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VIOLATED: A LOOK THROUGH THE EYES OF INDECENT EXPOSURE VICTIMS



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It was a typical Monday night at about 9:30 p.m. when Elon University junior Linda* returned to her Williamson Avenue house. In her usual after-gym routine, she jumped in the shower in her first-floor bathroom, completely unaware of the shock the next few minutes would bring.

Robe on and hair towel in hand, Linda saw an unfamiliar man open the bathroom door. She paused in surprise,

"I kind of looked at him questioningly, and then I heard what he was saying," Linda said. "He was kind of talking dirty and calling me 'baby' and kind of cooing. I looked down, and he was masturbating. My first instinct was just flight."

The next thing she knew, Linda was sprinting across her front yard and into her neighbors' open door to find the house empty. She barely remembers pushing past the man standing in the doorway.

"I ran around screaming their names, and it just kind of clicked that they weren't there," Linda said. "I went into the last room, and I turned back, and there was a deadbolt, so I deadbolted the door. I was freaking out for a solid 20 minutes not even knowing what to do."

With no cell phone and only a dead laptop in the room she'd locked herself in, the only thing Linda could think to do was stay quiet. As she fled, she'd seen the intruder following her, and she was terrified he'd followed her into the house.

"I was just scared to leave that room and afraid to leave that house by myself if he was outside," she said. "I was so terrified of what he was going to do to me."

Meanwhile, Linda's roommate had locked herself in her upstairs bedroom after hearing a scream. They had a similar incident this summer, so she didn't want to take any chances. She called the police only for them to find the house empty and assume it was a false alarm. It wasn't until her neighbors came home that they "put two and two together" and called the police again.

But this incident wasn't to be the first or the last. It was just one in a series of

February 15, 2010, 8:16 p.m.

"At approximately 6:15 p.m. tonight a female student called c-com (911) to report that while walking home from campus she had seen a white male masturbating as he drove by her in champagne colored Honda in the area of Kerr Street and Lawrence Avenue."

February 16, 2010, 11:09 a.m.

"Last night the Town Police responded to a 911 call at approximately 11:30 p.m. from two female Elon students who reported an intruder in their residence adjacent to the campus on Williamson Avenue."

February 16, 2010, 10:43 p.m.

"At approximately 7:45 p.m. tonight a female student reported to the town police that she had been followed by a male in a beige 3-door car while jogging in the Millpoint/Truitt Drive area."

February 20, 2010, 7:12 p.m.

"Campus security was notified by a female Elon student just before 5 p.m. today that last night (Friday around 6:30 p.m.) that she was walking in the Food Lion parking lot on South Church when a man in a Honda started following her."

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Health care bill changes student loan process

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Students will no longer have the option to choose a private lender for their student loans under the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, which was passed in March. Any college loans taken out after July 1, 2010 will no longer be through private banks with the Federal Family Education Loan Program, but through the government with the Direct Loan Program.

"We have everything in place, and we don't anticipate any problems," said Patrick Murphy, the director of Financial Planning at Elon University. "The unknown is we don't know how the federal government will handle it now that they have taken more than 100 percent of the loans, but otherwise it is business as usual."

Students applying for Stafford loans will have to fill out new promissory notes for next year's loans, Murphy said. A promissory note is the promise to pay the agreed upon amount for a loan. He said he already added Elon to the Direct Loan system last year in anticipation of the change in legislation.

"We got ready early so as not to have any difference," Murphy said. "There are many schools out there scrambling trying to figure out how to make this work. I did not want to be in the position."

He said there should not be any change in students' loans other than who is lending them the money. Murphy said he is concerned with the amount of customer service the government will be able to offer students as a lender.

In all the discussion about the health care portion of the bill, Associate Professor of Economics Greg Lilly said he did not hear much at all about changes being made to the student loan system.

"It is kind of odd, I guess that Congress kind of slipped in the student loan thing in with the huge health care bill," Lilly said. "From what I can understand, they did it because it makes deficit reduction look a little bit better."

Lilly said he thinks there will be some cost savings by eliminating private banks from the equation. He

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Elon weighs options in starting multifaith center

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

A committee of Elon University students, faculty and staff are working toward the building of a new facility on campus where everyone can learn about, practice and celebrate their religion.

As part of Elon's strategic plan, The Elon Commitment, a new multifaith center is in the works and will be constructed within the next 10 years.

The committee was co-chaired by Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, and Todd Coleman, assistant professor of music and chair of the religious and spiritual life committee.

"This year, President Lambert charged a new committee to come up with a good solution (on how to proceed with the multifaith center)," Coleman said. Previously, the university had looked into sharing space with a local church but decided this was not the best solution because of the unique needs of Elon's campus.

Coleman said Elon's religious community includes people from a wide range of faiths, and the center will need to be able to meet the needs of all

of them.

Members of the architectural subcommittee spent time visiting other colleges' multifaith centers, including those at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"We saw everything from chapels to a large chaplain's office," Associate Professor of Communications Anthony Hatcher said. "We found no one model that fit Elon University."

This means that Elon is starting from the beginning in terms of design, layout and building use.

Coleman said a great deal of consideration is being put into every aspect of the planning process.

"We want to make sure the spaces will be utilized," he said. "We don't want a trophy building."

Hatcher said their visits taught them about the various needs of a multifaith center, including a large amount of storage for various religious idols, kosher areas for preparing food and space for Islamic worshippers to perform ritual washing.

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Students reflect on sexual violence When the e-mails come to life



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indecent exposure crimes and intruders in student housing that left students at Elon fearing for their safety.

Hitting home

As Kelly* can attest, stories of the incidents don't quite hit home until they happen to you.

"It's something you read about with all the e-mails, but it's still not really real to you," she said. "And then to actually see someone like that out on your doorstep, it's very strange."

In mid-December, Kelly had a similar scare. One night close to the end of fall semester, Kelly walked home from a holiday party with a group of friends to her West College Avenue apartment, said goodnight to her next-door neighbor and went inside. Just a few minutes later, she heard a knock.

"I thought it was my neighbor just coming back to get something she'd left, so I went and answered the door without even thinking, and it was this random guy," Kelly said.

When the man at her door asked who'd dropped her off, Kelly started to close the door, only to have the stranger push back.

"I didn't know who he was, and he asked if he could come in, so I just slammed the door," she said. "Then he moved into the window and started taking off his pants."

Kelly ran screaming up the stairs to her bedroom and called 911.

Though she'd read the infamous "Smith Jackson e-mails," sent from the dean of students to report any threats to campus safety, she'd never given them more than a passing glance until she became the subject of one.

Elon junior Alice*, another victim, agreed.

Alice had stopped at the local Food Lion around 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 19 to find the parking lot overflowing with shoppers, so she parked in one of the last available spots. Walking to the store from the far end of the lot, she noticed a beige sedan following her.

"If I outstretched my arm, I could touch it. It was that close to me," Alice said. "It was going just as fast as I was walking, and I thought it was just a crowded parking lot, but there were no cars in front of him."

"My first thought was of the Smith Jackson e-mails," she said. "I was like, 'Oh, my gosh, this is happening to me right now. I've heard of it happening to other girls, but — oh, my gosh.'"

Linda expressed the same sentiment, saying that she'd even contributed to the jokes her classmates made about the crimes before one of them happened to her.

Humor heals all?

"Those jokes do get old and kind of annoying, but I'm sure I was making them before it happened to me, so I can't really get too mad about it," Linda said.

Now, it's not so funny when another student refers to "the 'bater," a nickname given to the man (or men) committing the indecent exposure crimes.

"It's humorous in the fact that it's a very strange crime," Kelly said, acknowledging her classmates' responses. "But it was really scary."

On the other hand, Alice won't tolerate the joking.

"I honestly don't think it's a funny situation, having been there," Alice said. "I find that really offensive. I know it's

in good fun, and I know it's just them being silly, but it really bothers me."

Shortly after the recent string of crimes, sophomore Adam Lawson created a Facebook fan page devoted to making light of Smith Jackson e-mails. Alice was shocked when she saw a post about the incident she was involved in.

"The most recent 'status' was like, 'Whoever that dumb bitch was who didn't call the police' Something like that," Alice said. "And 'What did she think would happen if she called a day late?' I had to turn off my computer. I can't believe someone would say something like that. You're not in the situation. Granted, maybe they're just saying that to draw attention to the group or to be vulgar for whatever reason. But that kind of took me aback."

Leigh-Ann Royster, Elon's coordinator for personal health programs and community well-being, has a different take on the joking, based on her 14 years of experience with victims of sexual violence.

"I think that it is a natural reaction, unfortunately, in our culture to minimize incidents of sexual violence for other folks," she said. "I think that it's easy for people to joke about or minimize or blame the victim for choices that he or she has made because then it keeps them safe. It's sort of like self-protection."

Royster said this attitude is not unusual in any setting, but she thinks education about sexual violence will help the Elon community take it more seriously.

"It's hard to imagine, in terms of how your safe environment feels shattered, until you've been the survivor of a crime like one of these," Royster said.

Feeling unsafe in your own home

The safety of their environment is something Linda, Kelly and Alice have been forced to reevaluate in the past few months. Like most Elon students, they'd previously felt secure in a small-town, suburban community. The crimes they experienced put a new perspective on the safety precautions they'd always been told to take.

"My dad was adamant about me getting a gun," Kelly said jokingly, noting that this particular solution would be a bit extreme. "But now I have the curtains loose over the windows, and I keep bear mace by the door."

A tour guide for Elon's Office of Admission, Kelly said it feels "weird" when the parents of prospective students ask her about campus safety.

"In general, I still do feel safe, but when I tell them that, (the crime) is always in the back of my head," she said.

Linda, though, is still dealing with a fear of being alone in her own house.

"If I come home and the front door of the house is unlocked, I'll just feel really uncomfortable and usually go over to a friend's house and wait until someone gets back," she said. "I still usually sleep with my roommate in her room. I'm still kind of scared to sleep by myself in that room."

Because Linda's roommate was the victim of a similar incident in their house this summer, the coincidence has her convinced the intruder watches the house.

"Three of my roommates have boyfriends, and we have guy friends over all the time, and he's never accidentally come when any friends or

guys have been there," she said.

Although Alice generally feels safe during the day, her job with Campus Recreation sometimes requires her to be at Koury Athletic Center by 5 a.m., when it is usually still dark. In the past, she's always driven to work from her off-campus apartment, but when her car was towed from the gym parking lot, she was told that she'd need another way of getting there.

"I'm not trying to be dramatic, but after that happened, I just don't want to walk by myself when it's dark out," she said.

Official treatment

Other than this particular incident, Alice has been appreciative of the police force's efforts to catch the man responsible for the crime at the Food Lion, saying that they're serious about catching him. Kelly was also appreciative of their work, noting the quick response time and eagerness to help.

But at the same time, Kelly said she wishes they would pursue their leads more actively.

"I don't think they're doing the greatest job," Linda said. "My dad actually came down a week or two after it happened, and it just seemed like they didn't really know what they were doing. He said they constantly kept ruling people out that could easily be the guy. I feel like they're jumping to conclusions so fast."

Alice also expressed displeasure with an ELon Campus Safety and Police secretary that scolded her for reporting the Food Lion crime the next day.

"When she heard it happened the night before, she freaked out. She was like, 'Why didn't you call? I can't believe you didn't call 911.'" Alice said.

The late report syndrome

"The thing is, my first inclination was to run, not to stay in this parking lot and describe him," Alice said. "It wasn't even that I didn't think to call the police. I just wanted to get out of there. I didn't think about calling anyone."

The other two victims had similar reactions, wanting only to put as much distance as possible between them and their attackers as quickly as they could.

"I think that sometimes you lose your logic when you're in a situation like this," Alice said. "I remember when I read the e-mails, I was like, 'Why didn't you call the police? That could have helped so much.'"

In Alice's first thoughts of panic, she worried that maybe it wasn't "technically" indecent exposure since the criminal was in his own private property (his car), that calling the Burlington police would take them away from more dangerous crimes, and that calling ELon Campus Safety and Police wouldn't be appropriate because it was out of their jurisdiction.

Although Kelly called the police as soon as she'd slammed her door, she remembers an impulse to call her boyfriend instead.

"But I do remember reading all those e-mails that are sent out all across campus that are like, 'Call 911 first. Don't call Campus Security, call 911,'" she said.

This impulse, Royster explained, comes from the stranger violation that victims of sexual violence feel.

"Sometimes when you've been



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assaulted by a stranger, then calling another stranger isn't necessarily the first thing you want to do, even though we get those messages about calling 911 and making sure you do this immediately," she said.

Royster also noted that as a general rule, people are more likely to question the actions of the victim in sexual crimes, and victims may question their own justification before seeking help.

Alice's thought process involved self-doubt, but Kelly felt a sense of responsibility for what happened to her.

"It was stupid not to look who it was first (before opening the door)," she said. "Yeah, he shouldn't be creeping around like that, but, you know, lock your door and be aware of your surroundings."

Criminal at large

The crimes this winter certainly weren't the first of their kind. For more than four years, indecent exposure incidents have been reported on and around campus, leading the community to ask, "Why hasn't he been caught?"

The victims of these crimes agree when they were caught in the moment, they weren't concentrating on the criminal's face. This makes it hard for police to get a good description and even harder for them to make a positive identification.

Linda and Kelly said they think it is likely the same man who committed all of the crimes, but neither is sure she could identify him if she saw him again.

"I told them he looked like Alan from 'The Hangover' without the beard," Kelly said. "But when they asked me questions like 'Did he have freckles?' I was like 'Well, I don't know. Maybe he did?'"

In addition to the suggestive nature of police questioning, Linda said she's not able to recall the incident in complete detail.

"I feel like I just try to block out what happened so much that it's fuzzy," she said. "I feel like it could either all come back and click, or, I don't know. My mom wanted me to make a composite of him, but I couldn't even do that."

All three victims said that they'd read through old Smith Jackson e-mails to check if the descriptions matched the man they'd seen, and while Linda and Kelly saw strong similarities, Alice noticed enough differences to make her think not all of the crimes were committed by the same man.

"As creepy as it is," she said. "I think there is more than one person out there doing this."

Editor's note: Names have been changed to protect the safety and identities of the victims.



Elon announces Lumen Scholar recipients

After months of preparing projects and applications, 13 Elon University students found out April 22 they would each receive \$15,000 to complete their proposals. The students made up the third group to be awarded the Lumen Prize, a program started in 2007 that seeks to support students in their "attainment of serious and intellectual goals during their junior and senior years," according to the Elon University's Web site.

Mary Bedard

Majors: Biochemistry and Spanish

Project: Binding analysis study of estrogenic compounds and humic substances using STDD-NMR with a water suppression method.

Quote: "This study characterizes binding between estrogens, known endocrine disruptors and humic substances using NMR. Current estrogen analytical techniques use humic substances that bind with estrogens, but these interfere with estrogen concentration estimates, especially in compounds present in water effluents. To accurately survey estrogen concentrations, the long-term interaction between estrogens and humic substances must be determined. If estrogens only weakly bind to humic substances, these can later dissociate in the environment or after consumption, thus resulting in higher effective concentrations of estrogens than established, which poses a significant health risk. This research first analyzes estrogen binding using STDD-NMR in D2O. Next, a water suppression method is used to analyze estrogen binding in the natural matrix of water to assess occurrences of dissociation. Completing this study answers questions surrounding the validity of current estrogen analytical techniques at various concentration levels and persistence of these levels post consumption."

Bryan Strelow

Major: Biology

Project: Exploring species boundaries: A genetic study of interactions between North American cricket frogs, *Acris crepitans* and *A. gryllus*.

Quote: "As the sciences continue to make exponential progress in fields such as genetics, the age-old philosophical questions that preoccupied the greatest minds of history still demand consideration. My project will do just that as it explores the complex the definitions with classify organisms as species. Using advanced genetic techniques such as DNA sequencing and PCR DNA amplification, I will investigate interactions across the species boundaries between two closely related species of North American cricket frogs. My study will contribute to the larger field of conservation politics with various applications to issues such as the protection of endangered species."

Kelly Giffear

Majors: Biology and Chemistry

Project: Estrogenic activity of wastewater effluent in the Piedmont Triad area using a four-hour yeast bioassay.

Quote: "I will be testing the chemiluminescence of estrogens in waste water with humic substances, which is considered "sludge" in a bioassay. The bioassay will use recombinant plasmids in yeast cells and activity will be determined from the expression of galactosidase. Through this project I hope to learn the effect that humic substances have on common (natural and synthetic) estrogens in waste water."

Ruth Robbins

Major: Psychology

Project: Memory improvement in older adults through cognitive training

Quote: "My project is looking to help memory improvement in older adults through cognitive training. I propose to explore how cognitive training can improve elderly adults' memory retention, particularly elderly that are minorities or have lower socioeconomic status. If successful, I will ultimately have a chance to improve the satisfaction and quality of life of elderly adults and perhaps even change our western culture's views on aging."

Daniel Koehler

Major: Communications

Project: Colonists and refugees: Examining the conflicting pasts of white Zimbabwean farmers in Zambia.

