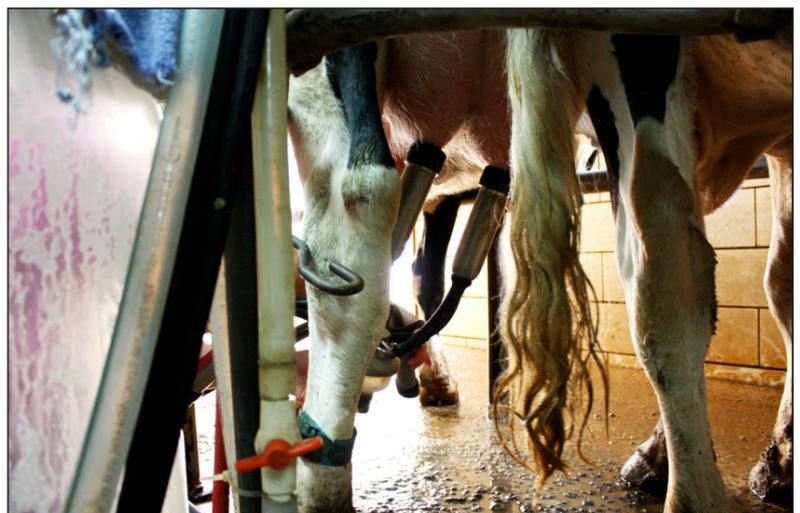
Despite the hard times, the Sockwells sincerely love what they do and continue to put in the countless number of hours every day.

“We're earning an honest living,” John Paul said. “The money ain't there, but it's honest.”



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The Riverside Dairy Farm is located eight miles from Elon's campus and has been on the same land since the 1800's. The dairy farm milks an average of 120 cattle, twice a day. On average the farm produces 56,000 pounds of milk a day. The farm ended last year with a profit of \$20,000, which is less than a year's tuition at Elon University. The farm lost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 last year alone.



# Elon students to host 1K Run for Haiti

Kellye Coleman  
Reporter

Members of the Elon community had several opportunities to participate in relief efforts since the devastating earthquake struck in Haiti almost two months ago.

From students donating meal plans on their way to the mail center to the "Dance for Haiti" event, many community members have united. Their efforts have supported several major organizations, such as the American Red Cross and Stop Hunger Now.

Elon students and faculty will have the opportunity to benefit New Directions International Saturday. The local organization that has worked in Haiti for more than 40 years.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. for the first Oak House 1K Run for Haiti Relief. The 0.62-mile benefit run is being hosted by Elon students living in Oak House, a home close to campus known for its weekend gatherings low on alcohol and heavy on community.

The residents of Oak House, seniors Colin Campbell, John McGreevy and Kyle Banks, have been interested in hosting a 1K for awhile. Following January's earthquake in Haiti, they decided the time was right.

"When the earthquake happened we decided we needed to do this solely for relief effort," Campbell said.

McGreevy was in Haiti at the time of the earthquake.

"I'd already been there for a couple of weeks and had become great friends with people there," McGreevy said. "More than anything it fired me up and my housemates up to do something about it."

His relationship with Haiti was one of the motivating factors behind the event.

Campbell also formed a connection with the country through a Winter Term internship.

He worked with NDI and as planning efforts began, Oak House knew this was the organization that they wanted to show their support.

"It's tough to find an organization or another partner that you can trust to give funds to the people who need it," Campbell said. "It's kind of neat that we've found an organization we can trust."

Joseph Williams, CEO of NDI, said the money is desperately needed, and the funds will go directly to feeding these families. Currently, NDI is focusing on homes, its main location holding 700 families in need of support.

"Before the earthquake we were feeding 200,000 students a day in 14 different schools and orphanages," Williams said. "\$10 will basically feed one child in Haiti for a month."

The \$10 is the registration fee for this weekend's



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1K run, allowing each participant to provide a child with three meals a day for one month by running the short 0.62-mile route from Elon Community Church to Oak House.

"It's really great that anyone can do it," Campbell said. "A 5-year-old can do it with ease."

The housemates have used Facebook to get the word out and said they hope to hand out fliers.

"We are planning to take our advertising to the streets," Campbell said. "You should be looking for gentlemen in tiny running shorts."

Campbell hopes this is something future Oak House residents will continue to expand upon since Campbell, McGreevy and Banks are graduating this May.

"The event will continue," Campbell said. "It's a bold statement to make, but our intentions are good."

Some of the race highlights include a DJ at the start and finish line, dancing and a slide show at the end of the course, allowing individuals to learn more about the work NDI is doing. Costumes are not required but strongly encouraged.

Race registration begins the day of the race at 9 a.m. with the participants taking off at 10 a.m.

# Hungry? Why wait?

Sam Parker  
Reporter

Late night cravings are something all students are familiar with. The undying hunger that suddenly strikes in the wee morning hours when their stomachs refuse to be quiet despite their persistent denial. After a night of going out or a night spent studying in the library, the vicious growls of student's stomachs indicate it is time for a fourth meal.

But what are the options? Because most dining facilities on campus close at 8 p.m., students are left to fend for themselves. Even Varsity, Acorn and Octagon shut off the lights come 1 a.m. What are students supposed to do when their pantries are empty, their bank accounts are dwindling and their stomachs are aching for food? Below are some options to consider the next time hunger strikes at 2 a.m.

## Cook-Out, Elon's pride and joy



Who does not enjoy a sweet treat after studying for hours on end? Famous for its 46 milkshake flavors available at only \$2.39, Cook-Out can satisfy any sweet tooth without emptying a wallet. With menu options ranging from caramel fudge to banana berry, cravings of chocolaty or fruity shakes can quickly disappear.

Not full after a measly milkshake?

Cook-Out's menu also includes the basics of a fast food drive-thru, complete with its signature premium hamburgers, hotdogs, barbecue, french fries, onion rings and hush puppies for no more than \$3. Open until 4 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday, even the latest night owls' hunger should be alleviated.

It is not the healthiest option, but it sure does satisfy a grumbling tummy.

## International House of Pancakes



What is better than breakfast for dinner? From pancakes to omelets, to french toast and waffles, IHOP is sure to satisfy hunger. With a new IHOP For Me option, a nutritional guide that lists healthier options less than 600 calories, even weight-conscious minds can be at ease. Meals consist of whole wheat pancakes and veggie-filled omelets, and can be complete with loads of fruit, light syrup and turkey bacon.

For students not into counting calories and grams of fat, there is always the traditional stack of flapjacks, soaking in delicious melted butter and maple syrup. On the other hand, for meat lovers, the T-bone steak and eggs is always a winner in order to fulfill any desire for protein.

With prices starting at \$5.99, IHOP is priced right and available for dining 24 hours a day on Friday and Saturday and from 6 a.m. through midnight Sunday through Thursday.

## Brixx Wood Fired Pizza



Looking for something cheesy, something saucy, something sweet? If so, Brixx is the answer. With pasta, salads, homemade wood-fired pizzas and desserts, Brixx is a local hotspot for late night cravings and social grazing.

Brixx guarantees satisfaction with 18 different options for 10-inch pizzas. The chicken florentine, totaling 1400 calories, is the fattiest pizza option, making each slice a total of 175 calories. If you are looking to cut out unnecessary calories that will not alter the overall taste of your pizza, each pie crust is available in whole wheat or plain. Whole-milk mozzarella is the default cheese of choice but vegan cheese is available upon request, as well.

The most expensive pizzas are \$10.95 and the priciest pasta dishes are \$11.95. If split between two people, the check is tolerable. Open until 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 p.m. Sunday, Brixx provides a patio famous for its people-watching entertainment even late at night.

## Correction:

In the March 3 issue of The Pendulum, under the story "From student to professor: Danieleley reflects on 69 years at Elon," an info box incorrectly said that the fireside chat is on March 12. The fireside chat with Dr. Danieleley is March 11.

# Return of the Barbecue: Finding the best N.C. pork pits



Ashley Barnas & Morgan Little  
Senior Reporters

There are some who find culinary perfection upon white linen, looking at dapper companions across the candlelight while a violinist ensures that he earns his keep. The food is meticulously designed, laid out by the chefs in the same way an architect puts together blueprints for a building. But buildings aren't particularly tasty and there's little charm to be found in overwrought perfection.

Once again, The Pendulum's barbecue hunt will accompany the onset of spring, searching for those local haunts with secret sauces, hospitality born from southern gentility and not the desire for tips and, most of all, the best darn barbeque the state of North Carolina has to offer.

