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Early arrivals bring life back to Elon's campus



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The colorguard practices three times a day for almost two weeks prior to the start of classes. A typical daily schedule has the members awake for a 9:30 a.m. to noon session, followed by a 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. practice and a concluding practice from 6:30 p.m. to either 9:30 or 10 p.m.

Christina Edwards
Copy Editor

Though new-student orientation and move-in days didn't officially begin until today, signs of student life have been trickling back onto Elon's campus since the beginning of the month. Students involved in athletics, residence life, marching band and orientation cut their summer short to prepare for the upcoming semester.

"It was hard to leave home again when I knew I could have more time with my family, but I knew

RA training would be a great experience," said sophomore Elisa Cooper, who has taken an RA position in the learning community she joined as a freshman.

Other students were more excited about packing up and heading to Elon early.

Senior Stuart Richie and junior Jordan McNeill, both captains of Elon's colorguard, returned to campus Aug. 15. The rest of the team joined their captains Aug. 19.

"It is beneficial for the freshmen to get here early because they get exposed to older members and the

tricks of the trade," Richie said.

The group practices three times a day for almost two weeks before school begins.

"We come back early to put all this effort and hard work to give the best that we can in our performance for the band, the school and the enjoyment of everyone out there," Richie said.

But colorguard is not the only organization investing time before school starts to train for the upcoming semester.

"The RA training is long and hard, but worthwhile," sophomore

Jenna Thrash said. "Plus, my friends from home were heading back to school around the same time, and I worked full time this summer and needed the change. It's always hard to leave my home, family and friends, but I was ready to come back to Elon. I missed it."

Sophomore Katie Seringer, who headed back to campus last week for orientation leader training, agrees.

"I miss my friends and family and my dog, but it's fun to be back at Elon," she said. "Campus is pretty empty, but it still feels like home."

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Irazu reenergizes, revamps The Zone

Katherine Koch
Reporter

The Zone, originally constructed as a campus hang out, is about to get a caffeine boost.

"When students have been asked what they would like to see The Zone space include, a coffee shop has been the consistent answer," said Vickie Somers, director of auxiliary services.

This fall, students will get exactly what they asked for when Rod Salazar, the owner of local coffee shop Irazu, opens up his second shop on Elon's campus.

Elon chose Irazu to move in instead of a corporation, like Starbucks.

Starbucks is a well-known franchise and can be found at more than 100 college campuses across the country. While Starbucks is a good fit for those other places, Somers said Irazu is more appropriate for Elon.

"We did explore the possibility of a Starbucks coffee shop, but that option was extremely expensive since Starbucks has very specific guidelines that must be followed in design, layout, furniture and equipment," Somers said.

Jodean Schmiederer, assistant dean of students, said Irazu was selected because of student feedback.

"Students wanted a shop that would be invested in the community," Schmiederer said. "Students know that supporting a local business over a large corporation would help to stimulate the local economy."

Irazu is also a family-run business.

"We plan on hiring students and local people to work in the shop so that we keep the money in the school and in the community," Salazar said. "We tend to be very community-oriented. The economic crisis can be traced to huge corporations not supporting the local community."

Although Irazu is not as world-known as Starbucks, it already has a great reputation around the Elon campus. Both Salazar and Schmiederer said many Elon students are already frequent customers at Irazu's original location in Burlington.

The administration acknowledged that The Zone is not as popular as the university hoped it would be.

But Salazar said he believes by bringing the Irazu atmosphere to Elon they will revitalize The Zone.

"I think that there is great potential for The Zone," he said. "We are going to try and transfer the Irazu environment to The Zone. We will have a lot of places to sit and there will be background music. It will be a place to hang out, study and chat with friends."

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New class joins Elon's community

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Nearly 1,300 young adults will crowd Elon's campus this weekend, an increasing number of these new students traveling from the Northeast, most planning to major in business and all making up one of Elon's largest freshmen class yet.

Despite worries that the university wouldn't be able to enroll the 1,275 students needed, 1,298 students comprise the class of 2,013, according to the early August numbers projected by the office of admissions.

"It's a great class," said Greg Zaiser, dean of admissions. "It is without a doubt what we wanted."

The new Phoenix have an average SAT score of 1842, slightly lower than last year's freshmen class average of 1863, but students' average weighted GPA has risen from 3.90 to 3.96.