Quote: "In 2000, Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe initiated a violent land reform program that forced 4,000 white farmers to flee the country. Approximately 200 of these Zimbabwean, or Zim, farmers emigrated to Zambia. My project will document these farmers' struggles to secure livelihood and homes while reconciling their pasts, including Mugabe's land reform and colonial rule. In the Zim farmers' ability to reconcile these pasts lies an issue pertinent to the narrative of modern Africa: the role of whites. Bearing in mind this issue, my research, which will incorporate perspectives held by the Zim farmers and Zambian workers, neighbors and government officials, will explore and analyze race relations, the challenges of starting anew, and the development of a new breadbasket in Zambia. My research will culminate in a documentary film and ethnographic article."

Kelly Little

Major: Psychology

Project: The effect of body image on interpersonal relationships among college males and females.

Quote: "I am working with Dr. Levesque in the field of social psychology to study how body image influences social relationships in college students. Past research focuses on women's body dissatisfaction and its role in clinical issues such as eating disorders and depression, yet the effects of body dissatisfaction extend beyond these phenomena. Men, for example, appear to experience negative effects from body dissatisfaction. Additionally, body dissatisfaction likely influences the ability to develop and maintain different social relationships, but this possibility has been largely unexplored. I hope to investigate these underdeveloped aspects and apply my findings by working with the SPARKS Peer Education Team develop new approaches to 'Love Your Body Month' at Elon. I am honored to be a Lumen Scholar and hope that my research will help improve body image programs on Elon's campus."

Jessica McDonald

Majors: History and Sociology

Project: A turbulent evolution: The history of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender student groups on U.S. college campuses.

Quote: "I'm really grateful for the opportunity and funding to research LGBT student groups on college campuses and the changes that they have undergone throughout history. Student groups within other social movements — such as black civil rights, women's rights and antiwar movements — have received much more attention from scholars than have LGBT student groups, and I'm excited to shed light on this largely forgotten history. I hope that learning from the past will serve to close the gap between LGBT groups of the past, present and future, perhaps suggesting how to most effectively engage LGBT student organizations within the wider struggle for LGBT equality."

Lauren Deaver

Major: Psychology

Project: Telling stories together: Co-construction of narratives in European- American and African-American families.

Quote: "I will be studying the language and thematic content of stories told jointly by parents and children in working-class European-American and African-American families. I will use my research to help build connections between the family and community literacy culture, and school-based literacy culture, which can help children work toward higher levels of academic achievement."

Katherine MacDonald

Majors: Anthropology and History

Project: Ancient Maya ritual performance as reflected in the monumental architecture of Dos Hombres, Belize.

Quote: "Through the use of architecture and archaeological remains, my research seeks to explore ancient Maya ritual performance and performance spaces as reflected in the religious architecture at the site of Dos Hombres, located in northwestern Belize. Data will be collected from the stratigraphy of three ceremonial buildings at Dos Hombres in order to determine the construction sequence, architectural form, the chronology of each and the building materials for each. Analysis of looters trenches on these monumental structures will reveal the form and chronology of the ritual performance space represented by the architectural sequence."

Lauren Stranahan

Major: Biology

Project: The effects of antidepressants on zebrafish motor development and behavior: ramifications of pharmaceutical drugs in the environment.

Quote: "My Lumen project involves examining the effects of antidepressants on developing zebrafish, specifically SSRIs, which increase the levels of serotonin in the brain. Specifically I want to look at the three most prescribed SSRIs (Prozac, Zoloft and Paxil) as well as a mixture of the three to provide further insight into the effects these drugs may have on aquatic life when they are released into the environment. The use of antidepressants is on the rise and further research is needed to explore the consequences of increasingly larger amounts of pharmaceutical drugs accumulating in the water."

Meagan Harrison

Majors: Health and Human Services and Communications

Project: The picture of beauty: Understanding relationships between skin tone and self-esteem using documentary photography to promote global women's empowerment.

Quote: "I am extremely excited, but also incredibly humbled by the opportunity to have been chosen as a Lumen recipient. A synthesis of my interests in human services and communications, my project will be conducted in an international context under the broad theme of women's empowerment. My research will explore the relationship between skin tone and the self-esteem of adolescent girls in the Philippines, a country where a skin-whitening phenomenon propels sentiments that only fair skin is beautiful. I will also use PhotoVoice methodology to allow the girls to express their own concepts of beauty through photography. Additionally I will be using my own passion for photography to document my experiences and to share stories of people and issues I encounter."

Jensen Suther

Major: English

Project: Joyce, Pound and Beckett: High modernism and the intersection at Dante.

Quote: "My project concerns the literary agon among the high modernists James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Ezra Pound, and whom I believe to be there literary forefather and precursor, Dante. Using the critical language employed by Harold Bloom in his *Anxiety of Influence*, I hope to establish the relationship between these authors and Dante as integral to the formation of both Anglo and continental modernism. Additionally, the critical texts of Walter Benjamin, Jacques Derrida and Gayatri Spivak will help to structure my work and create a theoretical context in which I will operate."

Brittany White

Major: Biology

Project: The effect of manipulating cytoskeletal proteins, talin 1 and talin 2, on the phosphorylation of focal adhesion kinase in mammalian cells.

Quote: "The research I am conducting pertains to previously identified proteins involved in the formation of cancer and how these proteins affect each other's expression. My goal is to 'knockdown' the cytoskeletal proteins, talin 1 and talin 2, and to use a variety of biochemical and molecular biology techniques to determine the dose-relationship between both talin 1 and focal adhesion kinase (FAK) and talin 2 and FAK."

iMedia students present service, other projects

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For this year's graduating class of Interactive Media students, Winter Term consisted of more than just class work. The 37 students in the graduate program participated in fly-in projects to one of three destinations. The groups presented their projects Thursday night in the first annual iMedia student showcase.

The students in the graduate program broke into four groups during their course, "Interactive Project for the Public Good," according to David Copeland, professor of communications.

Each group traveled with one professor to England, Costa Rica or Panama, said Maggie Mullikin, assistant coordinator of the program.

"Each trip was designed around a cause to serve the public good," Mullikin said. "Interactive content and Web sites were produced to help nonprofit organizations build communities, recognize volunteer efforts and boost fundraising."

Mullikin said the students spent the month of January at Elon in pre-production for the trip and then traveled for 10 days. During this time, they captured interviews, photographs, audio and video for a project that was then produced back at Elon.

"What the students and faculty did was find organizations or groups with a compelling need for some kind of assistance that they could create using media tools and a web project," Copeland said.

Student Linda Misiura served as the creative director for the group that traveled to Costa Rica to collect content for a new program being offered at EARTH University's La Flor Campus, called Down to Earth. The program focuses on sustainability and biodiversity or, as she put it, saving the planet.

"Our goal for the project was to create an engaging, interactive site that would draw users in through amazing sound, photography and video, in order to get them interested in the program at EARTH," she said.

Misiura said the communication skills she learned, as well as the ability to relate to people on a team, will be very valuable in her future career.

Cory Morrison, who traveled to Panama to work with the organization FL-JADIS, which helps adults with disabilities, said he wanted to make sure he learned skills not only relevant to his career path, but also



Representatives from area media companies spoke at a panel about their day to day work during an iMedia showcase Thursday.

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from fellow group members.

"A large portion of what we learn as graduate students comes from each other," Morrison said. "Despite the demand for a quick turnaround following our arrival back in the states, we definitely wanted to be in the position to learn."

Morrison's group worked to build a bilingual Web site which would bring awareness to the organization, publicize its presence and recruit new members.

Morrison said that while many smaller nonprofit organizations are often overshadowed by larger groups, it is important to remember the importance of any service-oriented organization, despite its size.

"I think being in Panama and interacting with the members of FL-JADIS connected us to the end goal more, making us all perfectionists for our various tasks," he said. "That kind of attachment to a project is ideal and should never be counted out."

Brynn Tuggle, who served as the content coordinator for the trip to London, said her project did not feel like work because they were having fun. The goal of her trip was to create a Web site for a primary school in the

city of Westminster to promote it to families around the world.

"We really wanted to convey the heart of the school in the product that we put together for them," Tuggle said. "The teachers and students were so welcoming to open up their classes and activities to a large camera crew."

Copeland said this is not the only major project the students complete during their time in the program.

"Beyond class, they've formed special project groups doing things like entering contests," he said. "They have creative commercials for Frito Lay and Yoplait, which bought the rights to their project."

In Michelle Ferrier's virtual environment class, the students created an online community within Second Life for the upcoming Future Web Conference. It will extend the conversation beyond the conclusion of the conference.

"They have done all kinds of projects that have enhanced the learning and have given the students the chance to use their skills or to future develop them," Copeland said.

Elon releases latest poll results

The poll, conducted April 19-22 surveyed 607 North Carolina residents and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

THE ELON POLL RESULTS

North Carolinians are almost evenly split on their approval of Barack Obama's performance, with 48 percent disapproving of the way Obama is handling his job and 47 percent approving.

Around two-thirds of North Carolinians support drilling of oil and gas off the state coast and three out of four said they would support an increase in funds dedicated to wind, solar and hydrogen technology.

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OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE ELON POLL:

Who is doing a better job of managing the economy:

Democratic Party: 34 percent
Republican Party: 28 percent
Neither Party: 31 percent

Who would do the best job dealing with the main issues facing the nation:

Obama: 32 percent
Democrats in Congress: 12 percent
Republicans in Congress: 31 percent
None of them: 20 percent

Approval/disapproval of the way Richard Burr is handling his job as U.S. senator:

Disapprove: 28 percent
Approve: 37 percent
Don't Know: 35 percent

Approval/disapproval of the way Beverly Perdue is handling her job as North Carolina's governor:

Disapprove: 47 percent
Approve: 37 percent

Perdue's favorability ratings:

Unfavorable: 46 percent
Favorable: 35 percent

Requiring a 'waiting period' before citizens can purchase

a handgun:

Support: 84.2 percent
Oppose: 14.2 percent

Requiring gun owners to register their handguns with the local government:

Support: 76.4 percent
Oppose: 21.0 percent

Letting people carry a concealed handgun:

Agree: 56.5 percent
Disagree: 41.2 percent

Permitting people to own semi-automatic handguns:

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Faculty receive promotions

Pam Richter
Editor-in-Chief

Beginning June 1, Mary Wise and Peter Felten will find themselves holding new positions on Elon University's campus. Provost Steven House announced the promotion of Wise to associate vice president for academic affairs and Peter Felten to assistant provost.

"I'm pleased," Wise said. "I've had nice comments from people around campus. People are supportive of the change and my colleagues are supportive."

Wise began at Elon in 1998 where she was the assistant dean of academic affairs. She was then named the assistant vice president for academic affairs in 2001.

Wise said not too much will change in her new position. In June, Tim Peoples will become the associate provost for campus affairs and will work with faculty research and development, which Wise oversees in her current position.

As associate vice president for academic affairs, Wise will begin to prepare for Elon's next accredited review. Every 10 years Elon is accredited by a regional accreditation association she said.

The review will be submitted in 2012 and the committee will visit campus in 2013. She said it takes a while to prepare for this accreditation.

"I'm very excited about working with all departments and chair people," she said. "It will be everyone from athletics to student life."

In 2005, Felten joined Elon as the director of the Center for Teaching and Learning and associate professor of history. With this new promotion, he will continue in those roles.

"I'm excited about the opportunity," Felten said.

He said in many ways his job will say the same and will continue doing what he's been doing, but will have broader roles connected to the new strategic plan.

Elon surveys students for feedback on multifaith center

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"The biggest struggle we've had is what the main spaces should look like," Hatcher said. "We've tried to develop something architecturally that would fit our needs."

Both Coleman and Hatcher said there was a possibility the multifaith center would be built in the sixth building that is going to be added to the academic pavilion, which would create additional design limitations.

"The building has to be functional," Hatcher said.

Currently, he said the plans include twelve offices that will hold the university chaplain, the religious life office, Catholic Campus Ministry, Hillel and other

organizations.

One of the most recent steps the committee has taken was the dispersal of a survey about the potential construction of a multifaith center via email. Coleman said about six hundred surveys were returned.

"The vast majority said it was a good idea," Coleman said. "The vast majority of students said they were either religious or felt that spirituality was an important part of their life."

Currently, there are no definite floor plans to be revealed for the multifaith center, since the exact location on campus is yet to be confirmed.

Elon maintains alcohol education programs, other universities make changes

Gabriela Szewcow
Design Chief

Universities across the nation have tried to institute tougher alcohol policies after alcohol-related injuries or deaths occur on campus. Elon University is not included in this trend of new policies.

Six alcohol-related deaths at the University of Wisconsin this past year prompted administration to crack down on alcohol consumption on campus. While there aren't problems this serious at Elon, underage drinking remains an issue, according to Whitney Gregory, coordinator for Judicial Affairs.

"So many universities are proactive after something tragic or drastic has happened," Gregory said. "But by then it's too late."

Gregory said Elon is proactive with alcohol prevention programs and Elon has not had any alcohol-related deaths or serious injuries recently.

"My message to students is to be responsible, to be aware that the consequences get more serious as the situation gets more serious and to evaluate the risks and consequences of your behavior," Gregory said.

Some of Elon's students take on the issue of drinkin on campus. Orientation leaders inform incoming freshmen about the rules and regulations at Elon, including alcohol consumption.

Regardless of how much information is provided to students, issues still continue to arise, Gregory said.

In 2008, 466 crimes involving liquor laws occurred at Elon, according to a crime statistics report from the student life office. Twenty-seven of the cases were dealt with by Elon Campus Safety and Police, four citations were given out on campus and 23 citations were given out on public property within Elon town limits.

Additionally, students can only be expelled from Elon because of alcohol-related issues if the problems are coupled with more serious violations, Gregory said.

"According to the sanctions in the student handbook for alcohol-related violations, permanent separation is not a sanction that is considered for alcohol-related violations unless there are other factors or violations involved," she said.

These additional factors include drugs, fighting and endangering others.

"Even if a student has multiple and/or serious alcohol violations resulting in suspension, we would allow that student to return to Elon after he or she completed treatment during a period of suspension," Gregory explained.

Prevention programs at Elon address these issues, especially during new student orientation.

"It's a hard conversation to have, especially peer-to-peer," said Emily Ivey, director of New Student Orientation. "And we don't want this topic to become taboo. However, there is evidence that peer-to-peer conversations are more effective."

During new student orientation at Elon, she said, alcohol is one of the most discussed topics. Alcohol-related issues are addressed through the online college alcohol program that incoming freshman are required to take, the "Let's get it on" skits and in the student planner.

"Alcohol education is a constant message," Ivey said. "We stress responsibility and responsible choices. Our goal is to educate students on the effects of alcohol and how it can affect you academically."

Ivey said Elon aims to educate the student body about the possible repercussions of violating both Elon and North Carolina state laws.

"There are laws related to alcohol use and the institution upholds those laws," she said. "Therefore, Elon will hold a student accountable for breaking the law."

There is a four-level system in place regarding alcohol misuse at Elon. If a student is caught drinking underage, they are first given a warning, then they are put on probation. The next stage is preliminary suspension, followed by suspension.

According to Elon's 2008 Biennial Review, a substance education report put together by Lauren Martin, coordinator for Substance Education, President Lambert appointed a task force in fall 2006 to look at and discuss issues surrounding alcohol at Elon. During an Academic Summit, university officials decided it was time for Elon to look into alcohol's impact on academics. The Presidential Task Force on Alcohol comprised of students, faculty and staff members.

Gregory said the 2007 task force gave students more freedom.

"Before the change in the task force in 2007, no student could be in the presence

PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE on alcohol

Fall 2006: President Leo Lambert appointed a task force to look at issues involving alcohol.

The idea came from an Academic Summit that decided Elon needed to look in the impact of alcohol on academics.

Alcohol Position Statement: "Elon University is committed to the intellectual and personal development of students. Alcohol misuse inhibits students' development and is negatively correlated with academic success and personal safety. The vitality of the academic community relies on each member taking personal responsibility for his or her actions regarding alcohol use and safeguarding the well-being of others."



Source: Elon University 2008 Biennial Review
SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

of alcohol without getting in trouble for it," Gregory said. "Now, students have more freedom. Any student can be in the presence of alcohol, but they can request to take a breathalyzer test if they have not been consuming alcohol."

The biggest changes in policy at Elon were the institution of the Innocent Bystander policy, which says that students in the presence of alcohol policy violations will not be charged if the student is not under the influence of alcohol, and the Good Samaritan policy, which protects a student from being reprimanded for informing officials if another student is in danger from excessive consumption of alcohol.

A unique aspect of Elon's alcohol policy is the crack-down on drinking games, Gregory said. She said the challenge is deciding what constitutes a drinking game.

"In most cases, any activity where you drink more quickly and there's a level of competition, it's considered a drinking game," Gregory said.

Under Elon's policy, 21-year-olds can get citations for engaging in drinking games.

There are specific policies for on-campus fraternity parties, according to Shana Plasters, director of Greek Life — the party must be closed, the organization must turn in a guest list, there must be food and non-alcoholic beverages served, a registration form must be turned in to

Moseley Center along with a check for two security officers to be present outside of the house during the party.