Since the best barbecue is found in a far-flung, scarcely visited, inconspicuous venue, The Pendulum is looking to you, the reader, for tips and recommendations of whom we should visit and review. Is there a restaurant that has flown under the radar for too long? Has one of the old standbys stagnated, and in doing so deserves a fresh critique?

Take a look at last year's segments online, give the videos a spin and grab a sweet tea and a fork in anticipation of a spring spent pigging out.



Hursey's Bar-B-Q is one of the local barbecue pits located near Elon.

MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

# Local resident reflects on time as congressional secretary

Alex Trice  
Online Editor-in-Chief



On May 16, Bernice Pruitt, a Burlington resident and congressional secretary, will be turning 73 years old. But when asked how old she feels, the Burlington native replied she feels like she is still in her 30s.

"I come from a good stock," Pruitt said. "My dad was 88 when he died. My mother was 98. I remember my mother said, 'When I look at the mirror, I cannot believe that is my face because I feel the very same way inside as I've always felt,' which I thought was dear at the time I heard it. But let me tell you, as I aged, I understood more and more what she meant."

From a young age, Pruitt showed remarkable work ethic. She had her first job when she was 14 years old at a store in Graham, where she spent a considerable amount of her childhood. After graduating from high school, she attended Mars Hill College and studied business, but was unable to finish her degree because of financial reasons.

"Times were different then," Pruitt said. "There weren't many scholarships, especially not for girls."

After leaving college, Pruitt found a job at the WBBB radio station and worked there for five years.

"I was always fascinated by radio and decided that would be a great way to pass the time until I found out what I really wanted to do," she said.

Pruitt became a member of American Women in Radio and Television and was invited to visit Washington, D.C. for a summer jubilee. Pruitt loved her time in the district so much that when she returned to North Carolina, she told an attorney named Gene Gordon about how much she would love to work there one day.

In a matter of weeks, Pruitt was asked to serve as secretary to Congressman Horace Kornegay, who represented Alamance County's district. She accepted and promptly moved to the nation's capital.

"When I first went up there, it was during the Kennedy years," Pruitt said, "Even when you walked down the street, there was energy in the air. There was a positive feeling among all the people you encountered. All that turned into sadness after the assassination, of course."

Her primary responsibility was to keep up with the congressman's calendar. One thing Pruitt said she loved most about her job was that she was still connected to North Carolina and in touch with her own county the entire time she was there.

Part of the perks that came with being a congressional secretary was that Pruitt had opportunities to see several people of significance. She remembers seeing President John F. Kennedy and the Shah of Iran when they addressed the joint session committee.

She remembers seeing Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret outside the Capitol when they came to the district on an official state visit. She also remembers the riots in the city during the civil rights movement, and described seeing members of



Pruitt is an avid reader with a collection of books at home. During her time in D.C. she would visit the Library of Congress on a regular basis in her free time to attend lectures. She also got to meet many famous authors including John Updike.

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the National Guard lining the streets with their rifles in hand as frightening.

She also saw a fair share of movie stars, including Paul Newman, Dinah Shore, Helen Hayes and Ed Asner, who as she recalls, had a great deal of charm.

But Pruitt did much more than manage appointments and see celebrities. During the Vietnam War, she was given the task of handling military casework for citizens of her district.

One particularly memorable case for Pruitt was of a man who had been discharged from the army before he could receive completed dental care from the military. L. Richardson Preyer, the congressman she was then working for, decided to introduce a bill that would require the military to continue treatment for discharged army members.

"Since it grew from military casework, it was going to be my duty to shepherd the bill through the committees," Pruitt said.

When the next election came around the man she helped showed his support to Preyer's opposition.

"I was reading the Burlington paper, and I read about this man squiring around the opponent, introducing him to the people here in the county," Pruitt said. "So that was kind of a lesson. You work two years for somebody, and then they squire the opponent around."

In 1980, Pruitt's work was recognized when she was listed in the Who's Who of Women in the Government and the Marquis Who's Who in Government. Pruitt



Pruitt was recognized in the 1980s edition Who's Who of Women in Government and the Marquis Who's Who in Government.

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said her first reaction to finding out about the honor was shock. She had no idea she was being considered until she got a letter in the mail asking for her biographical information to be put in the entry under her name.

In 1992, Pruitt returned to North Carolina and hasn't been back to the district since she left. She currently resides in Burlington in the house her parents lived in for many years.

## Flip through pages of the yearbook . . . on the Internet?

Sarah Carideo  
Reporter

Phi Psi Cli, the Elon University yearbook, has gone digital. In the early 1900s, Elon University had three literary groups on campus. They combined parts of their names to create the yearbook, which has been a vital source of information on campus since then.

One of the biggest changes to the yearbook happened in October 2009 when the decision was made to put them into digital format on the Internet by Dean and University Librarian Kate Hickey and Katie Nash, special collections librarian and archivist.

"They are an invaluable resource to many different communities including people working at Elon, students, alumni, researchers, genealogists, etc.," Nash said. "I get a lot of questions from all types of people from all over the country about people who attended Elon or something else related to Elon that can be found in the yearbook."

She explained how it has been helpful to simply forward people the link to the online yearbooks to let them search whatever they are interested in.

The process took about three months, and all yearbooks from 1913-2009 have been digitized.

The process begins with each page being scanned on a machine called The Scribe. The image of each page is captured and Optical Character Recognition software is used to make the text on each page searchable.

These Scribe machines are located at University of North Carolina Wilson Library because the school received a grant to digitize many schools'

yearbooks in the state. They leased two machines from a company called the Internet Archive, which is based in California, and make the digital content scanned by The Scribe available online. The machine can scan about 3,000 pages a day.

Randy Piland, adviser of Phi Psi Cli, said the online version is an added feature to the printed book. Piland said in the future the yearbook will be produced solely in an online version because of costs and the lack of popularity of the book.

Another positive aspect of the online version would be the time of the output process would be shortened because there would be no waiting for printing, shipping and distribution of the book.

Currently, there is not an easy way to accomplish this task so there are no plans to digitize all future yearbooks, Nash said. Another concern is that the format of the online version could change in the future and possibly disable people from being able to view it.

"What will hurt it is when technology changes and something replaces the way you first made the product," Piland said. "With the printed book you can usually go back a number of years later and pick up the actual hard copy and view it anytime, anywhere."

Piland said that this new method would fit in well with the new visual generation. Piland said that the online version is an added feature to the printed book and thinks that in the future the yearbook will be produced solely in an online version. The reasons for this are because of costs and the lack of popularity of the book.

Current Editor-in-Chief of Phi Psi Cli, Lesley Cowie, has been dedicated to improving the yearbook and striving to increase student interest

in it.

"I am well aware that students will really only be interested in the yearbook if they see themselves or know someone in it, so that's exactly what we've tried to do," said Cowie. "This is why we have created an Index for the back of the book. This will be a quick reference for students to find themselves and their friends."

Despite this, Cowie thinks that yearbooks will become digitized eventually because the internet is so easy to use.

Current generations use the internet for everything, while previous generations enjoyed being able to "dig up their old yearbooks and flip through the pages with their children or grandchildren." She wishes that this tradition could continue but knows that the change is inevitable.

While the digitized yearbooks are more readily available for students to look at, Cowie raised concerns that most students do not know about the change, and that most students will not seek out the information that they already have on Facebook.

She believes that students would be more interested in the yearbooks from the past to see how the campus has changed.

"We see so much construction happening now that I can't even imagine what the campus looked like years ago," she said.

Other reasons they might be interested would be to see how clothing and hairstyles have changed.

We want to hear what you have to say about Elon's student Yearbook going online. Log on to The Pendulum's website at <http://www.elon.edu/pendulum/> and share your comments.

# Taste the excitement Town Table coming soon

## B. Christopher's sets bar high with choices, cuisine

**Bonnie Efirid**  
Reporter

If Town Table is anything like B. Christopher's, Elon students are in for a treat, hopefully with a smaller price tag.

B. Christopher's is part of Chris Russell's Burlington conglomerate and holds fast Russell's vow of excellence, as far as most taste buds are concerned. B's Bistro, a smaller café-style dining location, is connected to B. Christopher's, while Benjamin's Seafood is just down the street.