Ethnic diversity has dropped one percentage point from last year, meaning self-identified multicultural students make

up 13 percent of the class.

Zaiser said the decrease is most likely the result of the economy and is something the university is continually working to increase. Similarly, he said senior staff hopes to increase the male percentage, which continues to remain unmoved from years past at 40 percent.

One of the biggest changes from last fall's freshmen class is the number of students hailing from the Northeast.

Maryland and Virginia have long been the second-most top states represented, but both have been bumped down to third.

With North Carolina residents still reigning at 24 percent of the class, Massachusetts and New Jersey tied for second at 9 percent, unseating Maryland and Virginia, now represented by 7 percent.

"Massachusetts has long been on the rise," Zaiser said. "I think New Englanders are very interested in the South and Elon is a very popular place. We've been really working in Massachusetts and they've discovered us."

The unbeatable trio of business, communications and biology majors continue to be the most popular, although for the first time engineering has slipped into the mix as the 10th most popular major for incoming freshmen.

Engineering majors earn two degrees: a bachelor's at Elon in one of five concentrations, and a bachelor's in engineering from an engineering school they will transfer to after their first three years at Elon.

"It's a very unusual program," Zaiser said. "It's very strong and there are not many schools that have programs like that. It is really an advantage to the student."

Zaiser emphasized that building the freshmen class, from the applications to acceptance to eventual enrollment, is not done in a vacuum. Everyone, Zaiser said, not just admissions, has an interest in Elon and attracting students to campus.

"We don't do this alone," he said. "Everyone of the faculty and staff runs this ship. We administer the process, but it's a community effort."

BY THE NUMBERS

- 2** percent international students
- 3.96** weighted GPA
- 12** Valedictorians
- 13** percent multicultural
- 26** percent attended private school
- 67** percent attended public high school
- 70** percent top quartile of graduating high school class
- 388** Presidential Scholar Recipients
- 1842** SAT

NUMBERS ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL ENROLLMENT AUG. 31

TOP STATES REPRESENTED

- 24 percent** North Carolina
- 9 percent** Massachusetts, New Jersey
- 7 percent** Maryland, Virginia

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BREAKING DOWN THE CLASS OF 2013

Several students begin new year with early start

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The lack of students brings a subdued feel to campus, which has both upsides and downsides.

"The whole campus is less chaotic and a little more peaceful and serene," Cooper said. "During the year there is always something going on at Elon, but during the summer there aren't really many events to attend or people to hang out with, so overall it's just not as exciting without everyone."

Thrash said convening before school starts is also a nicer way to ease back into Elon life.

"And yes, it's quiet," Thrash said. "But there are still people around — upperclassmen who have moved into their apartments, and other students here for other training. So it's really the same beautiful Elon."

But while campus is essentially the same, and arriving early has its perks, such as a calmer move-in experience, the quiet is a constant reminder that things aren't quite back in full swing yet.

"There are a lot of qualities that make Elon, well, Elon, but the main quality are the students. Without them, it's just weird," Thrash said. "I miss my friends,

Pangeos pasta, even classes."

Moving in may be easier when you're the only one on your floor trying to transport a storage unit full of belongings, but once all of the furniture is satisfactorily arranged, Seringer says the lack of other students is glaring.

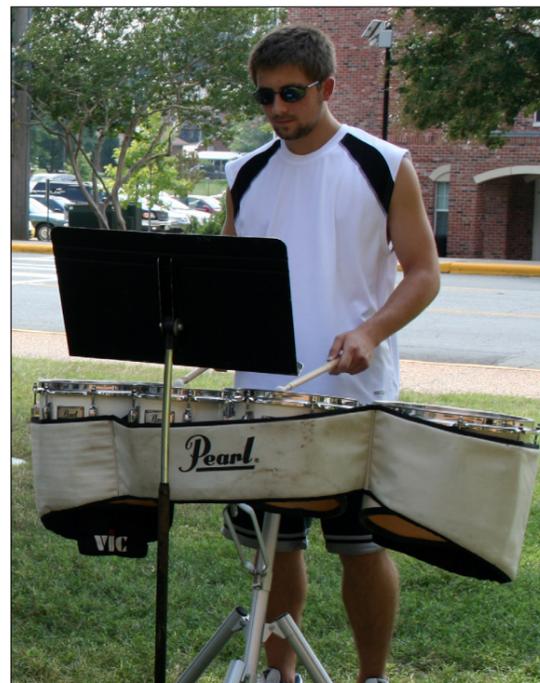
"The hardest part is that I'm lonely," Seringer said.