Additionally, the chapter cannot provide alcohol.

As far as alcohol education goes, each chapter of Greek Life at Elon has a different approach.

"Each individual chapter or national organization has a variety of programs or requirements as far as alcohol education goes, whether it be an online course or chapter-wide workshops that take place throughout the year," Plasters said.

Differing policies and methods of alcohol education are inconsistent and not always effective, according to Martin.

"There are challenges across the nation with Greek Life," Martin said. "There is a different policy with each chapter, and this often leads to problems. There needs to be a cultural change in order for the changes to stop occurring. We know that students in Greek Life drink more than average students do and that they are higher risk takers than average students as well."

Ivey said she believes Greek Life receives the most criticism regarding alcohol-related problems, but that other groups should be focused on as well.

"Elon is far from perfect, but at least we aren't brushing our issues under the rug," Martin said. "We care about our students, so we try to set them up for success. We want them to make good decisions."

Volcanic ash leaves Elon students in Europe stranded

Hunter Parrish
Reporter

Elon University students studying abroad in Europe felt the effects from the volcanic ash cloud, canceling trips and getting stranded in various places across the European Union. As the cloud drifted south from the volcano in Iceland, air travel came to a halt across the continent.

Most of Western Europe's airports were shut down for a week in mid-April because of volcanic ash as it threatened damage and safety issues to planes flying in zones that had the substance in the air. Many European governments' transportation departments issued ordinances canceling all flights until the

ash dissipated.

Often, students studying abroad in Europe plan trips during the weekends to visit neighboring countries and other friends abroad in the area, according to Elon sophomore Kilby Fish.

Fish is studying abroad in Madrid and was stranded in Barcelona because her flight back to Madrid was one of the many that were grounded in Spain.

"I spent many hours in the Barcelona airport on Sunday," Fish said. "Government officials were going around saying it was going to be at least Tuesday before flights would be back up and running."

Fish was lucky to have snagged a spot on the nine-hour bus ride back to Madrid in time to get to classes the following Monday morning.

"I think of us as pretty lucky, though, because there were tons of people staying in our hostel that had been stranded in Barcelona for over a week," Fish said.

Many airline companies based in Europe are expected to lose more than a billion dollars after grounding flights. Airports and airline carriers are complaining that European governments grounded flights with little testing evidence besides computer models.

"I feel that Spain overreacted a bit in shutting down all their airports," Fish said.

With the volcanic ash mainly concentrated in Northern Europe, Elon junior Kelli Accardi, who is studying abroad in Denmark, also had travel issues caused by the ash cloud.

"I was planning on going to Vienna, Austria tomorrow (April 22) to visit my mom's best friend and her family for the weekend," Accardi said. "I went ahead and canceled my ticket because I was scared of not being able to get back to Copenhagen on Sunday if the other volcano erupts."

Airports have since opened across the European continent. Talks are being initiated with governments to discuss what would happen if the volcano erupted again or if a worse natural disaster occurred to ground flights.

"Let's cross our fingers and hope that doesn't happen again," Fish said. "Otherwise, I may be taking a transatlantic cruise back to the states at the end of the semester."

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Environmentalist argues dangers of consumerism

Conveys message through online video, encourages action

Amanda Bender
Senior Reporter

Annie Leonard, author of "The Story of Stuff," said she wanted students to walk away understanding the current environmental situation.



Annie Leonard
Author and Environmental Activist

Leonard addressed were that people are not only trashing the planet, but also trashing each other and not having fun.

"If this was an intractable problem I would be depressed," Leonard said. "If it was an intractable problem and I looked at the data out there in terms of the planet, I would jump off a cliff."

Leonard said her book and movie were her attempts to reach a larger audience with her message about consumerism.

"Overall, environmentalists are a whiny and wonky bunch, and we are not the most inspiring," she said. "So I wondered, is there a way to talk about this, to share this,

that is not about guilt, that is not so technical that it excludes people."

Leonard said Global Footprint Network, an organization concerned with how much of the planet's resources society consumes, calculates the date each year when the resources produced naturally that year have been completely used. Last year, she said that date was Sept. 25. Global Footprint Network also provides a place for people to calculate how much of the natural resources they consume.

"Globally, for the entire world, the amount that we are consuming right now is 1.5 planets' worth," Leonard said. "I was at a conference recently and some people started debating was it 1.3 or 1.5 planets, and I was like, 'you guys, anything over one is a problem.' We have one planet."

People are trashing each other through the toxins emitted because of the consumer and production-driven lifestyle, she said. In a tested newborn, there were already 287 industrial and agricultural chemicals. According to Leonard, another way people trash each other is through "resource apartheid."

"While we are all stuff-saturated here, half of the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day," Leonard

said. "We just reached a milestone in human history that one billion people go to bed chronically hungry."

Sue Dayton, a member of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, shared there is an incinerator only 10 miles from Elon University that burns medical waste and releases toxins into the air. She said there will be a public hearing against the plant on May 25.

Leonard said the alternatives to incinerators are no more expensive and can greatly reduce the amount of

toxins in the air.

Her final point was that consumerism has driven people to work to the point where they are no longer happy. She said studies show people are happy when they have quality social relations, a sense of meaning and come together for a common goal. Americans are stuck in a cycle of working, shopping and being persuaded to be something different, she said.

"Lots of people at the ends of their lives, when you ask them what was the happiest time of their lives, they say college," Leonard said. "Because that is where you have so much community even though you have less stuff."

"OVERALL, ENVIRONMENTALISTS ARE A WHINEY AND WONKY BUNCH, AND WE ARE NOT THE MOST INSPIRING."

-ANNIE LEONARD
AUTHOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

Students no longer able to get loans from private lenders

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said he thought it should at least save the government some administrative expenses.

"Maybe banks in the past who were making student loans weren't so careful at making them because they knew that ultimately down the line, they weren't going to be the ones to pay for their bad decisions," Lilly said. "I am guessing that is where some of the cost savings is going to come from. Better lending decisions will be made because the people making the decisions are also going to be the ones paying if the decisions turn out to be bad."

He was not certain that the new loan system would have any affect on college enrollment. Lilly said usually loans are taken out for students to be able to attend a private school instead of a state or community school.

In addition to the changes to student lending, the maximum amount of the Pell Grant, a federally funded grant for low-income students, that Murphy said 8 percent, or 411, of Elon students receive, is going to be increased in the next few years. Community colleges and institutions that serve minority groups are also going to see an increase in federal funding because of the changes in this bill.

Overall, Lilly said there did not seem to be much disagreement about the section of the bill concerning student loans.

"There seems to be some sort of consensus that the changes to student loans seems to be, all in all, an improvement from the way things were done in the past," he said.

Corrections

In the April 21 article "Students registered to vote in Alamance County run into trouble at polling stations," it should read that students do not have to re-register to vote if they have moved within Alamance County. They can update their information during the May Primary or Early Voting, or through an Election Day Transfer or a Provisional Ballot.

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Elon Academy expands program to support local high school graduates

Rebecca Smith
Features Editor

As the members of the inaugural class of Elon Academy move their tassels on their graduation caps from one side to the other, they will be marking a change not only in their lives but also in the program itself.

Elon Academy, a college access program for local high school students, will be expanding its efforts with its inaugural graduates from the Alpha Class to continue providing support for scholars once they enter college.

There will now be four phases to the Academy: Elon Academy College Access Program, Elon Academy transitions to college program, Elon Academy College Success Program and Elon Academy Alumni Program.

Building the Basics

Elon Academy is a three-year commitment for local, first-generation college students. Students apply for about 20 spots and, once admitted, are expected to spend one month at Elon University for three summers, attend monthly Saturday events, and maintain a 3.0 GPA.

In 2006, Cummings High School was threatened with closure because of low performance. Leo Lambert, president of Elon University, said the university needed to do something to help support the public schools that were suffering. He called faculty fellow Deborah Long, who is now the Elon Academy director, to action.

"He gave me two jobs," Long said. "One was to start a college access program, and one was to work with Cummings

High School."

Long gathered a team of people to help establish what eventually became Elon Academy. They looked at similar programs located at Princeton University, Vanderbilt University and Furman University. After adapting those models to fit Elon, a 12-page proposal was created addressing the purpose of Elon's plan.

The first class of students that went through the program is graduating this spring. Twenty-one of the seniors have been accepted into colleges this year, including Middlebury College, Bates College, Elon University, Wake Forest University and the University of North Carolina.

Transitioning over time

"The next step is to support our scholars so they can complete their four-year degrees," Long said. "The challenges they have experienced in high school, whether they are financial or social or academic, those challenges are going to continue to be there."

The Transitions to College program will consist of a three-day retreat for Alpha Class scholars, where they will talk about some of the challenges they may face when they arrive to college and how to manage them.

"Elon Academy has allowed me to mature and develop a goal in life, a college education," said Frank Garcia, a member of Elon Academy's Alpha Class. "Year by year I have had many favorite moments, but the one I would like to share is riding back from Wilmington. During that ride I was talking with a friend about the future that was coming and the gift that Elon Academy is to us

and how lucky we are."

Because Elon Academy consists of first-generation college students, there will also be a workshop for their families, as heading to university is new experience for everyone involved. Long said some of the parents are worried about not having experienced college themselves.

"We really want to prepare them as much as we can with what is going to be happening with the future," Long said. "Since nobody in their family has gone to college, there is really not anyone to tell them that this is what you can expect, and that every college student goes through these challenges to some extent."

In the fall, Elon faculty will continue to work with scholars through the College Success program. They will visit the scholars on their college campuses and will help with any problems they may have, including finding school offices and keeping up with schoolwork.

"We want to help them connect with the different offices on campus," Long said. "Through Elon Academy, they have been on a college campus, but we have really done all of that for them. We want to make sure that any problems that arise that we are there to help them figure it out."

This extra help will include regional meetings and reunions on holidays as a way to keep in touch.

After graduation, there will be the Alumni Program. The goal is for students to come back to their high schools and talk to students about college. They also will talk to Elon Academy students about what their college experiences are like.

"The statistics on first-generation, low-income students to graduate from college are very low," Long said. "Our students,

we think, will fare better because of Elon Academy."

Funding the Future

Frank Lyons, a 1971 Elon alumnus, and his wife were looking for a way to help with the Ever Elon campaign, besides just a donation, when they learned about Elon Academy.

"Dr. Lambert told me about this program, Elon Academy, that they were just starting up," Lyons said. "My wife and I spent a whole day with the Alpha Class and we thought, 'Wow, what a great program that needs to go on for quite some time.'"

Lyons said Elon Academy is important because it gives back not only to Elon, but to the community.

"It's our future," Lyons said. "It's the future of our country. We need to get these kids and tackle the cycle of poverty and get these kids into college. It helps everyone, it helps these kids."

They recently created the Weymouth endowed scholarship to help a student from Elon Academy attend college.

"Weymouth is my mother-in-law's name," Lyons said. "She was a school teacher and she has been a supporter of Elon. Had she been around when Elon Academy was founded she would have been enamored with it. She would love that there is a scholarship in her name."

Gifts from alumni have continually funded the program and have allowed the program to expand.

"I am very excited that Elon Academy will continue after we go into college," Garcia said. "I am very glad that I will have a support system to fall back on when life throws its curve ball."

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APRIL IS ... SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

The dangers and realities of sexual assault are exacerbated when drugs and alcohol become involved. Alcohol and drugs can inhibit resistance, increase aggression and impair decision-making skills.

- Of the 22 substances used in drug facilitated rape, alcohol is the most common finding in investigations. (Journal of Forensic Sciences 1999)
- A study published in the Journal of Sex Education and Therapy reported that of those students who had been victims of some type of sexual aggression while in college — from rape to intimidation to illegal restraint — 68 percent of their male assailants had been drinking at the time of the attack.
- According to multiple studies compiled from colleges nationwide, each year more than 100,000 students are too intoxicated to know whether they consented to sexual intercourse. (Washington, D.C.: National Institutes of Health, 2002)
- The NIAAA report estimates that alcohol is involved in more than 700,000 assaults and more than 97,000 cases of sexual assault, including acquaintance rape, among college and university students in the United States each year. (Journal of American College Health 48(1): 30, 1999)
- One study found that alcohol is one of the most significant contributors to sexual aggression among male college students. (Journal of Interpersonal Violence 8(1): 94-108, 1993)
- On Elon's campus, alcohol is present in more than 85% of reported sexual assaults.

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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.

Revealing startling trends beneath texts

The recent rise in technological communication prompts unforeseen adaptations in relationships, regard for humanity

In a time when earthquakes are wreaking havoc around the world, tornadoes are leaving our cities disheveled and plumes of smoke are cohabitating in our atmosphere with the oxygen we need to survive, humanity is beginning to realize it can't control much on this planet. What we can control is how we navigate it and if we choose to do so in a way that is conscious of the world around us or simply irresponsible.

Currently, the Wireless Association reports there are more than 257 million data-capable devices belonging to consumers in the United States. Fifty million of them are smart phones. In the last half of 2009, wireless data service revenues increased 25.7 percent from the last half of 2008 to earn \$22 billion in revenue. Americans sent 1.5 trillion messages during the 2009 calendar year, an astounding 5 billion per day.

Text messaging is a rapidly expanding means of communication available to all who own a mobile phone. Texting continues to prove to be both a gift to this and future generations. Strong correlations have emerged between texting and the number of fatalities on the road, suicides in schools and disconnect between people.

Elon University's students are not strangers to the evidence infiltrating our societal infrastructure. Texting continues to widen our reach to those who are disconnected from our immediate social circles, but constricts the ways in which we attempt to strengthen the bonds with those we spend the most time with. Oftentimes, a cell phone presents an opaque boundary between the user and the world around them and a diversion from the tangible stimuli available to those who are actively engaged in daily life.

The opinions of the Elon community show texting has become somewhat of a fixture in our psyche, and may remain there for quite sometime.

Junior Brittany Siciliano also points out the allure of convenience.

"I find that texting is easier during

the day," she said, "but I prefer to call someone if it's urgent or if it is someone I don't see everyday."

Sophomore Grace Foster explained that creating messages with buttons has both a positive and a negative side.

"Honestly, I prefer calling to texting," she said. When you call someone it's easier to communicate with the other person and there is less confusion. I think you figure things out more quickly when you call them, and it's more personal. But texting is becoming more popular and has its benefits. It's less awkward and easy to do when you're somewhere you can't talk."

The act of text messaging itself can be completely harmless. But it is the activity paired with others that presents a problem. Texting while driving, for example, is a danger sweeping the nation by storm.

A new commercial campaign by AT&T titled, "Texting and driving... It can wait" is encouraging people to think about the activities they do while behind the wheel. Parents now have a system available to them called "Textecution" which disables texting functions in a vehicle being driven more than 10 mph. Celebrities are also doing their part to make the cause a significant one in the eyes of the public.

On April 24, Oprah Winfrey wrote a piece for the New York Times on this subject exactly. Entitled, "Dnt Txt N Drv," she told the story of the Forneys, whose 9-year-old daughter, Erica, was struck and killed by a careless driver, preoccupied by a phone call that "just couldn't wait." That person, distracted and consumed in his own world, struck the child that was the center of theirs. A human being is forever lost because of one person's insistence on multitasking.

Winfrey instated a policy at her company that forbade anyone from taking calls in their car for business. She reported noticing that it was difficult for her employees to honor her requests because of the staggering change in consciousness that prevents Americans from doing what they should

be doing behind the wheel — driving. People think they should be doing more — being more productive, earning more in their down time. But this article urges us to do just that, to regain the simplicity necessary to keep those both inside and around our vehicles alive.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 6,000 people were killed by distracted drivers in 2008. Distracted drivers are characterized by a driver doing anything in the vehicle besides operating the vehicle attentively. Another report by the National Safety Council reported that cell phone use leads to about 1.6 million car crashes a year.

Statistics regarding malicious text messaging are astounding as well. Given that we live in a digital age that makes cyber stalking and harassment much simpler than in former days, young people are carrying their grudges out of the classroom and into the homes and phones of victims.

According to The Register, a British newspaper recently surveyed 655 teenagers in the United States between the ages of 13 and 18, revealed an unfortunate amount of bullying taking place via phone networks, regardless of prior knowledge of divulging too much information online. It's not that teens don't know, it's that they choose not to care.