The eclectic American cuisine and the sleek, crisp and comfortable atmosphere of B. Christopher's allows the customers to escape the town of strip malls and barbeque joints and slip into a world where fine dining and food are celebrated. From the inside, there is no inclination that Blue Ribbon Diner sits to the right and the busy buzz of Church St. is out the front door.

Although during the week customers can be sparse, the weekend brings in families visiting Elon couples on dates and even birthday parties. With '70s soul music playing softly in the background and the smell of fresh spices in the air, prepare yourself — your mouth will water.

Winner for best appetizer has to be the fried goat cheese and spinach purse. Along with an incredible presentation, it is delicious. Crunchy and hot on the outside, it is filled with warm creamy goat cheese and spinach and drizzled with pure, aged balsamic vinegar. The combination of the flaky phyllo dough and the creamy goat cheese makes this one a winner. And it's vegetarian friendly, too.

Also served was the char-grilled untraditional caesar salad, featuring grilled lettuce. It was delicious but heavy on the parmesan cheese, lending a strong flavor. The homemade Caesar dressing is delicious and is oil based instead of cream based, keeping it from being too heavy.

Other than its unique salads, B. Christopher's is mainly known for its all-natural, corn-fed aged beef. The petite filet mignon has a trio of sauces: Béarnaise, creamy-blue cheese



Chris Russell, owner of B. Christopher's, extends his Burlington 'conglomerate' right here on campus with the opening of the Town Table. The quality and atmosphere of B. Christopher's leaves Elon with high hopes for the new on-campus restaurant.

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and red wine with mushrooms. The béarnaise was better than the others: the blue cheese was too strong and the cabernet sauce was unimpressive. The filet was also nothing to call home about, but it was good and cooked to order.

Luckily each steak comes with a side and all of the sides are incredible. Presented just like a crème brûlée, the corn brûlée came

with the sugar coating on top and creamy sweet corn in the middle. This, and the chargrilled salad, set B. Christopher's apart.

B. Christopher's is definitely more high-end than a college student is used to. But if money is an issue, all will work out. Elon should have high hopes for Russell's Town Table coming soon in the old Brown & Co. space.

### CD REVIEW



## A few 'Conditions', overall a good listen

### The Temper Trap introduces a fresh new feel

**Julia Sayers**  
Reporter

With indie rock becoming increasingly popular, The Temper Trap has come on the scene at just the right time. The Australian band released its debut EP in 2006. And while it was popular for a short time in Australia, it quickly faded into the background.

It wasn't until September 2008 when the band released its single "Sweet Disposition" that attention came back to the band. The talent of Dougy Mandagi, the lead singer, is fully realized with this song. Born and raised in Indonesia, he has a distinct falsetto voice that works perfectly for the music. "Sweet Disposition" has a melody that Mandagi sings with such heartfelt emotion, combined with layered guitars to give it a feel similar to a U2 song. The song was also featured on the "500 Days of Summer" soundtrack and attracted a large number of followers in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia.

When Conditions was released in 2009, it became a contender for debut album of the year for many people. The first song on the CD, "Love Lost," features an organ and hand claps, leading up to a climax of drums and guitars. Another favorite is "Fader," an upbeat number with catchy "wooh woohs" in the chorus. Who doesn't love that?

The band cites its influences as Radiohead, Bloc

Party and Coldplay, all of which are heard throughout the album. The Coldplay influence can best be heard on "Fools." The song begins softly and builds up to a crescendo, with a piano solo in the middle. "Down River" is a little different than the rest of the songs on the album, including horns and seeming to get its influence from Modest Mouse.

The ballad in the middle of the album, "Soldier On," almost sounds reminiscent of Muse and a little like The Killers. It is almost six minutes long, beginning with light guitar, piano and emotional lyrics, leading up to the last two minutes of full-out jam, with guitar solos included.

There are a few songs that fall short. "Rest" is too repetitive: the same three lines are said over and over again. While it does have a good melody, it just doesn't succeed.

"Resurrection" is whiny and too long. Maybe if the climax had been moved up and the song cut short by a minute or so, it might have been better. The album ends with an instrumental drum and guitar solo called "Drum Song." Once again, it is also repetitive. While it shows off the talent of the drummer and guitarist, it gets old quickly.

"Conditions" is a great album, especially for a debut. The Temper Trap introduces a fresh, new feel for indie music and shows the potential to become an immensely popular band.

## Red Carpet Report: Winners and losers in fashion

Welcome to the 82nd annual Academy Awards, where the styles worn on the runway set the precedent for the whole year to come.

A trend seen this year on the red carpet matches what each nominee



**Alexandra Johnston**  
Fashion Columnist

wants to take home at the end of the evening — gold. Nominee Sandra Bullock appeared on the red carpet in a sleek metallic gold dress by Marchesa featuring a sleeveless lace bodice. The bold choice of color as well as the confidence she bore wearing it allowed

her to take control of the evening. Cameron Diaz was another gold-wearing beauty in an Oscar de la Renta strapless gown with cascading jeweled beads. Loose curls and red lips added to the classic old-Hollywood glamour look. In addition to these two stars, others such as Sarah Jessica Parker, Miley Cyrus and Kate Winslet showed their ambitions through gold-hued gowns.

Both small and large prints were also a theme this year. Actress Tina Fey pulled off an extremely chic look in a subtly leopard printed Michael Kors gown. This one-shouldered dress featured a deep front slit stemming from delicate ruching along the waistline. This was a highly fashionable relief for Fey, who has had many not-as-pleasing fashion choices in the past. Nominee Maggie Gyllenhaal graced the red carpet in a bright, large-floral printed Dries van Noten creation. In keeping with the trends for this spring, the almost painted-on feel of the fabric was artfully draped to create a stunning strapless silhouette.

But the red carpet did not go without controversy. A few weeks ago Anna Wintour, fashion icon and editor at large for American Vogue, gave fashion advice for young nominee Carey Mulligan. Wintour suggested to Mulligan that she wear a short dress to the Oscars this year. Mulligan had another idea in mind and told Wintour flat out that she would not be wearing a short dress to Sunday's ceremonies. She appeared in a strapless black Prada dress that was cut high in the front and cascaded back to reach the floor. The bodice was infused with beads that carried gradually onto the skirt. While Wintour no doubt did not agree, other critics maintained that the actress looked stunning and was all the more beautiful for having spoken her mind.

With the green initiative growing every day, there was no doubt that it would soon reach the red carpet. Suzy Amis Cameron, wife of "Avatar" creator James Cameron, held a contest for aspiring designers to design an eco-friendly yet Oscar-worthy gown for her trip down the red carpet. She held the contest to raise money for Muse Elementary, an environmentally friendly school in Los Angeles.

The winning dress was designed by 21-year-old Jillian Granz and is made up of mostly sustainable and natural materials. The gown was an appropriately "Avatar" blue, one-shouldered creation that gathered around an empire-waist bodice. The shoulder strap extended into a long flowing train of light, sheer fabric. Husband James Cameron sported a matching blue pocket square, making the couple a classy hit on the carpet.

While the evening was filled with both surprising and predictable winners, the nominees all glowed on the red carpet and provided the fashion world with great trends. Gold metallics, bold and light prints and florals, and rocking personality and causes are all strong interpretations for the coming year.

# No surprises at The Oscars

Alexa Milan  
Senior Reporter

Every Oscar ceremony usually has its share of snubs and surprises. "Crash" wins best picture in a huge upset. Alan Arkin unexpectedly beats Eddie Murphy after Murphy took home virtually every other supporting actor award. Bjork shows up wearing a dress that looks like a dead swan.

But the 2010 Academy Awards proved to be one of the more predictable awards shows in the past several years.

Whether the best picture winner was an upset depends on whom you ask. It seemed as if every other day people changed their minds about whether "The Hurt Locker" or "Avatar" was the frontrunner. Despite "Avatar's" box-office dominance and Golden Globes win, "The Hurt Locker" racked up critics' awards, the Writer's Guild award and the Director's Guild award. Its strong awards season performance translated into a best picture win, making it the lowest-grossing best-picture winner of all time.

All four acting races ended as expected — Jeff Bridges won for "Crazy Heart," Sandra Bullock for "The Blind Side," Christoph Waltz for "Inglourious Basterds" and Mo'Nique for "Precious." Bridges and Bullock will also likely gain additional buzz for having two of the most engaging acceptance speeches of the night.

As many people predicted, Kathryn Bigelow became the first woman to win the best director prize for "The Hurt Locker." She was visibly moved, completely deserving and gracious, even after presenter Barbra Streisand drew out the announcement of her victory a few beats too long.