Despite the somewhat empty feeling of a campus not quite ready for a new year, students are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the rest of the student body.

"Campus is kind of dull when no students are here but you can see all work that goes into preparing the campus for returning students," Cooper said.

But just because they aren't a lot of people around doesn't mean there haven't been packed schedules.

"RA training keeps me plenty busy," Thrash said. "With training from 8 a.m. until after 9 p.m., plus other RA duties to do on my own time after, I hardly get enough sleep in. There aren't even that many people here early, yet I still haven't reunited with all my friends yet."



Among the various student groups who moved-in early this fall was the Fire of the Carolinas marching band.



Elon already has two hybrid Toyota Prius Zipcars. This month, a Honda Civic Zipcar was added to the fleet. Cars can be rented for an annual fee of \$35 and members have 24-hour-a-day access to the vehicles.

Campus Zipcar program expands to three vehicles

Sarah Costello
Reporter

After successfully implementing the Zipcar program two years ago, Elon added a third vehicle in August.

Elon is known for taking pride in sustainability campaigns and eco-friendly campus initiatives, which has prompted a growing interest in the Zipcar program.

"I hope (the car) will provide more access to vehicles for our students," sustainability coordinator Elaine Durr said. "We have great utilization with two vehicles, but (the third) Zipcar will allow us to have another vehicle available for more students."

Elon teamed up with the car-sharing program in 2007. It provides

Zipcars to universities, businesses and cities worldwide.

The two current Elon Zipcars are hybrid Toyota Priuses, housed in the Moseley parking lot. A Honda Civic from Zipcar was added this month.

"When Elon started the program we made a preference for hybrids," Durr said. "It's nice to have at least some hybrids in the program for individuals curious about them."

For an annual fee of \$35, members have 24-hour-a-day access to the vehicles at their convenience. Zipcar provides the gas, and users pay an hourly fee for usage. Members are given a Zipcard and can reserve the cars online.

"It's a great service to use," Durr said. "I get a lot of positive feedback from parents knowing they can send

their child to college and have a car provided."

Typically, Zipcar members must be 21 or older to participate in the program, but the Elon program allows students 18 and older to apply for membership.

Zipcar has existed in cities for several years and recently began providing vehicles to university settings. University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and Duke also have Zipcar programs, and many other North Carolina schools are considering it, Durr said.

In April, the use of Zipcars between Monday and Friday averaged 42.3 percent and 77.6 percent on the weekends, exceeding expectations. Zipcar expects an average rate of usage of at least 40 percent.

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'A Thousand Splendid Suns' shines for Elon's new students

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

Every year, Elon's common reading committee selects one book for freshmen and any other interested students, faculty and staff to read as a community. The book always involves an exploration of the individual and the larger global society, and this year Khaled Hosseini's "A Thousand Splendid Suns" is no exception.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Hosseini's Afghanistan-set novel is told in four parts through the eyes of Mariam and Laila, the book's protagonists. Mariam is forced to live with the shame of being an illegitimate child who her father resents. After going to live with her father, he arranges for her to be married to Rasheed, a shoemaker who quickly proves to be an abusive husband.

Laila and her close friend Tariq live in the same neighborhood as Mariam and Rasheed. When war tears Laila and Tariq apart, Mariam and Rasheed take her in. Laila becomes Rasheed's second wife, though she is pregnant with Tariq's child.

When Rasheed becomes suspicious of the child, he starts abusing Laila as well. Mariam and Laila bond through their shared abuse, becoming friends and confidants.

"A Thousand Splendid Suns" explores themes of war, misogyny and love and friendship in times of trouble.

The book was met with overall favorable reviews, including a spot

on Time magazine's list of the top-10 fiction books of 2007.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hosseini was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, but moved to Paris when the Afghan Foreign Ministry, where his father worked, relocated his family. The Hosseini family was set to move back to Kabul four years later, but by then Afghanistan had become a war-torn country. The family was granted political asylum and moved to California.

Hosseini earned a bachelor's degree in biology at Santa Clara University and a medical degree from the University of California-San Diego. He began writing his first novel, "The Kite Runner," in 2001 and stopped practicing medicine in 2004 following the book's success.