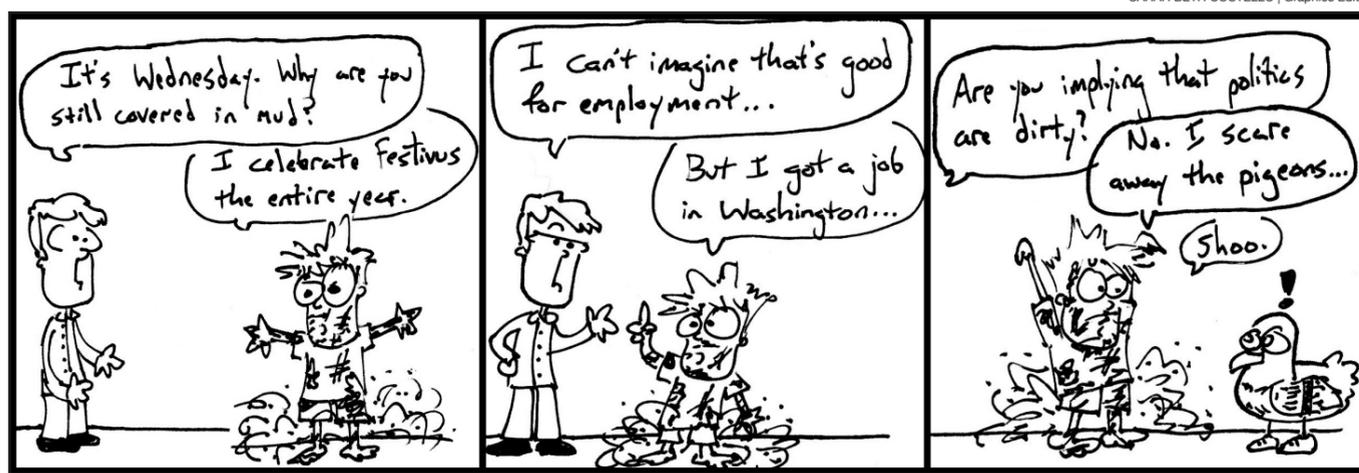
Now, the media hopes to remedy the issue by starting advertising campaigns. Give-it-a-ponder.com features a faceless mustache and beard urging young people to think before they send callous texts. It is equipped with a mobile harassment link and others to view videos of commercials with responsible texting in mind.

So, the issue is out and the public is listening. The demographic most targeted and most active in the dilemma is our own. It seems all of the media outlets we rely upon for information have turned inward to us, anticipating a response. Fortunately, we too, are listening. Here's to change.

THE TEXTING INDUSTRY

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- Wireless service revenues for the last half of 2009 ramped up to almost **\$77 billion**, up a tiny bit from last year's amount of \$75 billion in the last half of 2008.

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Limitations of free speech

Antics of an excessively conservative church spur Americans into action, demanding respect



Caitlin O'Donnell
Columnist

It's the infamous elementary school adage we've all heard: "It's a free country — I can do whatever I want."

Though harmless in playground tussles,

there are countless times when this excuse is neither valid nor sensible. But for the 70 or so members of Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., this appears to be their mantra.

Touting signs proclaiming "America is doomed" and "Thank God for dead soldiers," the so-called church, legally characterized as a hate group in the United States, has attempted to spread its message of hate through everything from anti-homosexual sermons to defamations of the American flag to protests at the funerals of U.S. soldiers.

But at what point does their speech cross the line and merit limitation?

In the United Kingdom, Fred Phelps and Shirley Phelps-Roper, leaders of the group, were banned from even entering the U.S. for one of their scheduled pickets.

Still, in a recent court case filed in the United States against the church by the father of deceased soldier Matthew Synder, the Supreme Court ruled WBC is protected under the First Amendment.

After members of the church picketed Lance Cpl. Synder's funeral, spewing anti-gay and anti-military speech both there and on the church's Web site, the marine's father sued for defamation, invasion of privacy and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Though a lower court originally

ordered the church to pay a total of \$10.9 million in compensatory damages to Synder, this amount was reduced to \$5 million.

Eventually, a federal appeals court dropped the payment entirely and ruled in favor of WBC, ordering Synder to pay the church's court costs, totaling \$16,000.

Though the government of the United States has obviously not taken firm action against the church, the general public has attempted to institute its own form of restraint against their speech.

At the church's pickets around the country, religious and nonreligious groups alike have banded together at nonviolent counterprotests against the group. While some might question what they are actually accomplishing, it is clear that these peaceful assemblies of thousands of people are doing more to make a stance against the hatred than any legislation has so far.

At an April 2008 picket at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, a group of 1,000 students marched against the church, leading WBC to cut its planned one-hour protest down to 15 minutes.

Similarly, at Fort Dorchester High School in Charleston, S.C., a group of persistent students immediately began planning a counterprotest when they saw their school on the church's scheduled list of pickets.

With a helicopter circling overhead and cop cars guarding the entrance, the students' shouts led the group of six church members to leave the campus early.

So while the First Amendment may protect the church's speech for now, all hope is not lost.

Though its members are fervent in their hatred, the WBC can be stopped. With equally dedicated and passionate counter protesting, the "freedom" the church currently enjoys can be limited.

Message to Republicans: stand firm, be decisive



Ryan Maass
Columnist

Victories in the November midterm Senate elections might be harder for Republicans than once thought. While there are many hopes for a repeat of a

landslide victory from 1994, the division in both the candidates and potential voters on the right side of the political spectrum raises the question of whether there is any real unity — even on the opposition.

The campaign battles spurred by the contrasting strategies of Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., illuminate the conflict that could complicate the Republican Party's ability to win back seats from the Democrats in the fall. All the while, the old-fashioned conservatism that has made the party successful in the past seems to be dwindling.

Cornyn's strategy is fairly simple — endorse and fund candidates that have the best chance at victory. In his own words, "we're in the business of reinforcing our numbers, and the only way you do that is by winning elections."

A few of the candidates that have received an endorsement from the man leading the campaign strategy include Carly Fiorina in California and Charlie Crist, the governor of Florida. Both of these candidates have a center-right approach. They appeal to Cornyn for what he sees as the ability to compromise and appeal to both independent voters and the increasingly liberal Democrats that find their way into the Capitol building.

DeMint's approach is vastly different. While he certainly wants a Republican supermajority as much as Cornyn, DeMint wants candidates to run on their ideas. He wants the party to return to unapologetic American Reagan

conservatism and only endorses candidates who share those ideas. As he puts it, "There's no need to nursemaid somebody in the general election if they're just going to come up here and vote like the Democrats do."

DeMint has endorsed Tea Party favorites such as Marco Rubio to run against Charlie Crist, and Chuck DeVore to run against Fiorina. DeMint truly draws a line between the two camps of the modern Republican Party: pragmatists and purists. Pragmatists merely want a head count while the purists actually strive for the immediate repeal of Obamacare, slashing the federal budget and eliminating wasteful programs that give the federal government too much power.

Republicans in Washington, D.C., have to decide which way they want to go. There is no sense in throwing in big-spending moderates that would simply put the country on a slower though equally destructive track to bankruptcy.

If U.S. conservatism is to make a full comeback in the aftermath of the most radical administration in the history of the United States, Republicans need to make sure they get the full message out there. They need to be ardent advocates of a free market, national security and smaller government. Embracing these ideas fully is the only way independent and conservative voters are going to take Republicans seriously.

Cornyn's strategy definitely does not do any of this, though he has been a lot more successful in raising money for candidates. The Wall Street Journal reported recently that DeMint has collected \$1.3 million for his Senate Conservatives Fund. Cornyn has brought in \$4.6 million to give to his favorite moderates. Ultimately, though, it will be the voters that will decide which way the country should go. As the country is now well into President Barack Obama's second year in office, midterm elections are still many months away. Minds can still change.

When your health fails, your loved ones should not

Finally, recent legislation grants same sex couples visitation rights to support sick loved ones



Justine Schulerud
Guest Columnist

White walls. Bright lights. Silver stainless steal tables. Needles. The smell of rubber gloves. Cries. Loads of paperwork.

Nosocomophobia, or the fear of hospitals, is a common phobia that many people face today. This fear is usually derived from a bad experience or losing a loved one in a hospital. New York University Medical Center

professor Marc Siegel said, "You have control of your life ... up until your admitted to a hospital." Despite this fear, hospitals are an essential aspect of everyone's life. In North Carolina alone, the daily average of patients admitted amounts to 4,742,940.

In addition to the sometimes incapacitating fear of hospitals, same-sex couples have had to deal with extra stress than most. Many hospitals do not allow visitation to patients unless you are a biological or legal family member. That means

same-sex couples cannot legally visit each other when one is in the hospital. It bounces back and forth on the fine line of societal issues.

A legal agreement has recently been created by the Human Rights Campaign that can be signed by both parties to allow visitation. This is protocol that married heterosexual partners don't have to endure. This is just the beginning of the issues that same-sex couples face with hospitals.

This is another example of the ways in that same-sex couples are treated unfairly and unequally. There should be no discrimination amongst couples, no matter the gender of the partners. Though there are 166 hospitals nationwide that have released an equality index the rules are not always followed. There have been multiple instances where the hospital still does not allow significant others of the same sex, or children adopted into same-sex couples to be visited by nonlegal family members.

This directly affects the Elon University community because of discrimination that students could face in this same situation. When talking to Elon students, both of same-sex and

opposite-sex preference, five out of the five students I questioned believe there should be no discrimination against same-sex couples.

Hospitals are places that I am quite familiar with. My hospital at home knows me by first name. Being well-known by the nurses at my local hospital was never on my "to-do" list in life. Though I have frequently traveled in an ambulance and have become well-acustomed to hospital beds I cannot say I have found it an enjoyable experience, ever. Despite the countless number of needles, tests and hardships faced inside those brick walls there was always something that comforted me — a loved one. No matter where or when I had a hospital visit my family or friends were always present.

Having a loved one by my side has given me faith and hope in every hospital experience. Knowing that, it is hard for me to imagine what would happen if I were gay. Would I have had to face all those visits by myself, completely alone?

At the end of the day, all anyone wants is to love and be loved in return. It is not fair that people are discriminated against based upon their sexual preference.

And when you get the choice to read a book or blog ... I hope you blog!

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North Carolina Museum of Art reopening Story and Photos by Lauren Ramsdell A&E Editor

After three years of renovation and collection and seven months of being closed to the public, the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh reopened to the public April 24.

The museum renovation added a 127,000-square-foot building to house the museum's permanent collection, restaurant and store. With white walls and blond floors, the interior of the East Building, as it is now called, is sparse without being Spartan and lets the art speak for itself.

The old building, now the West Building, will not open until November. It will then house the visiting collections and educational facilities, as well as the museum research library.

The 164-acre campus has also been updated with new art installations and landscaped trails.

Assistant marketing director Alesia DiCosola said that plans to renovate and expand the museum started circulating more than 10 years ago.

"The stature of our permanent collection deserved a new home," she said.

North Carolina was one of the first states to legislate the opening of an official state art museum.

More than 100 new artworks have been acquired by the museum. A large gift donated 29 sculptures by Auguste Rodin

and led to the Rodin gallery and garden. The collection also includes many modern and contemporary artists.

"It's really important to collect the art of our day," DiCosola said.

When the West Building reopens in November, it will house five temporary exhibitions, including the art of Norman Rockwell, Eric Carl and John James Audubon.

But the \$70 million-plus expansion is not the end of the work for the museum. While the buildings have been modernized and updated, there is still much to do around the grounds.

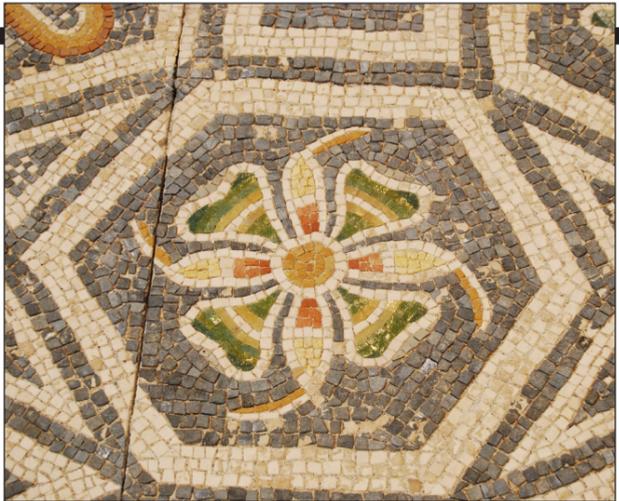
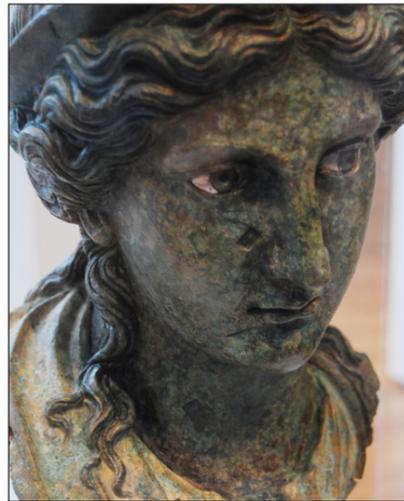
"The next step is to develop the park," DiCosola said.



Section 5: Modern and contemporary means more than just abstract art. Photography (above, "Still Life With Pig" by Anthony Goicolea) and traditional mediums (left, "Night Flight of Dread and Delight" by Skunder Boghossian).



Section 6: The African gallery spans ancient customs (left, Kente cloth from Ghana) to modern sculpture (above, "Congregation" by Ledelle Moe).



Section 7: Classical pottery and statues transport the patron back in time to before the common era. Togas and statues line the hall, while an exquisite Roman mosaic (near left) and Greek bust (far left) take the viewer back in time to the classical age. Nearby, ancient Egyptian coffins and burial models are even more ancient.

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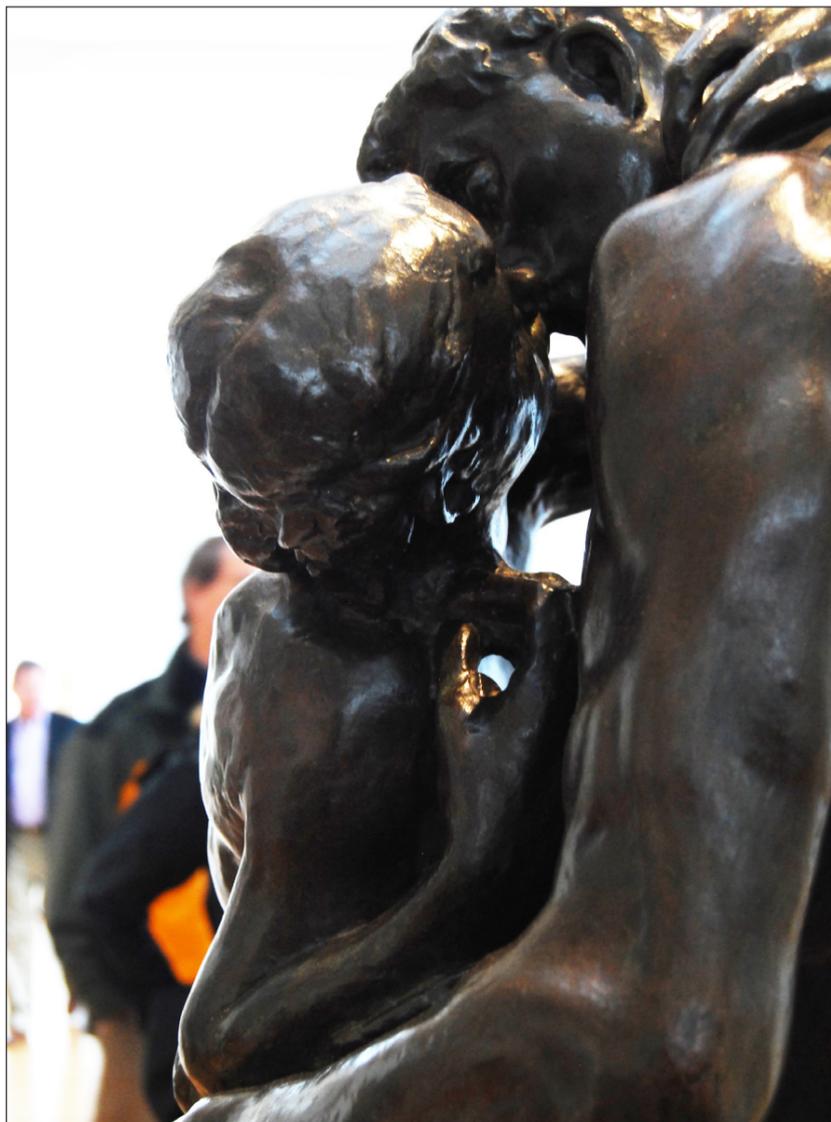
Museum Sections:

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- 2. Lounge
- 3. Dining
- 4. Museum Shop
- 5. Modern and Contemporary
- 6. African
- 7. Classical Pottery
- 8. Egyptian
- 9. Pre-Columbian
- 10. Portrait Gallery
- 11. American
- 12. Rodin Court
- 13. Judaic
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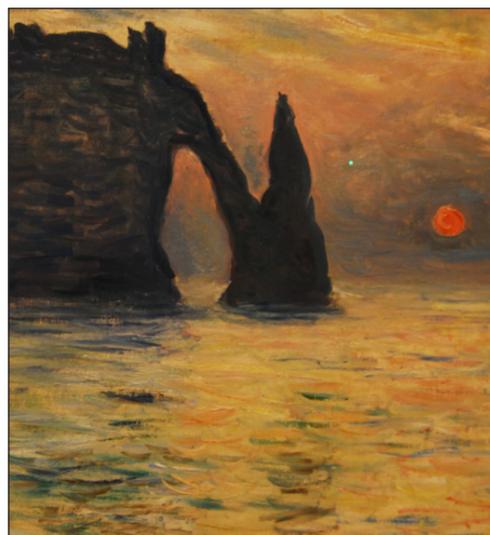
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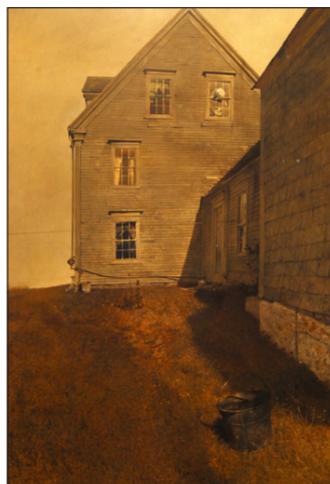
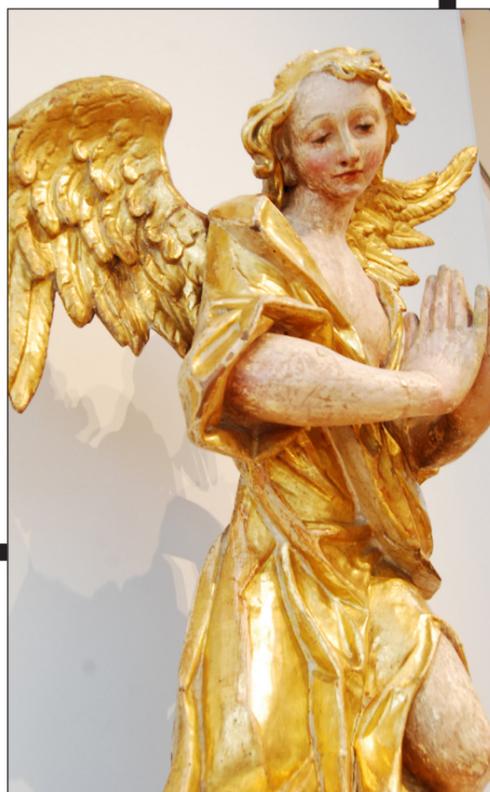
Section 10: The portrait gallery is like looking into a snapshot of an 18th century life (above left, "Sir William Pepperell and his Family" by John S. Copley, above, "The Oddie Children" by Sir William Beechey).