Mark Boal of "The Hurt Locker" edged out Quentin Tarantino's "Inglourious Basterds" for best original screenplay, which "Locker's" Writer's Guild victory indicated would be the likely



Mark Boal, Kathryn Bigelow, and Greg Shapiro with a slew of Oscars for "The Hurt Locker" at the 82nd Annual Academy Awards at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, California on Sunday.

outcome.

The only real upset in the major eight categories was the loss of Jason Reitman and Sheldon Turner's "Up in the Air" in the best adapted screenplay category. "Precious" scribe Geoffrey Fletcher walked away with the award. Fletcher's "Precious" script was incredible, but a win for the equally deserving "Up in the Air" seemed like a lock. As a result, that film left the ceremony empty handed.

Another surprise was an "Avatar" victory in the best cinematography category. Since most of "Avatar" was computer generated, this seemed like the one category James Cameron's juggernaut was sure to lose. But in the end, the sci-fi extravaganza beat the more deserving "The Hurt Locker" and



Christoph Waltz with his Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for "Inglourious Basterds" at the 82nd Annual Academy Awards.

"Inglourious Basterds."

Overall, the telecast itself was relatively successful. It opened with an awkward presentation of the best actor and actress nominees lined up onstage. A surprise musical number from Neil Patrick Harris, who makes any awards show better, saved the day.

Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin did a fantastic job as hosts. They had great chemistry and played well off each other, keeping their jokes fast-paced and consistently funny. They were onscreen just enough to lift viewers' spirits when things started to lag, rather than overstaying their hosting welcome like Ricky Gervais at the Golden Globes. Their loving prods at the stars in the audience were amusing, and a well-timed "Paranormal Activity" spoof garnered lots of laughs.

A tribute to late filmmaker John Hughes (of "The Breakfast Club" and "Ferris Bueller" fame) was beautiful and moving, but the omission of Farrah Fawcett from the larger in memoriam segment was a huge error on the Academy's part.

The show missed the mark during an unnecessary tribute to horror films and during a brief repeat of last year's disastrous presenting style. Prior to a presenter awarding the winner of the best actor and actress categories, five additional presenters took the stage and spoke for what seemed like hours about the achievements of each nominee.

But despite the broadcast's missteps, this year's Oscars reminded viewers that 2009 brought us some incredible movies.

## VIDEO GAME REVIEW ★★★★★

# Battlefield: Bad Company 2, a better sequel

Jon Moore  
Reviewer

In the world of multiplayer first-person shooters, "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" reigns today as king, usurping the throne from its own predecessor and the Halo series before it. Trying to become the next "Modern Warfare," though, may be both a blessing and a curse to the "Battlefield: Bad Company" franchise.

"Battlefield: Bad Company 2," from the Swedish developer DICE and publisher Electronic Arts, is no failure by any standard. It has handily beaten "Modern Warfare 2" at its own game, with a better developed single-player campaign and a more complex multiplayer.

As a reaction to the lukewarm sales of the original "Bad Company," the single-player campaign has shifted its focus from the tongue-in-cheek characters of the original to action sequences more in line with its peers in the genre. Though the soldiers of B Company do return as the main protagonists, they are not as developed as in the first.

Still, "Bad Company 2" surpasses the characterization found in the "Call of Duty" franchise and is more akin to the kind of development seen in "Halo 3: ODST." Otherwise, the approximately six-hour campaign is what one would expect from an action game or movie.

Most gamers do not come to this genre for the campaign. While good stories are still sorely missed among first-person shooters, the multiplayer mode is where they truly sail or sink. Here, "Bad Company 2" is unsurpassed. Like the original, multiplayer gameplay is focused on squad-based battle, using distinct classes to accomplish objectives and earn experience points that upgrade weapons and abilities.

Whereas in "Modern Warfare 2," only various types of kills net points, the "Bad Company 2" system is both more objective-focused and more allowing of support classes. While a simple kill will earn the player 50 points, a kill in defense of a strategic objective point will increase that value, as will a kill in conjunction with a member of the squad.

The player can also earn points by fulfilling the support role of their respective class by accomplishing team objectives or by pointing out an enemy on the field so they can be tracked and dispatched by teammates. All point values can be increased by acting in tandem with the squad or in defense of an objective.

Taken as a whole, this system means that earning the most points is not simply a function of the player's kill or death score, but of their aggregate ability to aid their team and squad. These points are used to unlock weapons and abilities for all classes. Unlike "Modern Warfare 2," the system of succeeding in each match is deep enough that the player doesn't get bored.

Destructible environments also make a return, allowing enemy cover to be completely blown away and entire structures to be razed over the course of a match. It makes camping difficult and means every match can play differently. The feature may balance the uneasiness of fans to accept the addition of regenerative health, which is actually implemented quite well.

While "BC1" fans may be disappointed the campaign doesn't match the wit of the first, those who are disappointed with FPS multiplayer in general may find in "BC2" a refreshingly complex shooter.

## THE OSCARS

- Best Picture:** "The Hurt Locker"
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- Best Supporting Actor:** Christoph Waltz, "Inglourious Basterds"
- Best Supporting Actress:** Mo'Nique, "Precious"
- Best Original Screenplay:** Mark Boal, "The Hurt Locker"
- Best Adapted Screenplay:** Geoffrey Fletcher, "Precious"
- Best Foreign Language Film:** "El Secreto de Sus Ojos" (Argentina)
- Best Animated Film:** "Up"
- Best Documentary:** "The Cove"
- Best Editing:** "The Hurt Locker"
- Best Visual Effects:** "Avatar"
- Best Original Song:** "The Weary Kind," "Crazy Heart"
- Best Score:** "Up"
- Best Cinematography:** "Avatar"
- Best Sound Mixing:** "The Hurt Locker"
- Best Sound Editing:** "The Hurt Locker"
- Best Costume Design:** "The Young Victoria"
- Best Art Direction:** "Avatar"
- Best Makeup:** "Star Trek"
- Best Live-Action Short:** "The New Tenants"
- Best Documentary Short:** "Music by Prudence"
- Best Animated Short:** "Logorama"

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# Newest learning community 'Project' soon to be TV stars



MORE ONLINE

Freshmen Will Anderson, David Gwynn and Dan Enders are members of Project Halcyon, winners of "Wannabe," the lip-syncing competition that took place March 4 in McKinnon Hall.

Lauren Ramsdell  
A&E Editor

Hal-cy-on: noun: a bird identified with the kingfisher, held in ancient legend to nest at sea around the time of the winter solstice to calm the waves during incubation.

Pro-ject Hal-cy-on: noun: a group

of Elon University freshmen who write their own songs and who won "Wannabe," a lip-syncing competition.

Project Halcyon is the brainchild of freshmen Greg Gentile, Will Anderson, David Gwynn and Dan Enders. The four met through the Communication Fellows program and by living in the communications learning community.

The name of the group came from an unexpected dorm necessity, Anderson's penguin-shaped humidifier.

"We liked the initials 'P.H.'" Anderson said.

The group decided it wanted "project" in the name, and "halcyon" came at first as just a cool word that started with "H."

Project Halcyon has been making music since the beginning of the year, first as birthday presents for fellow learning community members and then for projects for various classes.

"The first song I really made myself was 'Let's Converge' for Communications in a Global Age," Gentile said.

The group usually makes videos using built-in webcams, but for the song "Requiem for a Booty," Project Halcyon shot a music video in McEwen's Studio B.

"We shot the video even before we heard about 'Wannabe,'" Gentile said.

Sponsored by RSA, "Wannabe" was a competition where students in groups danced, acted and lip-synced along with popular songs, or, in the case of Project Halcyon, their own songs. But they didn't think it was unfair that they wrote the song. The top prize was \$500.

"I think we listened to our song less than the other groups did, even though we wrote it," Anderson said.

Despite what might have been a slight edge over the competition, the group maintains they just worked differently than other groups — even going to the dance studio to watch their moves in the mirror.

The hard work paid off when they were announced as the winners of "Wannabe," as well as the \$500.

Jack Utrata, who did not participate in writing "Requiem for a Booty," participated in "Wannabe" as the group's mad scientist, while the four songwriters were dressed as robots.

"It was really an honor that they asked me to showcase my talents," Utrata said.