In 2007, Hosseini started The Khaled Hosseini Foundation for humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan after he traveled to the country with the United Nations Refugee Agency. The same year, "A Thousand Splendid Suns" was published and, like "The Kite Runner," became an international bestseller.

"The Kite Runner" was adapted into a film directed by Marc Forster in 2007. Sony/Columbia has optioned "A Thousand Splendid Suns," and "Schindler's List" writer Steve Zaillian is currently working on the screenplay.

WHY THE BOOK WAS CHOSEN

Janet Warman, director of general studies and chair of the common reading committee, said the committee always chooses

a book they feel will stimulate students' thinking about an issue on a deeper level. Though the committee rarely chooses fiction books, Warman said they were impressed by Hosseini's vivid portrayal of Afghanistan.

"Because the United States is connected to Afghanistan right now through our military presence and because it is a country that most of us know very little about, we felt that this novel would be a good way to help students explore that country's culture and history through the eyes of compelling fictional characters," Warman said. Jean Schwind, associate professor of English and ENG 110 representative on the common reading committee, said in addition to providing historical and cultural context on the war against the Taliban, the novel portrays how women are treated in radical Islamic countries.

"('A Thousand Splendid Suns') vividly depicts this systematic devaluing of women and its consequences for individual women, their families and society," Schwind said.

THE KHALED HOSSEINI FOUNDATION

Nonprofit organization which provides humanitarian assistance to people of Afghanistan by finding shelter for families, work opportunities for women and education for children.

Contributions can be made at www.khaledhosseini.org

FALL CONVOCATION WITH KHALED HOSSEINI

What: A discussion with Hosseini about the violence in Afghanistan and his humanitarian efforts
When: 4 p.m. on Oct. 13
Where: Alumni Gym
Admission: \$12 or free with Elon ID. Tickets available starting Sept. 22.

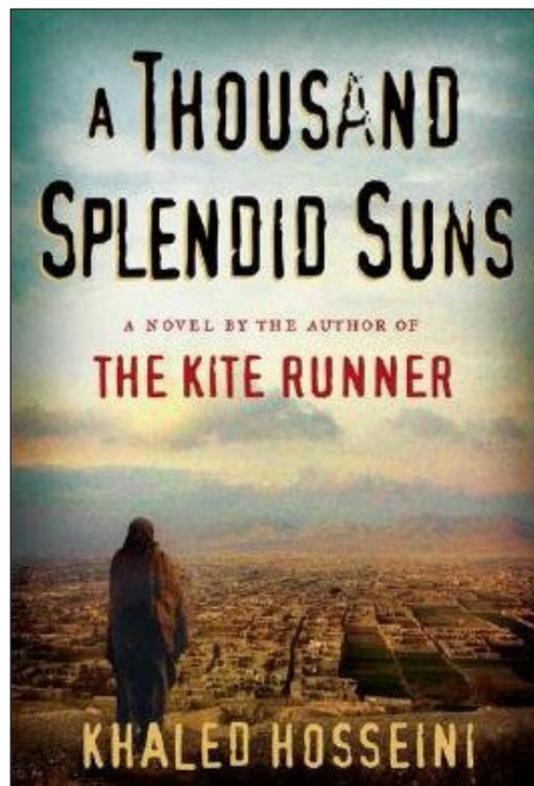


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Like Khaled Hosseini's "The Kite Runner," "A Thousand Splendid Suns" became an instant bestseller when it was released in 2007. While "The Kite Runner" focuses on the lasting bond between two men, "Suns" is about the friendship that develops between two women.

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CORE CURRICULUM 101: A guide to freshmen classes

Sarah Costello
Reporter

First year students at Elon have many opportunities to enroll in classes that cover a broad range of topics. Freshmen typically spend the first year enrolled in four core classes, including the global experience, college writing, health and statistics.

The global experience introduces students to issues, cultures, systems and current events, challenging students to think and act globally. Health covers various topics from exercise to eating habits. College writing enables students to learn proper writing styles and formats, while statistics acts as a basic introductory math class.

Elon's liberal arts education enables students to step outside their majors and take classes in which they may not ordinarily enroll.

The global experience is a favorite among many freshmen who appreciate the themes and topics covered in the diverse class.

"The global experience was the very first class I attended at Elon," junior Megan Justice said. "When I walked into the classroom door on the first day of college, I had no idea that some of my classmates would become lifelong friends or that one course could have such a major impact on my life."