Section 12: Rodin Court is made possible by a gift by the Cantor family of 29 August Rodin statues, including "The Kiss," at left.



Section 14: The European galleries are the most extensive, with works from the Impressionist movement (above, "Sunset at the Cliff in Etretat" by Claude Monet), Flemish and Flemish-inspired painting (left, "Swan Attacked by Dog" by Jean-Baptiste Oudry) and religious works (below, "Adoring Angel" by an unknown artist) from across the continent.



Section 11: American art includes modern and traditional art, with realistic paintings of the American landscape and boxes filled with found objects (above middle-right, Weatherside by Andrew Newell Wyath, left, Suzy's Sun by Joseph Cornell). Though technically located in section 10, a section devoted to Founding Fathers is near the portrait gallery (above middle-left, American Landscape with Revolutionary Heroes by Roger Brown).

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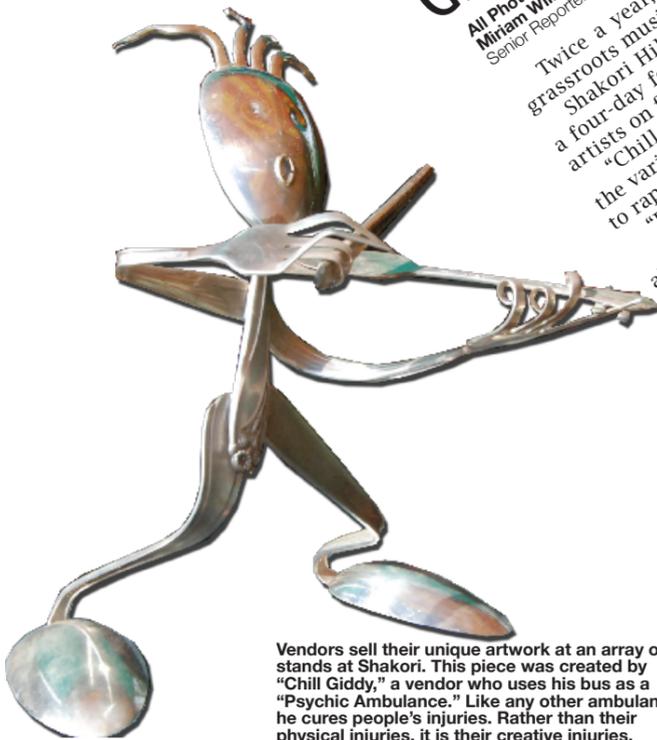
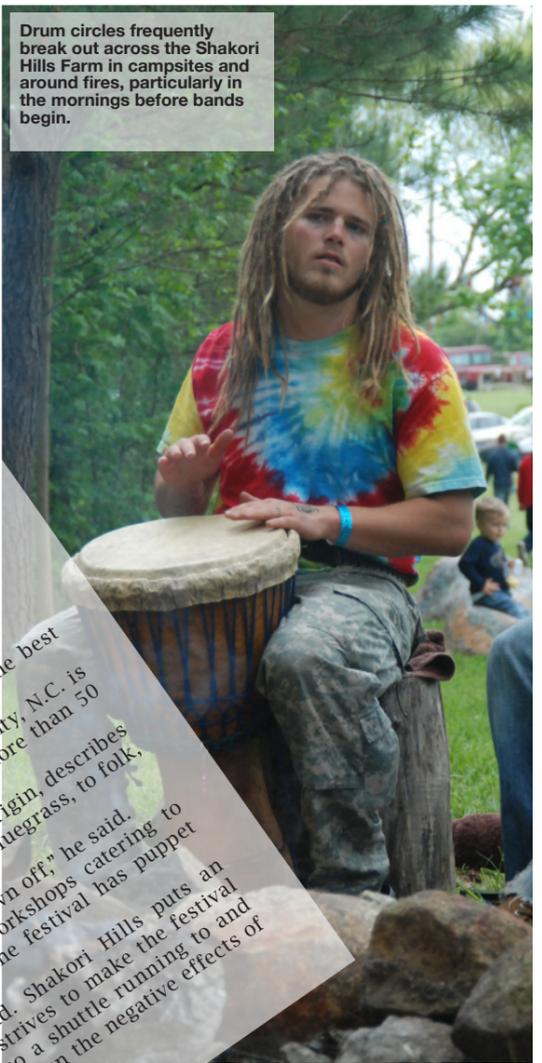
SHAKORI HILLS

Grassroots festival of music and dance

All Photos and Story by
Miriam Williamson
Senior Reporter

Twice a year, people set up their tents, light a fire and get ready to dance to the best grassroots music around. Shakori Hills, located 30 minutes away from Elon University in Chatham County, N.C. is a four-day festival of music, dance and art. This spring, Shakori Hills hosted more than 50 artists on four stages. "Chill Giddy," a vendor who has been involved with Shakori Hills from its origin, describes the variety of music as a "beautiful salad." The type of music ranges from bluegrass, to folk, to rap, to jazz. "Even if there's nobody you've ever heard of, you'll get your socks blown off," he said. Aside from the music, Shakori Hills also offers activities and workshops catering to all interests. With an emphasis on a family-friendly atmosphere, the festival has puppet workshops, face painting and arts and crafts for children. The spring festival appropriately fell on Earth Day weekend. Shakori Hills puts an emphasis on sustainability and protecting the environment. It strives to make the festival solar power dependent within the next few years. There is also a shuttle running to and from the festival to various locations across the state to cut down on the negative effects of attendees' transportation.

Drum circles frequently break out across the Shakori Hills Farm in campsites and around fires, particularly in the mornings before bands begin.



Vendors sell their unique artwork at an array of stands at Shakori. This piece was created by "Chill Giddy," a vendor who uses his bus as a "Psychic Ambulance." Like any other ambulance, he cures people's injuries. Rather than their physical injuries, it is their creative injuries.



Hoola-hoopers of all ages are a common sight at Shakori Hills.



Four-year-old Marcus Midgett creates a stone altar in the stone garden. The garden is part of Shakori's Peace Park and offers individuals an opportunity to stack rocks in a way that speaks to them.



Tina Price paints a spirit mask on Laura Cormier. Creating spirit masks is just one of the side activities available for relaxation and creative stimulus at Shakori Hills.



Elon junior Lindsey Bourne and sophomore Lindsey Schwartz volunteer at the pizza stand at Shakori. By volunteering for a few hours, they attended the festival for free.

Crepes for a cause: French Learning Community serves up support for Haiti

Meaghan Carey
Reporter

Students and teachers lined up in the Carlton kitchen for fresh-made crepes on April 22. The French Learning Community cooked up crepes in an effort to raise money for the St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The event, appropriately titled "Crepes for Haiti," raised about \$200.

"Our efforts and groceries were donated, so we will be able to send all of the process to the children's hospital in Haiti," said Sophie Adamson, advisor for the French Club at Elon University.

Active members in the French Learning Community served the crepes. At the event, there were two posters that read "tout pour les enfants" which means "for all the children" in French. The posters were for attendees to write a message to the children at the St. Vincent's Center.

"The event was (French professor Olivia Choplin's) idea," sophomore Amanda Coe said. "I think this event is a great way to raise money for a country in need."

The learning community made the connection between delicious foods and the potential for charitable work.

"Everybody loves crepes, and we had the equipment, so we thought it would be perfect to make some to raise awareness and money

for the handicapped children in Haiti," senior Dylan Clements said.

To the French Learning Community, reaching out to the francophone country only seemed fitting.

"We share a language — we are francophone together," Adamson said. "The francophone community needs to be supported and celebrated."

Some students had a personal connection to the charity endeavor.

"I am of Haitian descent and am first-generation Haitian," junior James Pierre-Louis said. "I have family members that were personally affected by the earthquake. I thought that this is a great and delicious way to support the victims of the recent tragedy."

The St. Vincent's Center is located in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, the capital and the epicenter of the earthquake. The hospital is both a school and a medical facility that specifically serves handicapped children.

"Although the media coverage has decreased on the earthquake in Haiti, people still need help," senior Christina Perterson said. "This was one way the French Learning Community at Elon could help out those who are still struggling."

The profit made from the event will go to those who need the contributions the most — handicapped children, due to the efforts of the French Learning Community

Simple Crepe Recipe

Preparation Time: 5 minutes

Cooking Time: About 30 minutes

Ingredients (for about 15 crepes):

2 cups flour
2 1/2 cups whole milk
4 eggs
2 tbsp. butter (melted)
Pinch of salt
1/2 vanilla stalk or vanilla extract (optional)
Vegetable oil (for pan)

Delicious Fillings for Crepe:

Nutella
Bananas
Strawberries
Blueberries
Peanut butter
Chocolate syrup
Whipped cream

How to Prepare Batter:

1. Sift flour and mix with salt in a bowl.
2. Make a well and pour in eggs. Stir well.
3. Slowly pour in milk while stirring. Keep stirring batter until small bubbles form on the surface.
4. Stir in Butter.

Tip: If the batter seems thicker than cream, add a little more water and/or a little more milk.

How to prepare crepe:

1. Pour a little vegetable oil on a folded paper towel and wipe the pan evenly. Keep paper towel at hand while preparing crepes in case you want to give it another wipe.
2. Pour in 2-3 tbsp. of batter and quickly move pan around so that batter spreads evenly, covering the whole surface with a thin layer.
3. Let cook for about one minute. Then, flip with a metal spatula and the cook other side for about 30 seconds.

Serve hot and enjoy. Finish with powdered sugar and whipped cream if desired.

Recipe provided by FamousFrenchDesserts.com



Members of the French Learning Community sold crepes to support a children's hospital in Haiti. The St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children is located in Port-au-Prince, the epicenter of the Jan. 12 quake. STEPHANIE ALVAREZ | Photographer

Bollywood flair and NPHC unity top Greek Week dances

Julia Sayers
Reporter

Elon's annual Greek Week Dance took place April 22 in Alumni Gym. At the events, sororities and fraternities perform a dance routine in hopes of winning first place, which helps them win points in the overall Greek Week competition. The gym was packed full of students, both affiliated and non-affiliated, and echoed with the chants and cheers of each organization.

This year, the first prize for sororities went to Phi Mu for its well-choreographed routine. The members came out in jingling belly dancing skirts, with an Arabian background and danced to songs including "Jai Ho" and "I'm a Slave 4 U." They incorporated cheerleading-style stunts and flips, adding a new element to their performance.

Sigma Kappa placed second for the girls with an end-of-the-world themed dance. Dressed in all black with red flames on the girls' faces, they danced to "4 Minutes," "Dead and Gone" and "Bye Bye Bye."

Third place went to Zeta Tau Alpha for its weather-themed routine. The members danced to songs including "Make it Rain," "Umbrella" and "Cyclone."

For the fraternities, the National Pan-Hellenic Council won for its collaborated step routine made up of all the different organizations' signature steps, moves, hand signs and chants. The theme symbolized Greek unity and welcomed the new fraternity that was just rechartered, Omega Psi Phi.

Lambda Chi Alpha, whose

members won second place, performed a dance routine where one man dressed as Tiger Woods and another as Phil Mickelson. Six brothers dressed as women to portray Tiger's mistresses, spurring laughter in the crowd.

Third place went to Sigma Phi Epsilon who began its routine with a skit based on the movie "The Hangover." Throughout the skit they poked fun at Sandy's Bar, The Town Table and even the indecent exposure incidents. They finished their skit by dancing to "Sleepyhead" by Passion Pit.

Many of the groups who didn't place also had creative ideas for their routines. Alpha Omicron Pi didn't place for its "Alice in Wonderland" theme. The members did an excellent job of matching appropriate songs with the characters. They danced to "Tik Tok" for the rabbit, "You Drive Me Crazy" for the Mad Hatter and "Poker Face" to represent the Queen of Hearts.

Delta Delta Delta decided to go with a theme based on the popular TV show "Gossip Girl." The girls came out looking like an army of mini Blair Waldorfs, preppy headbands and uniforms included.

Sigma Sigma took the floor with a schoolgirl-themed routine. The members sat in chairs and, instead of listening to the teacher, got up, danced and even jumped rope.

All the organizations put a lot of time into their routines and while not everyone could place, the spectators enjoyed all of the routines.



Above: Members of the Phi Mu sorority dance their Bollywood-themed routine, which won first place in the competition. Below: Members of Alpha Chi Omega sorority huddle together during their dance routine. HEATHER CASSANO | Staff Photographer

Sweet Signatures lifts voices at spring concert

Edith Veremu
Reporter

As Elon University senior Tessa Conte and the women of Sweet Signatures stepped on stage, some for the last time, the audience cheered. The group opened with "Mama Who Bore Me" from the musical "Spring Awakening," led by Conte. The song filled the room with harmonious melodies.

Sweet Signatures' rendition of the "Spring Awakening" song resonated throughout Whitley Auditorium the evening of April 24. Donning white dresses and glowing smiles, Sweet Signatures belted songs about independence and empowerment, breaking the mold and staying true to one's beliefs.

Sophomore Amy McNabb's powerful solo of BarlowGirl's "Mirror" along with Kate Austin's harmonies expressed issues of body image and acceptance.

Senior members of Sweet Signatures include Kelly Drayton, Kate Austin, Jamie O'Brien and Conte. Drayton joined the group in her sophomore year and said her college experience would not have been the same without Sweet Signatures.

These seniors performed their last version of "Carolina" along with the five alumnae members who were invited to sing with the group. "Carolina" was the group's second-to-last song on the program and referred to the universal feeling of longing for home.

"We're a group of women bonded by our love for singing," said Anna Hunsucker, president of Sweet Signatures. "We empower each other to be strong independent women. We're here to show that we are fun young women who enjoy life."

Members of Sweet Signatures honored their seniors by signing Nickel Creek's "When You Come Back Down" while they took seats in the audience for the emotional performance. Seniors also received pink-lined shadow boxes with pictures of the women's performances.

The audience certainly enjoyed the group's renditions of Jason DeRulo's "Ridin' Solo," where the singers wore hot pink sunglasses and the audience applauded in appreciation. Fans were treated to



Sweet Signatures filled Whitley Auditorium with showtunes and pop songs on April 24. The group welcomed back alumnae and sent off senior members with song. JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Photo Editor

an unexpected performance of Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance," which Sweet Signatures sang after the audience thought the concert was already over.

"I have mixed emotions about leaving," Drayton said. "I'm ready to leave college, but there are people and experiences that I'll leave behind and Sweet Signatures is one of those experiences. We're going to leave them with a legacy and we are going to come back and see them. It's gonna be neat to know that we were part of this group."

Sophomore Georgina Oram said the departing seniors have been "the life of Sweet Signatures" throughout their years with the group. She also said this academic year has been a successful one for

the a cappella group, because they have learned and covered eight new songs.

The seniors will not only be missed by their fellow members but by Sweet Signatures' fans.

"I'm impressed with (Sweet Signatures') performance," said Chris Beeson, a member of Rip_Chord and fan of Sweet Signatures. "It's incredible to watch and listen to them. They are truly dynamic in performance and personalities. They know the true meaning of working together and harmonizing."

Sweet Signatures will record its fourth professional album in May, which will be available for audiences in the fall.