The group's future plans involve participating in the newest ETV show "Elon Tonight," directed by freshman Chris Bosak. "Elon Tonight" will feature digital shorts similar to those on "Saturday Night Live." Project Halcyon will make satirical music and videos, similar to the Lonely Island.

Utrata summed up the group's feelings upon winning "Wannabe" and the \$500 by saying, "A sort of beam of happiness rose out of me, and I just started hugging people."

Project Halcyon is looking to work with other talents on campus, including dancers, for its projects for "Elon Tonight." Until the first episode airs, though, the five freshmen will have to figure out a way to spend their \$500.

## "Poe-etic" language

### A self-portrait of Michael Chabon as a young man

Morgan Little  
Senior Reporter

The interplay between art and commerce is akin to a tango performed by lifelong rivals, both inextricably intertwined yet dependent upon one another to please the audience.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Chabon, most famous for his novels "Wonder Boys," "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay" and, most recently, "The Yiddish Policemen's Union" spoke at length last Wednesday about this paradoxical relationship and his early realization of his devotion to the written word.

Titled "I was Edgar Allen Poe!" Chabon casts two portraits of artists as young men. In describing his youthful admiration for Poe, he described how, at the age of 12, seated alone in his house with a freshly finished biography of the morose author, he came to the conclusion that he was the reincarnation of Poe. As such, he immersed himself in the fictional worlds that Poe and similar authors constructed.

To Chabon, imaginative literature was an atlas guiding him through interconnected universes, granting him a fellowship with "cartographers of the imagination."

For a 12-year-old Chabon, Poe's writing and his life affirmed the secret worth that every social outcast standing alone on the playground knows they have, with every disparaging comment and bullying shove further affirming that worth — particularly when they are confident that they've already succeeded long-lasting literary acclaim.

"Reincarnation stinks too sweetly of human wishes," Chabon said. He realized that he wasn't the second coming of horror fiction's beloved father, though by no means did his admiration for the author end.

"(Poe was) a human candle who lights his head on fire and illuminates the world for a few brief hours," Chabon said, telling of

Poe's initial love affair with poetry and how its unprofitability sent him toward the sensationalistic prose publications of his era, ripe with hazy eroticism, grotesque crimes and exclamatory claims of the stories held within. Words themselves don't put food on the table, no matter how eloquent they may be, without being sold.

Chabon is no stranger to selling his work and easily admits his readiness to make money off of his writing. His goal, after all, is "to make art I can sell for cash money."

And unlike Poe, Chabon's coffers have been filled not only with the proceeds of his novels but also with lush Hollywood cash.

The rights to his novels have all been claimed, he worked on a script for "Spider-Man 2," which was eventually partially repurposed into the final draft, and he is currently revising the script to the long-incubating "John Carter of Mars," an adaptation of Edgar Rice Burroughs' sci-fi series.

For Poe, there was nothing of the sort. His sole novel, "The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket," though it "invents and exhausts its genre," according to Chabon, also sold fewer than 100 copies in its first year. Even his ubiquitous poem "The Raven" netted Poe \$9 upon its initial publication.

While their respective financial successes sit at opposite ends of the spectrum, Chabon believes in a common link, founded in the notion of popular art. Chabon's goal is "to create popular art that is unmistakably both."

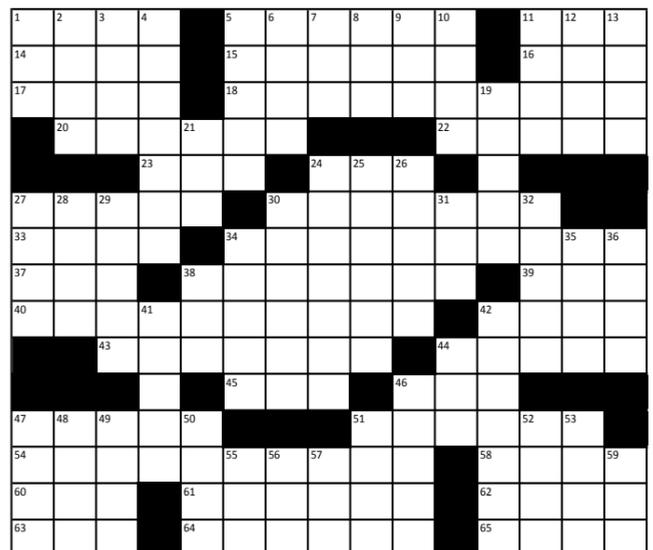
The work should have a degree of self-consciousness about what it must be to become successful, but in doing so must not delve into irony or make artistic sacrifices.

There's a degree of improbability to Chabon's 34-year-old claim of reincarnation. But his relation to Poe — and his honesty about the economic element of literature — makes the two, if not one in the same, at least brothers-in-arms.

## Around the Town

by Steve Ferguson, Class of 2011

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Sophomore John Brebbia came in as the relief pitcher in Sunday's 7-5 win against Radford University. Brebbia threw four shutout innings and struck out three against the Highlanders.

## Baseball team finishes weekend on high note

Sam Calvert  
Sports Editor

With one out in the bottom of the ninth inning and sophomore outfielder Matt Kirchner on second, junior infielder Seth Canipe stepped up as the Elon University baseball team trailed Radford University 6-5.

Five pitches later, Canipe sent the ball flying out of the park with a walk-off home run to win the game.

"I almost missed it," Canipe said. "I pulled off a little bit, but I got enough of it. I thought it was going to catch against the wall, but I guess everyone was blowing on it, so it scraped over."

The win against Radford on Sunday was just one of three wins for the Phoenix over the weekend. The team started off the weekend with a loss against Bucknell University 18-3, but bounced back with back-to-back wins against Princeton University 10-2 and 18-8 Saturday.

When Elon takes the field at home against Old Dominion University at 4 p.m. today, the team will hold a 7-4 record overall.

"I think offensively we started to get better," head coach Mike Kennedy said. "We started to do some things at the plate that showed some signs of being a good offensive club."

The team batted .320 for the weekend, scoring 38 runs and 10 home runs.

Four of those home runs came off the bat of Canipe.

"We stepped up and came together as a team," Canipe said. "That's what we've been needing to do all year."

The Phoenix has a chance to extend its three-game winning streak against Old Dominion today.

Last year against the Monarchs, the Phoenix defeated them 5-4 at home.

As of Monday, Old Dominion held an 8-5 record overall.

"We'll try to prepare our guys first, and then we'll look at the reports, try

to find out what their strengths are," Kennedy said. "They're playing pretty good baseball right now."

In the time between its last game and today, the team only had one practice on Tuesday because Monday was its day off, Kennedy said.

According to the head coach, Tuesday's practice would not be the typical one, where the athletes simply take ground balls and hit. Instead, he said it would be a longer practice because the team has not had a chance to practice a lot lately.

"Then we'll tee it up Wednesday and see what happens," Kennedy said.

He said Tuesday's longer practice, along with the game experience that today's game will bring, will be good preparation for Elon's Southern Conference debut at 7 p.m. Friday at Furman University.

Friday's game is just the first of three the team will play in Greenville, S.C. this weekend. The Phoenix and Paladins

will battle it out at 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, as well.

When the two teams met in 2009 at home, Elon swept Furman by a total score of 41-15.

"I think everybody realizes that conference play is getting ready to start, and that's the most important time of the year," Kennedy said. "But we don't want to overlook Old Dominion at all."

At this time last season, the team held the exact same record it does now. Even with the loss of six players to the MLB draft from last year's roster, the team looks to remain in the same position it did a year ago.

Canipe said the similarity does not mean the team will have the same result guaranteed as it did last year, though. He said the team had to keep working hard and come together in order to continue its winning tradition.

"We know now that we have to show up and play every game," Canipe said. "We can't take any games off."



### ONE ON ONE

Christian Binder and Russel Varner  
Sports Commentators

## NFL offseason spending

With the NFL entering an uncapped season, many figured the large-market teams would be spending money on big-name free agents. But that hasn't been the case so far. Why not?

#### CHRISTIAN:

I am honestly surprised that every free agent isn't a Dallas Cowboy by now. What people don't understand about the uncapped season is that it does have its limitations. A lot of restricted free agents were tendered contracts by their respective teams. These contracts are done with draft pick compensation.

For instance, Brandon Marshall, a restricted free agent from the Denver Broncos, was tendered a first- and third-round contract. This means if another team signs him and the Broncos elect to not match the offer, the other team must give the Broncos their first- and third-round picks in a decided year. Unfortunately, a lot of the big-name players are restricted free agents and teams aren't willing to part with their draft picks.