PLAY REVIEW



'Love's Labor's' leaves the audience wanting more

Kit Arbuckle
Reviewer

Elon University's Department of Performing Arts production of "Love's Labor's Lost" premiered the weekend of April 22-25, and once again Elon has yielded a performance of astronomical quality. The Victorian costumes and Shakespearean speech contrasted beautifully with the more modernist set and lighting effects. The actors breathed life into the Bard's immortal words with enough vigor to convey the dialogue's true meaning.

A quartet of lords, led by charismatic senior Mark St. Cyr as the King of Navarre, squared off in a hilarious battle of wits against the four ladies they love, likewise headed by the headstrong Princess of France (junior Sarah Glover.) From the first sighting the four pairs had of each other, their attraction was evident and utterly believable. The men's relentless and ridiculous pursuit of the ladies — and the maidens' subsequent merry mocking behavior — provided a more relatable theme for the modern audience than some of Shakespeare's other works.

The comedy woven into the lovers' plight engaged the audience in an entertaining combination of smarts and sexuality. Visiting Spaniard Don Armado (junior Brandon Curry) and his page, Mote (junior Lisa Carter) nearly stole the show with their fast-paced wit and banter. They leaped around the stage with flowery phrasing on Armado's part and charming contradictions on the page's. Every detail between them, down to Curry's facial expressions and exaggerated accent, hooked the audience until curtain call. Seniors Alice Turner, Mel Lastrina and Tristan Bailey, junior Sarah Nutt and sophomore Andrew Higgins lent their own moments of hilarity throughout the production, culminating in the comical play-within-a-play in the last act.

Some moments in the dialogue were hard to follow. Despite the excellent use of props, line delivery and physical accompaniment, some of the Shakespearean language simply got lost in translation. The Princess attendant, Boyet (junior Jeffery Masters), plays a key role in the banter portions of "Love's Labor's Lost" but the Elizabethan literary devices often left his audience confused. In addition, at least one of the monologues threatened to lose the audience completely with its relative lack of relatable action onstage. Such are the risks when



The comical nun (senior Alice Turner) and teacher (junior Sarah Nutt) livened the already funny performance. MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

undertaking Shakespeare.

Despite some moments of uncertain understanding, the cast of "Love's Labor's Lost" delivered an exquisite performance. Jack Smith's Victorian costumes surpassed all expectations. The lords' tailored coats and the ladies' inflated skirts dripped with lace, glitter and shimmering brocade. The minimalist set complemented these audacious outfits, rendering the overall visual effect as whimsical, rather than gaudy. The music, directed by sophomore Jeffery Todd Parrott, was a rare and appropriate treat that allowed the cast to showcase another dimension of their theatrical talent.

"Love's Labor's Lost" effortlessly commanded a standing ovation at April 23's performance. The costumes were magical, the music agreeable and the cast unparalleled in skill.

And, for those members of the audience who remain befuddled by Shakespeare's mighty pen, director Kevin Otos prudently included some explanation in the director's notes and about the play sections of the program. As is typical for an Elon production "Love's Labor's Lost" left its audience wanting more.

Elon University Gospel Choir inspires, uplifts at annual extravaganza

Ashley Jobe
Reviewer

Sound reverberates off the walls, and the harmony reaches a surprising crescendo, dipping and flowing from soprano, to alto, then to tenor and back. The Elon University Gospel Choir is singing, and the audience is captivated.

On April 24, the Multicultural Center partnered with Elon's Gospel Choir to host the Gospel Extravaganza in Alumni Gym. The event featured the gospel artist John P. Kee, who has recorded nationally. New Life Community Choir was also in attendance. Partial proceeds of the ticket sales directly supported Elon's African American Scholarship fund and relief efforts in Haiti.

About 40 members of the praise team were dressed in various shades of violet and lavender, along with accents of black. In a halo of light in the midst of the shadowed gymnasium, they took up the entire stage and swayed in time to the beat.

The experience was transcendent for many, especially freshman Jeffery Williamson.

"It was phenomenal, it took a lot of preparation," Williamson said. "At one point, when John P. Kee invited us to come up on stage, he talked about how awesome it was that young college students are so fired up for Christ."

The audience was filled with those young and old, male and female, spanning all ethnicities. The event brings people from all backgrounds together annually. Last year, the extravaganza had a multitude of other schools attend. This year the executive board decided to request collaboration with a recording artist and one other gospel choir from University of North Carolina Greensboro.

The songs were moving, to say the least. The choir sang, "Hallelujah (All the Praise)" by Youth for Praise, as well as "Worthy to be Praised" by From. The repetitious phrase, "worthy to be praised," to the final, drawn out note, people in the crowd stood, clapped and danced in response to the performances. The feeling of spiritual connection was thick and tangible between the four walls.

In addition to the singing choirs, there was a dance team present, dressed in black and white dresses, turning and spinning to gospel hymns with arms outstretched.

The morning after the extravaganza, Elon's praise team sang at a member's church. The constant public exposure is no problem for the group. "When I perform, it doesn't matter who I am singing in front of because I just enjoy performing," sophomore Brandon Marshall said. "I never hold anything back. You don't know who needs encouragement out in the audience so you have to bring your best every song."

The Gospel Choir will hold its spring concert at 7p.m. on April 30 in McKinnon.

McMichael Murder Mystery Night: Campus community to solve the crime

Student teams will observe scene and interrogate suspects



Jasmine Gregory
Reporter

The question is: "Who done it?" On Wednesday, April 28, the Crime Studies Club will transform the first floor of McMichael for its second annual McMichael Murder Mystery Night. Participants will travel through four rooms, each representing a different scene, to discover who committed the crime.

Theater students, campus safety and police and other volunteers will help the Crime Studies Club bring the murder mystery to life. Last spring, the event was planned in conjunction with professor Matthew Clark's Forensic Science class and was a tremendous success.

"I thought it was a fabulously planned event," junior Cameron Jackson said. "It was like going to the movies. There was something for everyone: murder, gore, suspense and, last but not least, drama."

Senior Monique Vines, current president of the Crime Studies Club, described the extensive process in creating the murder mystery

and putting the pieces together so students can solve the crime.

"The first step is coming up with the crime and who did it and why," she said. "Then from there we work out the suspects, their profile, people to play the parts of the victim, suspects, interrogator and court personnel."

In teams of three to four people, participants will begin at the scene of the crime where they can compare samples and then analyze tests being performed to match suspects to the crime. Next, teams will move to the police station where both Campus Police and students will interrogate the suspects.

The murder mystery is designed like a life-sized game of Clue, where participants have to figure out who, where, and with what weapon.

"This is not specifically designed

for people interested in this career path, but it is instead for those who like to have fun, be hands-on and use logic to solve a puzzle," Vines said. "Who doesn't want to play a big game of Clue? Or pretend they are an investigator on C.S.I.?"

In the final room, each team will present their case in the absence of the other teams in court. Vines explained that because more than one team is likely to get it right, the winner will be determined based on professionalism in presentation, creativity of how the crime occurred and who most closely identifies the motives involved in the crime correctly.

Freshman Elisabeth Maselli, upcoming president of the Crime

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-CAMERON JACKSON
JUNIOR

Studies Club for the 2010-2011 school year, is looking to expand the club and possibly host more events next school year. Presently, the Crime Studies Club has about 10 regularly attending members.

"I'd like to work with the Criminal Justice department at Elon more and see if we can co-sponsor more events, and use that to get our name out," she said. "I think the murder mystery is pretty unique but I am thinking about more interactive events and some 'field trips.' For example, in the past the club has visited a jail, and I'd like to do that again."

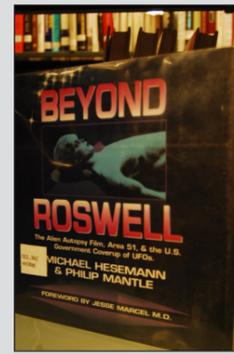
The Crime Studies Club's primary focus is to give members the chance to learn about majors, minors, internships and careers available to those interested in criminal justice, forensic science, psychology or anything else related to the field of crime. The McMichael Murder Mystery is the biggest event the organization hosts each year.

Decoding Dewey:

Understanding classification while enjoying your library

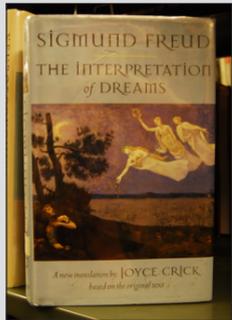
Lauren Ramsdell
A&E Editor

In college, students pick up extra-curriculars left and right, sometimes more often than they can handle. Perhaps the easiest extra-curricular seems to take a backburner to other, more time-consuming activities. A book can be picked up and put down at will, making it the ultimate in customizable time commitment. So why don't students read? Most likely because, while there are fascinating topics out there, most students just don't know how to find what interests them. Understanding the Dewey Decimal Classification (or system) will help guide even time-and sleep-strapped students to books that make them want to read.



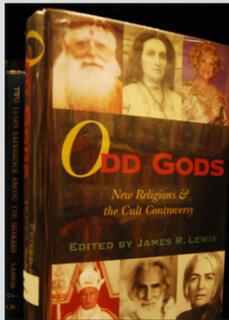
000 – Information, general works and computer science:

This section is for those who've always wanted to understand the ins-and-outs of computers, theories of knowledge or how libraries work. Also, rare books can be found in the 000 section.



100 – Philosophy and psychology:

Not just for shrinks, this section also includes books on the occult and paranormal, ethics, sources of error and humanism. Of course books on psychology are present, as well as those on epistemology.



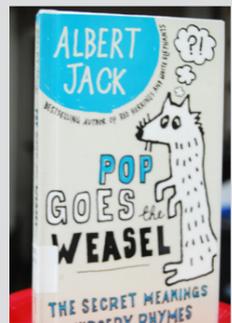
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Not only the more common, but also more minor and less well-known religions are found in this section. If interested in Bahaim, there's a section there. Atheists can even research the history and background (and one might say mythology) of almost any religion known.



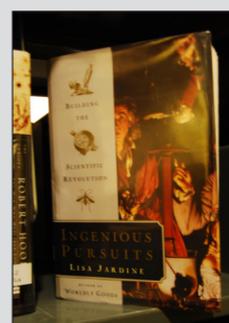
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Ever wondered about the sociology of a university? How the government really works? Why taxes even exist? All this and more (including criminology, military science and even international folklore) are found in the 300s.



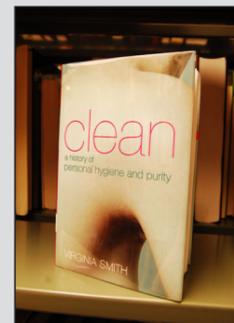
400 – Language:

Sure, there are books on Germanic, Romance and Hellenic languages, but if Africa's your thing, there is a whole section on the languages of the continent. If on St. Patrick's day you saw a shirt that said "Eire go Brach" and wondered what that meant, there's a Gaelic section as well.



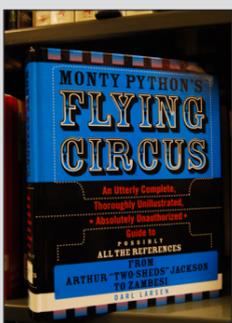
500 – Science:

Just because both general science requirements are completed doesn't mean that science has stopped evolving and expanding. Geology? Check. Botany? Yep. Invertebrates? One whole section.



600 – Technology:

Computer science doesn't cover all technology. There's agriculture and chemical engineering, but also food and drink, hunting and diseases. Possibly the most diverse category, there's something for everyone in this section.



700 – Arts and recreation:

Plastic arts? Who knew you could even write a book about that? Nowadays who isn't a photographer in some regard? If you need a creative outlet, these books are as good, or better than, gold.



800 – Literature:

The "real" books: satire, fiction, drama and poetry. Literature also includes books and poems in other languages, speeches and letters. There's bound to be something interesting in there.



900 – History, geography and biography:

If learning all about Ben Franklin isn't your thing, you can always read up on your favorite musician's life. Or, you can learn the history of the United States or almost any country and even "extraterrestrial worlds."

Student has high hopes for the arctic



Liv Dubendorf
Reporter

Promoting environmental awareness, especially in the Arctic, has always captivated junior Molly Schriber. Originally from Houston, Schriber chose to attend Elon University for its study abroad options and its strong environmental program.

Because of her interests, it's no surprise she chose to major in environmental studies and international studies.

The major was the perfect fit for Schriber's interests because of her "passion for the environment, wildlife and the outdoors," she said.

After she heard about an incredible opportunity through Periclean Scholars, Schriber decided to take advantage of Udall scholarship. She applied for the scholarship and was chosen as a recipient.

The award includes tuition money, a seminar in Arizona this August and vast amounts of networking opportunities

with various environmentalists and tribal councils.

The Udall scholarship was established in 1992 in honor of Morris K. Udall and his brother, Stewart Udall. The brothers devoted themselves to public service in the House of Representatives. Their main objective was to educate the next generation of Americans to preserve their national heritage, focusing on environmental and Native American issues.

Schriber said she was honored to receive the scholarship.

"This prestigious award will allow me to network with my peer environmentalists nationally and gain contacts in the tribal communities in order to reach my career goals and make radical social and environmental change," she said.

She said she also hopes to gain lifelong friends and contacts for future projects.

On campus, Schriber is involved in a multitude of activities related to awareness and action. She is a Periclean

Scholar, the chair of the Graham Middle School committee, involved in building an outdoor classroom and garden, the president of Students for Peace and Justice and a member of the Sierra Club since 2007.

"I believe that we've been educating each other about the environmental issues at hand and now it's time to take action to limit our human impact on the environment," Schriber said.

She felt the need to take an active role in education, instead of sitting in the back seat.

Schriber is currently studying in Denmark because she "wanted to have the opportunity to discuss what happened at COP 15," the U.N. Climate Change Conference that took place in Copenhagen.

"This program also gave me the opportunity to go to Greenland, my introduction to the Arctic world," Schriber said.

She thought it was important to visit Denmark because of its progressive actions taken to protect the environment. European countries have taken action and although these countries are "still not perfect, nonetheless they see the problem more clearly and have taken action to find a solution," said Schriber.

The reason for this action is because of a completely different approach to policy making, something Schriber said United States politicians could take a lesson from.

"Their model for the environment works better here because their

nations were founded on much different principles than the United States," Schriber said. "Denmark's philosophy focuses on working together in order to change for the better, the U.S. focuses on individual needs making change difficult."

Because of this philosophy, focusing on self-sacrifice for the greater good, the Danish people are more proactive in terms of the environment.

"I have never seen more bikes in my entire life," Schriber said. "I know many people in Denmark who refuse to own a car and instead own three or four bikes."

In the future, Schriber said she hopes to take action to help the

environment in many ways. Her plans include installing solar panels in a Sri Lankan school, working this summer in Ottawa, Canada, attending the Will Steger Teaching the Climate Seminar in August and making plans for the summer of 2011 to be a field assistant in the Arctic.

Her ultimate goal is "to open my own environmental education program, focusing on arctic landscape and culture, and teach students about ecology, First Nation studies, environmental philosophy and sustainable living," Schriber said.

She wants to build a cooperative team "whose members blend the roles of professor, ecologist, consultant and wildlife rehabilitator," she said.

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-MOLLY SCHRIBER
ELON JUNIOR

Former freedom fighter gives back to the neighborhood

Katherine Wise
Reporter

Japanese food, Thai food, Mexican food. Oh my! But an array of oriental foods is not the only thing you will find at Nie's American Oriental Market: customers loyal to Y'en Nie and his family and they have already flooded the new business.

The small grocery store opened April 16, but its owner was not new to the neighborhood. Nie, a Vietnamese immigrant, ran a business just across the street from his new market for 19 years.

Nie had been planning to have his own store for the past decade. In that time, he saved money and was able to pay to build the facility himself.

Nie has encountered numerous risky endeavors in his life. In fact, before 1986, Nie's whole life was at risk. Nie was one of the Montagnards who aided the U.S. troops during the Vietnam War. He was a freedom fighter, a rebel to his country. As an ethnic minority in Vietnam, Nie was treated poorly. Because of a lack of care from the government, Nie did not even know his date of birth. At a young age, around 6-years-old, he began working with United States officials.

"We fought because we were loyal to Americans," Nie said. "We believed communism was bad."

Even after the United States withdrew from the war, Nie was loyal to the Montagnards and fought against the North Vietnamese for an additional 12 years.

This value of loyalty and

endurance carried over to his business skills in the United States, where he came to live in 1986. Nie believes in establishing trust with his customers.

"You have to create relationships with the neighborhood," Nie said.

His strategy seems to work. Most customers followed Nie from his old business.

"The shoppers are loyal. We will follow Nie's family wherever they go," customer Gina Beckner said. "They are so good for this community."

Beckner was relieved to see Nie and his family's familiar faces and congratulated them as she walked into their new store.

"I'm just tickled to see that they finally achieved their goal," Beckner said.

Nie's business is family-run, although some of his family members are not blood-related. Five of Nie's biological brothers were killed in the Vietnam War.

"We treat each other like brothers, so we call each other brother," Nie said.

These "brothers" are soldiers that fought with Nie in Vietnam, also Montagnards.