#### RUSSELL:

And that, in my opinion, is a big part of why there hasn't been as much noise so far as many expected. Another team you probably expected to hear a lot from but haven't yet is the Washington Redskins. I'm very surprised they didn't make a stronger run at Julius Peppers, considering how much of a free spender Daniel Snyder is. The Redskins have cut way more than they have signed, which seems to be very un-Snyder-like. But we also need to realize we are not even a full week into free agency, so I think there are still plenty of moves to come.

#### CHRISTIAN:

The thing you have to remember about the Redskins is that Mike Shanahan is there now and he is careful with how his team is run. I know he's not the general manager, but he has a lot of say in what happens with player personnel. It is surprising, though, that the Redskins haven't made any notable moves yet. They'll likely try to build in the draft. As for Julius Peppers, I think it was clear from the beginning where he was going. We all knew that he was done in Carolina and he made perfect sense for the Chicago Bears. They needed a pass rusher and he wanted money, which they were willing to spend.

#### RUSSELL:

It's about time the Redskins tried something new. The Redskins have needed a change in their strategy since what they've been doing hasn't been working. You could say it's also because of who their coach was, but I also think it's because they spend too much money on the wrong players in free agency. As for Julius Peppers, as a Panthers fan, I'm just glad to see him gone. Two years ago, he said he refused to play another game for us. Then, when he left us, he said we held him back. Now he's saying he would've stayed if we offered him \$6 million more? Goodbye and good riddance.

### ELON ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

MARCH 10 - MARCH 16

#### Wednesday 3/10

Softball vs. Eastern Kentucky - 2 p.m.  
Baseball vs. Old Dominion - 4 p.m.  
Softball vs. Eastern Kentucky - 4 p.m.

#### Friday 3/12

Track & Field (Coastal Carolina Invitational) - All Day  
Women's Tennis vs. Presbyterian - 2:30 p.m.  
Baseball @ Furman - 7 p.m.

#### Saturday 3/13

Track & Field (Coastal Carolina Invitational) - All Day  
Women's Golf (Lowcountry Intercollegiate) - All Day  
Men's Tennis vs. Samford - Noon  
Softball @ Western Carolina - 1 p.m.  
Women's Tennis vs. Western Carolina - 1 p.m.  
Softball @ Western Carolina - 3 p.m.  
Baseball @ Furman - 5 p.m.

#### Sunday 3/14

Women's Golf (Lowcountry Intercollegiate) - All Day  
Baseball @ Furman - 1 p.m.  
Men's Tennis vs. Chattanooga - 1 p.m.  
Softball @ Western Carolina - 1 p.m.

#### Tuesday 3/16

Baseball vs. UNC Wilmington - 6 p.m.

### ATHLETIC RESULTS

MARCH 3 - MARCH 8

#### Men's basketball

March 5  
Elon 66  
Davidson 59

March 6  
Elon 57  
Western Carolina 68

#### Women's basketball

March 4  
Elon 67  
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March 5  
Elon 38  
Samford 57

#### Baseball

March 5  
Bucknell 18  
Elon 3

March 6  
Princeton 2  
Elon 10

March 6  
Princeton 8  
Elon 18

March 7  
Radford 6  
Elon 7

#### Softball

March 5  
Elon 6  
Middle Tennessee State 1

March 6  
Elon 4  
Minnesota 9

March 6  
Elon 2  
Georgia 8

March 7  
Elon 14  
Belmont 6

Men's Tennis  
March 6  
Georgia Southern 2  
Elon 5

Women's Tennis  
March 7  
Chattanooga 6  
Elon 1

# Former Elon basketball coach's legacy preserved, inspires book

**Pam Richter**  
Editor-in-Chief

When an employee from Duke Energy came to Elon women's basketball assistant coach Rachel Stockdale's home, he noticed she had North Carolina State University memorabilia in her house. Immediately the man began talking to her about former N.C. State women's basketball coach, Kay Yow.

Stockdale, who played for Yow at N.C. State for five seasons, said everyone in the Elon, Burlington, Gibsonville area knew Yow and has a story to share about her. Whether it be a story about her and her sisters playing basketball or her early coaching days at Elon College, everyone knew her, she said.

"Everyone I run into had fond memories of Coach Yow," Stockdale said.

Now, those who are not as familiar with Yow and her story have the opportunity to learn more about her in a book titled, "Leader of the Pack: The Legacy of Legendary Coach Kay Yow."

Stephanie Zonars first had the idea of writing a book about Yow in May of 2007. But when she approached Yow, the head coach said she didn't have the time or capacity to write a book because of coaching and the return of her breast cancer for the third time in her life.

Zonars approached Yow again, and once again, the same answer — no. Then Zonars was looking at different coaching books online when she saw an idea that would work perfectly for Yow.

She came across a book about a lacrosse coach whose players and people who knew him wrote stories about him that were compiled in one book.

"A light bulb went off for me," Zonars said. "Coach Yow wouldn't really have to do anything. People could still learn from great wisdom she shared during her career as a coach. I had already been touched and inspired every time I was around Coach Yow. I was burdened that she would pass away and that wisdom wouldn't be passed along to others."

Yow agreed and the project began in February 2008. She compiled a list of people she wanted to write stories, and with the help of Zonars began to help former players, coaches and anyone else who had a story they wanted to share about her.

Stockdale was contacted about writing something for the book, and said immediately she was more than willing to write something for the book.

Unlike the other stories in the book, Stockdale took a different approach — she wrote a poem to share her story about Yow.

"To be asked to write something in that book and to continue to try to impact people through her was awesome," Stockdale said.

Yow passed away Jan. 24, 2009 at the age of 66, after her third battle with breast cancer. She was first diagnosed in 1987. During the 2006-07 season, Yow stepped aside from coaching for 16 games to focus on

her recovery. In December 2008, Yow stepped down as the head coach of N.C. State.

"She taught more about life than anything," Stockdale said. "During games we're sitting there battling for a win and we sit and look at her and she's battling for her life."

Yow, a Gibsonville native, began her collegiate coaching career at Elon College, where she coached for four years and was the first women's basketball coach in school history. She compiled a record of 57-19 and won the 1974 state title.

She then spent 34 seasons as N.C. State's head coach. In her hall-of-fame career, she tallied 737 wins, made 20 NCAA tournament appearances and coached her teams to five ACC regular season titles. In 1988, she coached the U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal. For her continued determination, Yow received the inaugural Jimmy V ESPY for Perseverance Award in 2007.

Stockdale said she sat down with Yow during her senior year about what would be the next step. Yow told her that if coaching was something she wanted to pursue, she'd be great at it.

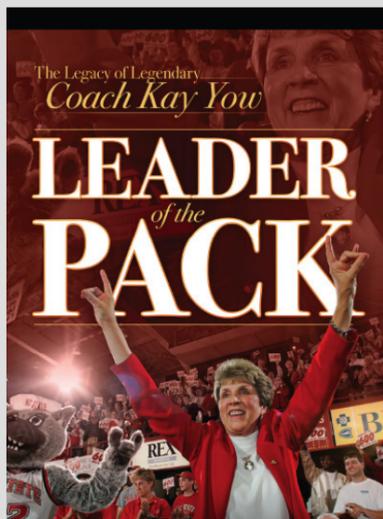
"Long and behold, I'm at Elon," Stockdale said. "We're trying to get a program back to where she started it — at the top."

Now, Stockdale has just finished her second season as an assistant coach for the Phoenix women's basketball team, said she uses lessons Yow taught her, now that she is on the sidelines.

"What it comes down to is that there's more to life than basketball," Stockdale said. "She used basketball to teach life lessons ... I'm in a great position on the sidelines to try to continue to teach what Coach Yow taught me as person."



COREY GROOM | Staff Photographer  
Assistant coach Rachel Stockdale (right) looks on as head coach Karen Barefoot diagrams a play during a huddle. Stockdale has coached the women's basketball team for two seasons.



## Want to know more information about the book?

"Leader of the Pack: The Legacy of Legendary Coach Kay Yow," is sold on Amazon.com and partial proceeds of the book go to support the Kay Yow/Women's Basketball Coaches' Association Cancer Fund.

The book was published in September 2009 and can be purchased on the N.C. State Web site, in addition to Amazon.com.

The book consists of more than 30 stories from Yow's former players, assistant coaches and people across the basketball community.

Many of the stories were accompanied with a connection to a passage in the Bible.

## Tracy leaves Elon, takes new position at Dayton

### Member of athletic staff looks to begin development elsewhere

**Sam Calvert**  
Sports Editor

After March 19, the Elon University department of athletics will be missing a familiar face.

The following week, Brian Tracy, associate director of athletics for external affairs will report to work at the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio.

Tracy is taking the job as the athletic development officer at Dayton, where he will be raising funds to further develop the athletics department.

"It's actually come full circle," Tracy said. "I came in as assistant director of development (at Elon)."

Both Tracy and his wife graduated from Dayton, and while he was there Tracy played center for the Flyers football team.

Both his and his wife's families live in Dayton.

"It's a neat opportunity to go back home," Tracy said. "And it's a new challenge professionally, looking to build a type of program that we have here (at Elon)."

Director of athletics Dave Blank said Tracy's job with Elon deals

with a wide variety of areas, as he oversees media relations, marketing, fundraising, community outreach and ticket sales.

"It's truly one of those positions that encompasses several aspects (of the Athletic Department)," Tracy said. "Basically, I deal with everything on the outside of the house."

Blank said Tracy is one of four senior-level administrators who works with many different people in the different areas with which he supervises.

"Any time you lose a staff member that's been here this long, it's a big loss," Blank said. "But he's been working a lot with others, so it's not like he's leaving with any trade secrets."

In the past few years, the Department of Athletics has gone through restructuring, and Tracy's position has been a part of that.

Tracy said most of the restructuring stemmed from a vision of Blank's and that it was a great opportunity to claim his position as his own.

"The restructuring was simply due to evaluating the staff that we had and finding where everyone fits best,"



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**Name:** Brian Tracy

**Position:** Associate Director of Athletics for External Affairs

**Hometown:** Lima, Ohio

**Alma mater:** University of Dayton

**Time at Elon:** 2005-2010

**Favorite memory:** "It's been neat to see the program grow, to see football grow as well as they have. The time when the men's basketball team played for the (Southern Conference) championship a couple years back was really neat, too."

Blank said. "This move may force another restructuring."

There isn't a ready replacement for Tracy, Blank said, but instead he will have to take a look at the current staff. He said he always wants to strengthen the program from the inside before looking elsewhere.

The very staff Blank is evaluating is what Tracy said he loves most about

working at Elon.

"I'm going to miss the chance to interact with so many great people who are very supportive in what the institution is doing and where the program is heading," Tracy said. "There's an attachment you build with those folks and an opportunity to see a shared dream and a shared vision grow."

# Softball team prepares for conference play

Jordan Scahill  
Reporter

The Elon softball team finished strong with a 2-2 record this weekend at the Bulldog Invitational in Athens, Ga. These games bring the team record to 10-3 overall as it prepares to take on Eastern Kentucky University in a double-header beginning at 2 p.m. this afternoon at home.

"We played great this weekend," sophomore infielder Danielle Lafferty said. "We held No. 4 seed Georgia to only eight runs and scored a lot of runs when we needed them."

The Phoenix beat Middle Tennessee State University six runs to one on Friday, dropped two games on Saturday to University of Minnesota and University of Georgia and then defeated Belmont University on Sunday in a come-back victory, 14-6.

"This weekend was the best I've seen out of the team this year," head coach Patti Raduenz said. "We had so much energy and passion and played phenomenally."

Sophomore pitcher Erin O'Shea struck out two players in a row at the top of the fourth inning in the Georgia game on Saturday, saving her team from a threatening bases loaded situation. The game was her first loss of the season, resulting in a record of 4-1, for O'Shea.

In the final game of the invitational on Sunday, the Phoenix scored nine runs in the seventh inning alone. The Bruins started the game with a 3-0 lead, soon answered by Elon as it began to pull ahead in the top of the fifth inning.

"O'Shea was impressive this weekend, along with all of the other girls," Raduenz said. "As a team we played very tough offensively and have grown a lot since last weekend."

After starting off the season with an undefeated 7-0 record, the team lost its first game in a doubleheader last Saturday against Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. It finished the series a day



Sophomore pitcher Erin O'Shea winds up for a pitch earlier this season. This past weekend O'Shea struck out two players in a row at the top of the fourth inning to save the team from a bases loaded situation. O'Shea allowed eight runs against No. 4 University of Georgia Saturday. The Phoenix was the only team in the tournament to not end its game early against Georgia because of the run rule. FILE PHOTO

later with a spotless 9-0 score.

"At practice, we continue to work on consistent hitting," Lafferty said. "We will be starting conference play soon and have a lot of big games coming up that we need to win. That is what we are going to focus on."

At this point in the season, Raduenz said the Phoenix's biggest strength is its unity in playing together as a team.

"The players all feed off each other and play strong

together. They show a lot of energy, trust and respect."

The Phoenix will face Eastern Kentucky today before heading to Western Carolina University this weekend. The team will play the Catamounts at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday and then again at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"We plan on using Wednesday's (today's) games to prepare for our first conference game against Western Carolina on Saturday," Raduenz said. "I want to start the regular season off strong."

## Tennis starts SoCon play



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The Elon University men's tennis team opened Southern Conference play Saturday with a 5-2 win over Georgia Southern University, led by No. 1 and No. 2 singles players, juniors Philip Nemeč and Chase Helpingstine. Nemeč and Helpingstine won their singles matches 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) and 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, respectively.

The Elon women's tennis team began SoCon play a day later, when it took on UT Chattanooga Sunday. The Phoenix defeated the Mocs 6-1, with wins in the first five singles lines and the doubles point. Senior Anna Milian secured at both the No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles positions, with scores of 7-6 (7-3), 7-5 and 8-5, respectively.

The women return to action at 2:30 p.m. Saturday against Presbyterian College at home, followed by a match at 1 p.m. Saturday against Western Carolina University at home. The men play Samford University at noon on Saturday at home and Chattanooga at 1 p.m. Sunday at home.

## Women's club soccer puts best cleat forward

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For many students who participated in athletics before college but don't have the time or skill level to play varsity sports, Elon club sports are a good opportunity.

One such sport is women's club soccer, where many of the players find an outlet for playing the sport they love without the dedication needed to play for the school team.

"I chose to play club because I didn't want the extreme commitment to varsity," sophomore club President Brittany Garrett said. "I wanted to play at a higher level than intramural, so club soccer seems like the right fit."

Junior Jennifer Sorkin said participating in the club soccer team was her way of continuing with a sport she's played since she was a child. She said it was a way to play without the amount of commitment at the varsity level.

Practices are held two times a week for an hour and a half, which gives the members of the team time to do schoolwork and participate in other club activities they may have. Players do not limit themselves to scheduled practices, though.

"We condition a fair amount, sometimes on our own," Sorkin said. "We also play keep away, other passing drills, a scrimmage and sometimes end with a fun game."

The team also plays matches against other club teams from nearby universities.

This weekend, the team fell to North Carolina State University 1-0 Sunday.

Garrett said the team could potentially be playing a 7-vs-7 tournament soon against the University of North Carolina.

"My favorite part of playing on the team is the traveling and road trips we take to different schools," Sorkin said.

In the fall, the team traveled to Virginia Tech for a tournament. While the team did not come away with any wins, the players felt OK about it because the schools were much bigger than Elon, Garrett said.

She said the team is doing what it can to create a successful season this year, ideally with a winning streak.

"We hope to ultimately build a foundation because oftentimes girls don't stay with the program," Garrett said. "We also want a sense of competition that will make girls come back and play."

Another way the team tries to sustain players is through outside activities.

The team often has pasta dinners, and participates in activities with the men's club soccer team.

"I've gotten friendship out of joining this team," Sorkin said. "It's a fun activity, and we always have fun. It can be freezing outside and we'll still have a great time, and when it's great weather like today, we'll love it too."

# Women's basketball season comes to a close with a second-round loss

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With a 57-38 loss to Samford University, the Elon University women's basketball team saw a season of improvement come to an end.

With the loss, the team finishes its season with a mark of 12-19 overall, 6-14 in the Southern Conference — twice as many wins overall as last season and three times as many wins in the SoCon.

Elon struggled with its offense throughout the game, as the team made just 14 of its 58 field goal attempts. The 38-point total is the lowest point total of the season for the Phoenix.

"We just missed too many shots," head coach Karen Barefoot said. "They just didn't fall."