Their sense of closeness extends to the customers.

"They're like family to me," local customer Eric Lane said. "I've been going to their other store for six years."

Lane described he goes out of his way to visit Nie's market even though there are closer stores to him.

Nie claimed his customer's support helped him get the piece of



Y'en Nie, a Vietnamese immigrant, opened Nie's American Oriental Market in Greensboro April 16. The family-owned store sells Japanese, Thai and Mexican food and other oriental foods.

land to build his business on.

"People spoil you when they know you," Nie said.

Nie is a leader in business and in the community. Before building the grocery shop, he helped construct a church in 2003, now called the Montagnard Highland Church. He is still very involved with the church.

Nie advises others interested in business, including students, to first understand business. His second piece of advice is to be patient, confident and trust yourself.

Nie said he hopes that through his example, he can influence the shops and neighborhood around him to be better, cleaner and safer.



Nie previously owned a grocery store across the street from his current store. Many of his customers followed Nie to his new store.

Food from nearby:

Students and community members tour local sustainable farms

Marlena Chertock
Design Intern

In November, an Elon University BioBus was filled to capacity with students and community members who wanted to learn about eco-friendly T-shirts. April 25, students, faculty and community members boarded a BioBus again and took the 15th annual Piedmont farm tour. The tour, sponsored by the Carolina Farm Association, is made up of only sustainable farms and is the largest one of its kind in the country.

Elon's Center for Environmental Studies and Company Shops Market, a co-op and locally grown grocery store opening in downtown Burlington, cosponsored one of the BioBuses for the tour. There was room for 30 students. They left campus at 1 p.m. and arrived back at 5 p.m.

"This is my first year going," associate professor of physics Anthony Crider said. "But I was anxious to go and get students, faculty and members of community involved in this."

They visited the three closest farms to Elon. Each farm specializes in a different aspect of sustainability. Turtle Run Farm is organic, Millarckee Farm grows organic vegetables and Cane Creek Farm has grass-fed animals.

Crider said he hopes the tour will raise awareness of locally grown and organic food. He said it is important to know where food originates.

"We'd like for students, faculty and the community to be aware of basic things," he said. "The (food) options, what the idyllic farm is like and what the cost is. They might be willing to spend a little bit of extra money for that satisfaction and security of knowing where it came from and having a sense of what's in it."

Sustainable food is important for the maintenance of the environment, according to Crider.

People have not looked into the impact on the environment of shipping food during times of the year when it is not naturally grown. Crider said he believes that people should focus their eating habits on food that is grown locally because it is better for the environment and that buying food locally has multiple benefits.

"Sometimes you just feel better that you've not shipped things in and spent a lot of gas money to fly or boat or drive food to you," he said. "And some people feel better supporting the local economy. But sometimes it tastes better."

Crider buys his milk from Homeland Creamery. The skim milk doesn't taste as watery as it would in a regular grocery store, he said. The fruits and vegetables he buys locally are also fresher.

"You have some sense of community, you know who you're buying this from," he said. "It's really cheap to produce meat and vegetables in a way that's not in the best interest of the people or the animals or the person that's going to end up consuming the food. So the only bottom line there is the profit. But I think the concept of the triple bottom line of profit ... people involved in the process and the planet as a whole is critical."

Raising awareness of locally grown food is



ALL PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY PROFESSOR ANTHONY CRIDER
A group of Elon students, faculty and community members visited three farms April 25 for the 15th annual Piedmont farm tour. The farms focus on various aspects of sustainable food production. Turtle Run Farm grows organic food, Millarckee Farm grows organic vegetables and Cane Creek Farm has grass-fed animals, such as turkeys and goats.

worthwhile, according to Crider.

"Ultimately, as capitalist as it sounds, sometimes we vote with our vote and sometimes we vote with our dollar," he said. "To spend the extra money to say I want my food to be produced honestly, I want to pay a fair cost for my food and not just get whoever happened to be able to produce it the cheapest, that's worth something."

Company Shops Market will be a stop on the BioBus line next year allowing students without cars to access the shops.

"I think it would be great to increase the number of options on campus for students," he said. "I'm curious to see how the presence of (Company Shops Market) on Elon's BioBus line will increase demand by students for that kind of food on campus."

Elaine Durr, the sustainability coordinator at Elon, said students who want to see more locally grown food on campus should talk to ARAMARK to make their interest and desire known. She also suggested students work with SGA.

If you want locally grown food now "you have to know people," Crider said. "My wife buys her beets from some guy on a street corner. It's a beet deal going down."



The Weaver Street market is another co-op grocery store in Carrboro.

"It's not just a grocery store," Crider said. "It's a place you go to eat. There's music and families. It turns into a community in and of itself. And I'm hoping that's what we develop here. People that care about their food and care about their neighbors. Because ultimately if as a society we don't pay the price of food now we'll pay for it later."

When push comes to pull...

Story and Photos by Brian Allenby
Reporter

Students in Leisure Sports Management, the Programming and Event Management class, hosted a fundraiser April 26 to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of North Carolina and the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington. Students raised money by competing to see which team could pull a 3000-pound bus the farthest. Below, the Home Run Derby team participates in the event prior to their fundraiser. Elon University Cheerleading team members, bottom right, pulled the 3000-pound bus 25 feet, finishing first place for coed teams.



Baseball looks to battle back after disappointing weekend

Conor O'Neill
Assistant Sports Editor

With a record of 26-16, 12-9 in Southern Conference play, the time for the Elon University baseball team to find a rhythm is now, head coach Mike Kennedy said.

"I just hope to see consistency," Kennedy said. "At times we've been very good, but other times we've been very bad. The challenge for this club now is to get consistency. We're at a point now where it's going to happen or not."

Elon is in this position after the team lost both games in a doubleheader on April 24th against the College of Charleston despite winning the game the night before.

"We pitched well, hit the ball well and played good defense on Friday, and it showed in the outcome," senior outfielder Matt Hinson said. "Saturday, we struggled to string hits together."

Hinson had hits in six of 13 at-bats during the weekend and drove in eight runs for the team.

After taking the opening game of the series 14-3, the team dropped Saturday's games by scores of 16-6 and 6-4.

Despite sitting in sixth place in the conference, the Phoenix will not stop working for the rest of the season, junior shortstop Neal Pritchard said.

"We just got to keep working," he said. "We can't roll over and die."

Pritchard added that the team will aim to gain momentum to take into the conference tournament, which begins May 26.

"When it comes tournament time, we'll go down there and take care of business and keep going from there," Pritchard said.

Before then, the Phoenix has 13 games on its schedule, including the contest against North Carolina State University at 6:30 p.m. April 28 in Raleigh.

Against other ACC schools this season, the team has a perfect 5-0 record, including two wins against then-No. 5 ranked Clemson University.

Hinson agreed with Kennedy that the time is now for the Phoenix to focus on winning each game for the rest of the season.

"For us, it's now or never," Hinson said. "We have to win, and we can't give away any more games."

That attitude starts now, with the Phoenix arranged in a different position than it has been in the last two seasons, when the team was atop the SoCon standings.

"It sucks to lose, but you got to forget about it," Hinson said. "At the same time it's in the back of your head that

we have to win. We have to remember the mistakes we made this weekend. But at the same time you have to move on and forget about it and have a positive attitude."

Having a positive attitude is a key for Kennedy, who was encouraged by his team's demeanor at April 26's practice.

"The idea is to get back to work, and I thought we did that (Monday at practice)," Kennedy said. "If we can't have fun out here, there's no need to play."

He also added that this group of athletes is different from the teams of the past, despite having returning players.

One player featured in a different role has been Pritchard, who had a batting average of .276 in each of his first two seasons.

This year, Pritchard is batting .361 with eight home runs and 34 runs driven in.

"The last couple years, I would take time off," Pritchard said. "I started to realize that I would get out of a groove when I would take time off. Now, when I come to the field, I really focus on what I have to do to keep my swing going."

When the team travels to play the Wolfpack Wednesday, Pritchard and the Phoenix will attempt to continue their dominance over ACC opponents.

ELON ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

APRIL 28 - MAY 4

Wednesday 4/28
Baseball @ N.C. State — 6:30 p.m.

Friday 4/30
Baseball @ Wofford — 7 p.m.

Saturday 5/1
Softball @ Georgia Southern — 1 p.m.
Baseball @ Wofford — 3 p.m.
Softball @ Georgia Southern — 3 p.m.

Sunday 5/2
Track and field (Duke Twilight) — All day
Baseball @ Wofford — 1 p.m.
Softball @ Georgia Southern — 1 p.m.

Monday 5/3
Baseball @ North Carolina — 6 p.m.

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Elon 4

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Elon 1
Charleston 3

April 25 Samford 4
Elon 8
Charleston 16

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Charlotte 3
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Elon 3
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Greensboro 4

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SPORTS BRIEF

Milian honored by SoCon

Senior women's tennis player Anna Milian was named the 2010 Southern Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Year. She is the first Elon player to win the award.

Milian finished the season with an 18-4 singles record and earned first-team all-conference honors in both singles and doubles.

Hudgins expected to sign with Cowboys

Elon University alumnus and former Phoenix wide receiver Terrell Hudgins will travel to Dallas to sign with the Dallas Cowboys and is expected to participate in rookie minicamp beginning this weekend, according to Elon University's Media Relations department.

Hudgins will sign as an undrafted free agent and is listed as one of 17 that the Cowboys are expected to sign, said Nick Eatman, a staff writer for DallasCowboys.com.

As a player on the Elon football team, Hudgins broke 10 NCAA records, including career receptions, career receiving yards, career games gaining 100 or more yards receiving and career 1,000-yard receiving seasons, all of which were Division I records.

He was also the runner up for the Walter Payton award in his senior year with the team.

Hudgins is the second player in Elon history to join an NFL team, following the footsteps of Chad Nkang, who played two seasons in the NFL for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Joining Hudgins in the NFL hunt is teammate senior offensive lineman David Harrison, who has been invited to the St. Louis Rams' minicamp this weekend. The team will evaluate Harrison to see if it wants to offer him a contract in the NFL.

Club swim finishes season with fun



WILL ANDERSON | Photographer

The Elon Club Swim team finished off its season with a meet April 25 at home. Differing from the normal meet routine, there were more relays than usual. The meet consisted of co-ed class, corkscrew, and T-shirt relays. The team competed against itself because other teams were in the midst of exams.

Seniors Peyton Jenkins, Laura Wainman and Kelly Clark competed in their last meet as Elon students.



ONE ON ONE NFL draft: Expect the unexpected

Christian Binder and Willy Pagliaro
Sports Commentators

The NFL Draft is the biggest highlight of the offseason, and this year's draft certainly provided plenty of excitement. What were the biggest surprises of the first round?

Christian Binder:

I can't believe how stupid the Jacksonville Jaguars were. They drafted Tyson Alualu, a defensive tackle out of University of California, before two other highly-rated players, Dan Williams and Jared Odrick. It was absolutely one of the dumbest moves I've ever seen. Alualu wasn't even projected to be a first-round pick, whereas Williams was a projected top-10 and Odrick was a projected late first-round selection. Four years from now, Jacksonville will look back on this pick and wonder what they were thinking.

Willy Pagliaro:

I don't think there is any doubt that the biggest surprise of the first round was the Denver Broncos drafting Tim Tebow. I just don't see how this pick is going to work out for the Broncos. I think they gave up too many picks

(three) to the Ravens, one of these picks being the No. 43 pick overall, where they could have potentially gotten Tebow. I'm not saying that Tebow isn't a good fit for the Broncos. He is a very good fit. The Broncos ran 68 percent of their plays last year out of the shotgun, which is a formation that is familiar to Tebow. The problem with picking him this early is that they are going to have to play him sooner rather than later because he is a first-round pick, and they might play him before he is ready.

Christian:

Josh McDaniels, Broncos head coach, is certainly putting his coaching career at stake here. Obviously he's known for coaching Tom Brady and Matt Cassel, but Tebow is a completely different player. I think he fits in Denver, but you're right, they could've taken him much later.

I was also surprised at how high the San Diego Chargers jumped to draft Ryan Mathews

at No. 12. There were no other runningbacks taken before pick 30, so the Chargers could've stayed put and still gotten Mathews. Instead, they backed themselves up in the draft and lost a player they could've kept to get Mathews.

Willy:

Another pick that surprised me was the Eagles drafting outside linebacker Brandon Graham from University of Michigan. When I saw that they were trading up to get the No. 13 pick, I thought they would be addressing their needs in the secondary by drafting safety Earl Thomas from the University of Texas. Thomas could have been the safety that the Eagles were looking for to be the cornerstone of the secondary after the departure of Brian Dawkins last year, but they decided to address their need on another part of the defense. We'll have to wait and see if the decision to draft a safety later in the draft will come back to hurt the Eagles.

Elon Athletics: Building an improved program, one facility at a time

Alumni Gym, Latham Park undergo renovations amid plan for strengthened Athletic Department

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

In the center of the court of Alumni Gym at Elon University hangs a scoreboard, used to aid spectators at the many athletic events held there.

While it provides clarity to those in the stands, to one group, it serves as a hindrance. For the 16 women on Elon University's volleyball team, the scoreboard is something that detracts from the game rather than adds to it.

"We hit the scoreboard a few times each match," volleyball head coach Mary Tendler said.

But beginning next year, this obstruction will no longer be a problem.

The relocation of the scoreboard is just one of many changes ahead for Alumni Gym as it begins renovation this summer, a continuation in a tradition of changes during the past decade for the Elon Athletics program.

Beginning in 2000, the university began the construction of a new football facility, now known as Rhodes Stadium. A year later, Latham Park was dedicated, and in 2005, the baseball stadium received its most recent renovation, with the addition of stadium lights.

In 2008, the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center's courts were resurfaced, and the men's and women's tennis teams received new locker rooms in 2009.

The year 2009 was a busy one for the Elon Athletics Department. Not only did it add the tennis locker rooms, but it also added bleachers to Rudd soccer field, opened the W. Cecil Worsley III Golf Training Center and began construction on Alumni Field House, set to open in mid-December.

And now, the school has taken on two new projects — the renovations of Alumni Gym and Latham Park.

"It's trying to not only improve our facilities but also keep up with demand," Director of Athletics Dave Blank said. "As our programs are accelerating and becoming more and more competitive, we're having different recruiting battles. We're trying to make sure we can answer those challenges."

Building a foundation

In the coming summer, the university will begin construction on Alumni Gym and is set to finish renovations at the conclusion of the summer of 2011.

The process will include installing new seating, technological advances in the lighting, sound and video boards, coaches and staff offices located closer to the front of the building, locker facilities, a south entrance and an outdoor plaza. With all of the changes, the plans aim to keep the capacity the same — at around 1,600.

Men's basketball head coach Matt Matheny said the player amenities the university is adding, such as a locker room, film room and team lounge, are big trends right now in college basketball.

The plan calls for two phases. Phase one will deal with everything inside the gym and will take place this summer, while phase two will deal with the locker rooms and the coaches offices and take place throughout the summer of 2011.

"We're going to do everything that we can do to affect the experience of not only the student athlete playing, but also the fan base attending, where everybody will feel like they're at an event," Blank said.

Matheny and Tendler said the new renovations will attract more fans and provide a better viewing experience.

Matheny said the renovated Alumni Gym will add to an already existent home-court advantage.

"(Alumni Gym) doesn't have to be full to feel electric," he said. "There's no denying the fact that the players feel more comfortable at home. Then you add a great crowd to that, and you have a definite home-court advantage."

Blank said attracting fans is part of the process that will propel the next step in the building process — a larger facility.

"What I see is over the next few years, our program will grow in success, therefore we'll grow in interest, which will lead to a bigger fan base," Blank said. "Now you're getting more ready to move



Latham Park, the home of the Elon University baseball team, was most recently updated in 2005 when the university added stadium lights. JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Photo Editor

into a bigger building, and I didn't want to wait for that. I wanted to do this in a progressive manner."

He described the renovations as an intermediate step between where the program currently is to where it will be in the future, with the creation of a convocation center for the university.

The convocation center, part of The Elon Commitment, the university's 10-year Strategic Plan, will include a gym in which the basketball and volleyball teams will play.

Another venture the university will begin this summer is the renovation of Latham Park.

The main changes will be made to the playing surface, where new drainage systems similar to those in Rhodes Stadium will be added to better remove water from the area of play. The entire surface will be replaced, and FieldTurf will be installed to the infield.

Baseball head coach Mike Kennedy said the new playing surface will be huge in helping the team take full advantage of its practice time.

"The whole month of January and part of February, we struggled to get on the field at all," Kennedy said. "The surface was wet. When we were on the field, we were limited in what we could do. This will give us more practice time, more reps and more overall time on the field."

What the school is doing for the baseball field will not go unnoticed, Kennedy said.

"When they get done, we'll have one of the better fields in the southeast," he said.

Also on the radar for the Athletic Department is the prospect of a new softball field on north campus, Blank said.

He said the university has already purchased land that has been identified as a new home for the softball facility.

"We're in the early stage of that project right now, which is secure the land — which we've done — and then get the land zoned properly and ready for construction so that we can build a new field," Blank said. "That's part of the Strategic Plan of the university."

Building a future

All of these projects are part of a larger initiative to recruit more competitively across the board, Blank said.

"With the Alumni Field House going up, Koury Field House being renovated, the baseball field getting seating and the playing surface being re-done, softball getting a home, we're touching all the programs," Blank said. "All these things are going on right now so that when we're done, we'll be at that next level and

be as competitive as we possibly can in recruiting student athletes."

Blank said the recruiting experience is much like that of a prospective student, and he wanted to address each need a recruit may have.

"It's no different than when a student comes to Elon and they want to know, 'Where will I live? Where will I eat? What are my classrooms like?'" Blank said. "We have the same experience in athletics."

"What I'm looking for is a recruit experience," he said. "Something that says, 'Look at our arena, not at our gym.' Something that says, 'Look at our locker facilities, not at our locker rooms.'"

Matheny and Tendler agreed the new Alumni Gym will help when they bring recruits into the facility.

"When (the recruits) walk in the gym, it'll look impressive," Tendler said. "It's going to be an exciting place to be."

Recruiting for baseball will be impacted in much the same way by the renovations as recruiting for basketball and volleyball by the renovations.

With the FieldTurf, Kennedy said the grass will no longer be dormant and brown during prime recruiting season.

"When you walk a kid on the field and when he sees that turf, it'll look how it's going to look year in and year out," he said. "When grass goes dormant, it doesn't look good. It makes it tough to show a kid. Our field is going to look great all the time."

Matheny said the new facilities will also help the recruits understand how important they are to the institution. He said the university's actions in regards to athletics speak volumes about how it feels about the student athletes.

Instead of hearing from coaches and current players how much the school values athletics, recruits can see firsthand.

"It shows that the administration cares," Matheny said.

Building a path

The upcoming updates by the Athletic Department, as well as those completed in recent past, were made possible by donations from supporters of Elon Athletics.

Elon trustee Jeanne Robertson and her husband Jerry's gift led the way for the renovations of Alumni Gym, while Elon trustee Bryan Latham and his wife Janet have made multiple donations to Elon Athletics.

Blank said the renovations to the baseball field have been completely funded by donations already, similar to the building of the new golf facility, which used no university funding.

"We're very committed to achieving



The new Alumni Field House will be located on Zac Walker Place. JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Photo Editor

excellence with our facilities, but also makes sure that we're mindful of the financial needs of the institution," Blank said.

Blank said while the athletic program is currently working to raise money to fund "capital projects" such as the Alumni Gym renovations, it is also raising scholarship money for prospective athletes.

He said both the funding of the scholarships and the funding for the facilities go together as part of building a stronger athletic program.

"All these things go hand in glove," Blank said. "We have to have the scholarships to offer, and to be able to bring the right student athletes in here to compete for championships, we've got to have facilities to show them."

Building a legacy

Blank said all of the athletic projects are part of a larger plan to improve athletics at the university.

The updates in athletics parallel with what the university is doing as a whole, Tendler said.

"It's not just the athletic program — it's the entire university," she said. "They're trying to keep up with the times, and we in athletics are just trying to do our part."

Matheny agreed, citing improvements in academics taking shape alongside the improvements in athletics.

"Word is getting out about what is happening on campus, and athletics is falling in line with it," he said. "Elon is on a quest for excellence."

Track and field shows up strong at SoCon

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

When the Elon University track and field team boarded the bus to head home from the 2010 Southern Conference Outdoor Track Championships April 25, it did so as a unit that had done something no group from Elon had done before — placed third in the conference meet.

Last year, the program saw its best finish to date at fourth place with 84 points. In this year's meet, the team blew that away with 123.5 points and a third-place finish.

"It was amazing," head

coach Mark Elliston said. "The team was phenomenal, absolutely unstoppable in terms of our goals."

On the first day of competition, senior runner Caitlin Beeler and junior thrower Justine Robertson captured titles in the 10,000-meter run and the javelin throw, respectively.

In the second day of the meet, the team followed up with titles in the shot put and discus events by senior thrower Urysla Cotton and sophomore thrower Alyssa Girvin, respectively.

Elon had seven other top-3 finishes to round out the

SoCon Championship.

"Everyone came out, showed up and did what they had to do," Robertson said. "We put in a lot of work all year long, so it's nice to finally get the recognition."

Recognition went beyond titles and top finishes. Twelve members of the Elon track and field team were named to the all-conference team, and two members made the all-freshman team.

Elliston was also honored as the SoCon Women's Track and Field Coach of the Year.

"It's great to come away from a season where we put in so much work with such a

performance," Beeler said.

Throughout the year, the team has put in top-quality showings at its seven meets in the outdoor season. The athletes claimed nine titles and 61 top-5 finishes in this six-week period. Thirty-eight of those were top-3 finishes.

"It's definitely a culmination of their hard work and the dedication of a great coaching staff," Elliston said.

In that time, 11 members of the track and field team broke school records.

Robertson broke the javelin and discus records at the North Carolina A&T University meet and the Lou Onesty Invitational, respectively. Other throwers to break records include Cotton, with the school-best shot put throw at the Coastal Carolina Invitational, and Girvin, with the Elon-best hammer throw at the SoCon Championship.

Junior jumper Veronica Day holds the school records for the long jump and the triple jump, while junior jumper Courtney Weathers holds it for the high jump.

On the track, Beeler, junior Emily Fournier and sophomores Allyson Costa and Dana Caltado sit atop the Elon record books with bests in the 5,000-meter run, the 3,000-meter run, the 10,000-meter run and the 100-meter dash, respectively.

"It's really great to see so many of my teammates come out on top," Robertson said.

One of the reasons for the success the team saw this season is that the team was willing to put in the effort to get there, Beeler said. The support from so many fans at each meet helped as well, she

BY THE NUMBERS

2 school records broken by junior thrower Justine Robertson - the javelin throw and the discus throw

3rd place finish in the Southern Conference Championships, the best in the history of the program

9 titles won throughout the season

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39.5 more points earned in the SoCon Championships than in 2009

61 top-5 finishes throughout the season

123.5 points earned by the team in the SoCon Championships

BREAKING DOWN THE WOMEN'S TRACK SEASON

said.

The hard work and the encouragement all became the motivation for the team's determination, which was the driving force for the team's success, Elliston said.

"We started off shaky, but the ladies really stuck together and kept working hard," Elliston said. "They really came together."



Senior runner Caitlin Beeler finished first in the 10,000-meter run at the Southern Conference Outdoor Track Championships April 23. This was one of two titles claimed by Elon athletes on the first day of SoCon competition.

KATY BURNS | Photographer

Phoenix softball continues to reel off SoCon victories

Conor O'Neill
Assistant Sports Editor

With a full week to prepare for its series against Georgia Southern University, the Elon University softball team will focus on getting healthier for its remaining Southern Conference schedule, according to head coach Patti Raduenz.

"Finally," Raduenz said of the break for the team. "(The players) get a little bit of time to heal some injuries and focus on some academics."

The team will also carry momentum into the upcoming series, as last weekend the Phoenix won two of its three games against Samford University.

The victories improved the team's record to 33-14, with a mark of 15-6 in Southern Conference play.

In the April 24 doubleheader, the team gained a 5-3 victory in the first game before dropping a 2-1 decision in the second game.

For the decisive third game on April 25, the Phoenix used a complete effort from sophomore pitcher Erin O'Shea to finish off the Bulldogs, 8-4.

O'Shea not only pitched four innings of one-run ball, but in the first inning she smashed a three-run homer to give the team a lead it would not surrender.

"It helps when my hitting is on and my pitching is on," O'Shea said. "It gives us a boost because we know we can get defense and offense."

This season, O'Shea has compiled a record of 15-5 with an earned run average of 2.39. She also has a batting average of .270 and has driven in 24 runs for the team.

O'Shea was not the only Elon pitcher to help herself offensively in the third game of the series.

Junior pitcher Lauren Taylor was

the relief for the final three innings and stepped to the plate in the bottom half of the sixth inning with the score being a 5-4 Elon advantage.

Taylor gave the Phoenix a boost by ripping a double to right field, sparking a three-run sixth inning.

"It always helps when you can put runs up and have less pressure on the mound," Taylor said.

Another key to April 25's victory was Elon's ability to put pressure on the Bulldogs' defense by bunting for base hits.

"We work a lot (on bunting) in practice," Raduenz said. "Our biggest thing is we have to work on simple things: get on base, advance runners, find a way to score."

O'Shea said she is hopeful that the team's offense continues to score runs in droves.

"Hopefully our bats will continue to stay alive and we can continue to push runs across when we need them," O'Shea said.

In the sixth inning of the final game of the weekend, the Phoenix also put pressure on the Bulldogs' defense with aggressive base running, which was a leading factor in the three-run inning.

The team has been aggressive on the base paths all season and Raduenz is adamant that she wants the team to be aggressive when running the bases.

"We've been tough on (the team) in practice on base running," Raduenz said. "We try to pride ourselves on aggressive base running and if we make mistakes we're going to make them going 100 percent and being overly aggressive."

One thing that the Phoenix will work to improve on for the SoCon tournament is playing complete three game series, according to O'Shea and Raduenz.

While the team has won all seven of



Junior pitcher Lauren Taylor pitched three innings with two strikeouts and one walk against Samford University April 25. Taylor gave up three runs in the 8-4 loss to the Bulldogs.

MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

its SoCon series this season, only once has the team been able to win all three games.

"It's definitely frustrating, but then again you can't dwell in the past," O'Shea said. "We've got to come out strong and forget about it when we lose."

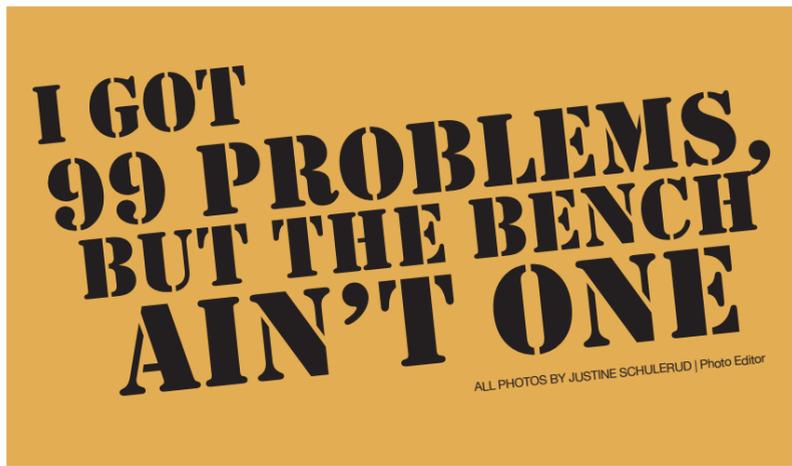
Raduenz said although winning the series is good, the team hopes to

take all three games in each series it plays.

"I think it gives them a bittersweet feeling," she said. "But we're just going to go out and do the best with what we have."

With that in mind, the Phoenix will continue down the stretch in the final weeks of the season leading up to the SoCon tournament.

On April 23 Campus Rec held the Bench Press Competition inside Koury Gymnasium. The men's overall winner was senior Charlie Kirsch and the women's overall winner was senior Kelly Plante.



Men's tennis comes close, falls to UNCG in title game

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

It came down to one match. The fate of the team relied on doubles partners sophomore Eric Turner and freshman Thomas Darling. The two stared at their foes across the net, down 3-4 in the last match of the afternoon.

In one game, the pair was able to break its opponents to bring the score to 4-4, but it was not able to hold on. Winning only one more of their last five games, Turner and Darling dropped the match and ultimately the championship.

"No one expected us to be here half-way through the season," junior Philip Nemeč said. "After having people write us off, it's rewarding to know we belong here, coming so close."

On April 25, the No. 4 Elon University men's tennis team met the No. 3 University of North Carolina Greensboro team in a Southern Conference tournament final of the underdogs after having knocked out the first and second seeds, respectively.

The two teams took the courts for singles first, splitting the matches 3-3. The title would come down to the doubles point, where Elon's No. 1 pair of juniors Chase Helpingstone and Alberto Rojas lost 8-3 and Nemeč and Cody Stauffer-MacDowell won 8-3 at the No. 2 position.

When Darling and Turner dropped their match, the Spartans claimed the 4-3 victory and the title of "SoCon Champions."

"They played extremely hard at a high level," head coach Michael Leonard said. "They left it all out on the court, which is all a coach can ask for."

In order to get to the finals, the team had to first face No. 1 College of Charleston, who was previously undefeated in SoCon play.

After a long-fought battle, Rojas was able to secure a three-set victory at No. 4 and clinch a close 4-3 match to hand the Cougars their first — and last — conference loss of the season.

"It helped that we already got a crack at them earlier in the season," Nemeč said.

These two teams had met a month earlier, March 22, when Charleston walked away with a 4-3 win.

This time, the Cougars weren't so lucky, and the Phoenix was able to upset the heavily-favored No. 1 seed.

"It felt like a championship match," Leonard said.

But before the team could get to this point, both Leonard and Nemeč said the team had to endure a year of ups and downs.

"We struggled at the beginning of the season," Nemeč said. "We had one of the hardest non-conference schedules."

The team began the season 0-8 against six nationally ranked teams.

After that, it bounced back with four back-to-back wins at home, before falling to Radford University to begin another losing streak, this time four games in length.

Leonard said the turning point was Elon's 4-3 loss to SoCon opponent The Citadel March 23.

"After the loss to The Citadel, we started to get better every day," he said. "You could feel the turnaround."

The team finished the regular season winning four of its last five matches to make the SoCon tournament.

Once in, the team bested the No. 1 team in the conference to get to the conference finals.

"Where we were to where we finished was a big improvement," Leonard said. "It took a couple guys stepping up and believing they could do it."

Leonard and Nemeč said one key to finishing the way the team did was that everyone came together at the right time and began playing their best tennis when it mattered — at the tournament.

"We were able to prove to everyone else what our team was made of," Nemeč said. "We showed them we were able to make it with the team we had this year."

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With the Maroon team on defense and the White team on offense, the athletes take off from the line of scrimmage to start the play in April 24's spring football game. The Maroon team came out on top 14-0.

Jack Rodenfels
Senior Reporter

With overcast weather April 24, the Elon University football team split up in the annual spring scrimmage. In a battle of the Elons, the Maroon team defeated the White team 14-0 in front of a crowd of more than 1,000 in Rhodes Stadium.

In a low-scoring affair, the game was highlighted by both defenses keeping the opposing offense at bay.

According to head coach Pete Lembo, the most important part of the 14 spring practices and the spring game was to get new players in the fold — athletes who were role players in previous years who need to learn to be every-down players in order for the Phoenix's

program to continue growing.

In the first half, the Maroon team got on the scoreboard with a trick play, catching the white defense off-guard. Redshirt freshman wide receiver Rasaan Rorie caught a pass behind the line of scrimmage and threw a 39-yard bullet to sophomore wide receiver Jeremy Peterson for the score.

"I had the chance and just threw it as far as I could," Rorie said. "(Peterson) made a great play on the ball, and we were able to connect."

In the first half, senior running back Brandon Newsome gained 25 of his game-high 34 yards and Rorie caught three passes for 70 yards to lead the Maroon team.

On the final play of the third quarter, the Maroon team drove down the field and rumbled in with a four-yard run by Newsome, to put the team up 14-0.

Sophomore quarterback Thomas Wilson led the Maroon team with 91 yards passing, connecting on seven of eight passing attempts for 65 yards in the second half.

The White team was led by senior quarterback Scott Riddle who completed 11 of his 21 attempts for a game-high 115 yards. Sophomore wide receiver Aaron Mellette caught four

passes for a game-high 79 yards.

Sophomore linebacker Dale Riley led the Maroon team with two interceptions, while junior linebacker Zach Henderson and senior linebacker Brandon Wiggins each tallied five tackles.

For the White team, junior defensive back Andrew Straus picked off two passes, while senior defensive lineman Brandon Ward and sophomore defensive lineman Olufemi Lamikanra each recorded two sacks.

"It was such a great night," Lembo said. "We had a great crowd on hand and it was just a wonderful atmosphere to finish off spring practices."

In the fall, the Phoenix will look to build off last year's defensive success, Lembo said. In 2009, the Phoenix ranked fourth in the nation in total defense, allowing just 248.33 yards per game. The defensive unit also finished the season ranked in the top-10 nationally in scoring defense, pass defense, pass efficiency defense, and sacks.

Coming off a 9-3 season and its first-ever appearance in the FCS Playoffs, the Phoenix plans to improve and make a run towards a national championship in the fall, Lembo said. Finishing the 2009 season with a 7-1 Southern Conference ledger, the Phoenix wants to be prepared for their first game of the season, Sept. 4 against Duke University.

"Our team had a great offseason and were able to do a fair amount of livework," Lembo said. "Culminating with tonight's spring game, we are excited to see the team we will put on the field come September."



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TOP: Members of the White team line up for the kickoff. MIDDLE: Freshman wide receiver Jeremy Peterson sets up to run a route against the White defense before the snap. BELOW: Junior quarterback Scott Riddle leaps over a Maroon defender.