Barefoot said she was very encouraged with the other aspects of the Phoenix effort.

"We only had nine turnovers in the game, and we executed the game plan," Barefoot said. "We really got after it, and I thought we made Samford earn the victory."

While Barefoot said she is happy with the way her team never gave in against Samford, she said she is encouraged that most of this year's team will return for next season.

Although seniors forward Urysla Cotton and guard Tiffany Davis had their careers at Elon come to an end, freshmen Kelsey Evans, SoCon Freshman of the Year Ali Ford and Lei Lei Hairston have just begun their careers in Barefoot's program.

Cotton and Davis combined to average 12.7 points per game, which accounts for just less than 20 percent of the team's scoring output.

In the game in which the Phoenix was eliminated, the Bulldogs were able to do something few teams have been able to do — effectively shut down Ford.

Coming into the game, Ford had scoring in the double figures for 18 consecutive games. On the season, she failed to score more than 10 points in just four games before Friday's loss.

The Phoenix freshman guard was limited to nine points on three made shots of 13 attempted.

"I saw a bunch of fresh defenders," Ford said. "They were able to get us out of our rhythm."

In that game, Evans led all Phoenix players with 13 points and also grabbed seven rebounds. Her development could be seen at the end of the year, as she averaged 14 points

and nine rebounds per game in the last four games of the season.

Barefoot pointed out that one reason the Phoenix was unable to gather momentum on offense during the second half on Friday was because of how hard the team had to work on defense against Samford's grinding style.

"They make you defend, and some of our missed shots were because we worked so hard on defense," Barefoot said.

After the game, Ford said she was already looking to build on the team's improvement and ahead to the offseason.

Barefoot asserted how important it will be for the Phoenix to improve during the offseason.

"The biggest time for us is the offseason," she said. "That's when we can really improve."

Barefoot said the young Phoenix team will be able to grow further during the offseason. She said it would be important for the freshmen to continue to grow within the system and come back for an improved season next year.

With a difference of seven wins between this season and last season, Phoenix fans can be assured that Barefoot has the program heading in the right direction.



Senior guard Tiffany Davis shoots over a Samford University defender Friday in the Southern Conference Tournament. Davis had two points in the game.



The team huddles during a timeout in the Southern Conference Tournament Friday.

## Top five moments for the Phoenix:

- March 4:** In the first round of the Southern Conference Tournament, the Phoenix defeated Wofford College 67-53. Two weeks earlier, the Phoenix was beaten by Wofford, but Elon was able to avoid the same result in the tournament.
- Dec. 17:** Against UT Chattanooga, who finished the SoCon regular season 16-4, the Phoenix earned a 74-66 victory. Freshman guard Ali Ford poured in 22 points en route to being named the SoCon Freshman of the Year.
- Feb. 1:** Freshman forward Lei Lei Hairston drained a free throw with 38 seconds remaining to secure a 60-59 victory against Samford University. The Bulldogs finished second in the conference, but the Phoenix can still boast a victory over Samford on its home court during the regular season.
- Nov. 13 and Nov. 20, 2009:** To open its season, the Phoenix got off on the right foot with an 86-66 win over Youngstown State University. After losing to the United States Naval Academy on Nov. 14, the Phoenix gained its second win of the season against St. Andrews. The previous season, it took the Phoenix until Jan. 28 to get its second win of the season.
- Feb. 8:** Davidson College went 12-8 in the conference but lost on its home court to the Phoenix, 77-63. Despite winning just six conference games, the Phoenix knocked off the first, second and sixth place finishers in regular season action.



Southern Conference Freshman of the Year Ali Ford shoots over Samford University defenders in Friday's game. Ford had nine points and two assists in the team's season-ending game.

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## Basketball season grinds to halt with loss in quarterfinals

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With 13:09 left in the second half of Elon University's second game of the Southern Conference Tournament, men's basketball head coach Matt Matheny slammed his hand on the scorer's table in frustration because a Phoenix turnover had led to a Western Carolina University fast break.

The expression summed up the Phoenix's frustration throughout the game against No. 2 Western Carolina University on Saturday, as Elon's season came to a grinding halt with a 68-57 defeat.

A day after defeating Davidson College with an efficient 66 points, the Phoenix was unable to sustain any offensive momentum after the first minutes of the contest.

"Western Carolina did a great job defensively," Matheny said. "We had a difficult time getting inside."

The Phoenix's lacked an inside presence, while Catamounts dominated in the painted area.

Western Carolina scored 36 points inside, compared to just six for the Phoenix.

The Phoenix was beaten on the inside by the Catamounts' physical play, as Elon was out-rebounded 44-25, allowing the Catamounts numerous second and third chance opportunities.

"When you get beat this badly on the boards, it's hard to win," senior forward T.J. Douglas said.

The Catamounts were also successful in speeding up the Phoenix offense. After turning the ball over just eight times against Davidson Friday, the Phoenix committed 16 turnovers against the Catamounts attacking defense.

"They were really quick defensively," Matheny said. "And they did a great job contesting shots."

Elon finished the game shooting 30 percent from the field, with 15 made shots and 35 missed.

Neither team was potent at the free throw line, as each team made just 16 of 28 free throws.

The Catamounts' missed free throws were toward the end of the contest, when it seemed that the Phoenix might be able to come back and stun the mostly purple-clad crowd of the Bojangles Coliseum.

But the team was never able to trim the deficit below eight points.

Of Elon's 15 made field goals, 11 were from behind the three-point line. But the Phoenix also missed 19 three-point attempts, giving the team a 36.7 percent made long range shots.

Leading the Phoenix offensively was junior guard Chris Long, who had 14 points and seven assists. With that assist total, Long set the Phoenix single-season record for assists with 140.

Senior forward Adam Constantine could be seen walking off the court with tears in his eyes as he saluted the Phoenix faithful who have supported him for four years.

Constantine was unable to have a large impact in the game because of the defensive intensity shown by the Catamounts, Matheny said.

"When Adam is taken away, it disrupts our offensive flow," Matheny pointed out.

The Phoenix leader fouled out of the game with 3:22 remaining.

But Constantine fouled out doing what he has done throughout his time at Elon, which was trying to make a play and fire up his teammates for a late rally.

While it's hard to imagine what the Phoenix team will look like next year just after the season ended, sophomore guard Drew Spradlin said he is sure that the team will work to improve during the off-season.

"The future is definitely bright for our program," Spradlin said. "We're going to go to work now."

Looking back on the season, Matheny said the season goals of having fun, playing to win and playing the best basketball in March were accomplished.

While a final record of 9-23 overall won't turn any heads, Matheny and the Phoenix were pleased with how far the team came this year.



Senior guard Devan Carter shoots a layup against a defender from the No. 2 Western Carolina University team in the Southern Conference tournament Saturday. Carter scored two points and one rebound in his final game with the Phoenix.



Sophomore guard Drew Spradlin drives past a defender in Friday's 66-59 upset against Davidson College. Spradlin scored 13 points and five rebounds for the Phoenix in the loss.

### Top five moments of the season for the Phoenix:

- March 5:** In a game with a plethora of emotional story lines, the Phoenix defeated Davidson, 66-59, in the first round of the Southern Conference Tournament. The victory was six days after a heartbreaking double overtime 99-96 loss to the Wildcats on senior night at Alumni Gym. It was the first time since 2000 that the Phoenix beat Davidson. Head coach Matt Matheny has ties to Davidson, after playing football and basketball while enrolled there and then serving as assistant coach under Bob McKillop for 16 years.
- Jan. 23:** Snapping a nine-game losing streak, the Phoenix beat UT Chattanooga 83-80 in Alumni Gym. Sophomore guard Drew Spradlin scored a career-high 30 points, shooting 8-13 from three-point range.
- Feb. 17:** Nine different players scored against UNC Greensboro, the nearest rival to the Phoenix, en route to a 70-65 victory. It was the first time in the last eight games against the Spartans that the Phoenix won.
- Dec. 5, 2009:** Two days after losing to Samford University with a season low 31 points, the Phoenix erupted at Chattanooga for an 82-63 victory. Junior guard Chris Long scored 20 points and had nine assists.
- Dec. 17, 2009:** Despite a loss to North Carolina State University, the Phoenix battled hard and was in position to pull off the upset against the ACC foe. The team lost by only three points, with a final score of 79-76. Senior forward Adam Constantine had a career night with 26 points and 10 rebounds against top-level competition.