Many students are appreciative of the opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities, including Model United Nations and volunteer work.

"The Global Experience was both challenging and extremely rewarding," Justice said. "I spent much of my first semester at Elon studying the world around me and learning how to be a citizen in a world that is becoming increasingly globalized."

Much of the course content depends on

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- Jim Brown
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

the professor and the desires of students to learn more about different topics. The underlying goal is to encourage students to break out of the Elon bubble and become knowledgeable about issues, events, histories and situations in and out of the United States.

"I hear [students say] this is the best course they've ever taken," said Jim Brown, associate professor of history and a global experience instructor. "It's a really fundamental course that teaches you to think critically. There's the skill part of it, learning how to think for yourself, and there's the content."

Health, statistics and college writing are also introductory classes that introduce new concepts and ideas to students fresh out of high school. Elon 101 is another class that contributes to relationship-building at Elon. Group activities and projects add to the early learning experience that is the first to many more classes down the road.

"I actually ended up liking Elon 101," junior Brooke Toffolon said. "I thought it was going to be dumb, but it was a good chance to meet a small group of people and learn about things going on at Elon. I actually still talk to a few of the people from my Elon 101 class."

Summer news roundup

iMedia program off to intense, positive start

Laura Smith
News Editor

Three weeks after the launch of Elon's iMedia graduate program, students are already seeing its achievements.

Since orientation began Aug. 3, the 37 students have been split into two groups, each going through intensive workshops on the programs they will be using in the coming year.

Students who did not graduate with a degree in communications took a seminar on media law and one on media writing.

"All of those with whom I talked with said that the (seminar) experience was positive and that the material was interesting," program director David Copeland said. "They also said their instructors, Jessica Gisclair and Glenn Scott, packaged a tremendous amount of work very well in a short amount of time."

Last Friday, students showcased their workshop projects in a series of presentations.

"It was a culmination of three weeks of work that had many of the students working in areas that they had little previous experience," Copeland said. "It was a good introduction to all the tools of interactive media."

Copeland isn't the only one with good things to say about the experience of the last three weeks.

"The workshop has been extremely helpful," student David Hollander said. "It's been nice for me to get some exposure to the software we'll be

working with."

Hollander, who graduated from Colgate University in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and minor in sociology, said he was attracted to the program because of its diverse curriculum and abundance of skill sets.

"I think the workshops will be effective in helping me start the program in September at the minimum baseline required," he said. "Most importantly, it was great to be in a creative atmosphere again, surrounded by so much talent and creativity."

Student Paul Wagner is getting his second master's degree at the age of 62. After receiving his undergraduate degree at Southern Illinois University in communications and speech therapy and a master's from Miami University of Ohio in the same field, Wagner went on to work for Hallmark Cards Company, among others.

"I got to the point where I kind of wanted to care about something different," Wagner said.

He was attracted to the duration of the program, only a year, and its unique nature. Wagner, who used to teach as a graduate assistant, wants to return to teaching and utilize interactive media in lessons.

"I think teachers need more tools than they have, and I think with kids, as wired as they are today, is the old chalk and talk lecture still going to work?" Wagner said. "It just seems to me that there's a field there. It's not just one idea, it's the idea for a department."

Some ideas he has are for a geology professor to use interactive media programs to display the change in continental drift, or for a chemistry professor to use an interactive periodic table.

"I think I can bring a different perspective to my classmates," Wagner said. "Having been through a life that they're about to launch, it's kind of an interesting perspective."

Recent Elon graduate and iMedia student Shelley Russell said she is hoping to learn new skills to expand her knowledge.

She graduated in 2009 with a double major in journalism and environmental studies.

"With my background, I saw that I really would like to expand my skills because I kind of left having a solid foundation in writing (but) felt that I really wasn't sure what my next step was," Russell said.

While Russell learned most of the programs as an undergraduate, she said she is glad to be getting refresher courses.

"There's some value in learning what you already know," she said.

The class has been receiving tutorials from Lynda.com as well.

"Those tutorials allow students to take what they have learned in class and review it at their own speed or to move ahead if they want," Copeland said. "It gives them instruction that they can use at their own speed while using their classroom instructor and classmates to fine tune what they have

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iMEDIA STUDENT

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learned independently."

In addition, the class seems to be getting along well.

"The people are great," Russell said. "I love getting to know all of them. This month has just been really good for bonding."

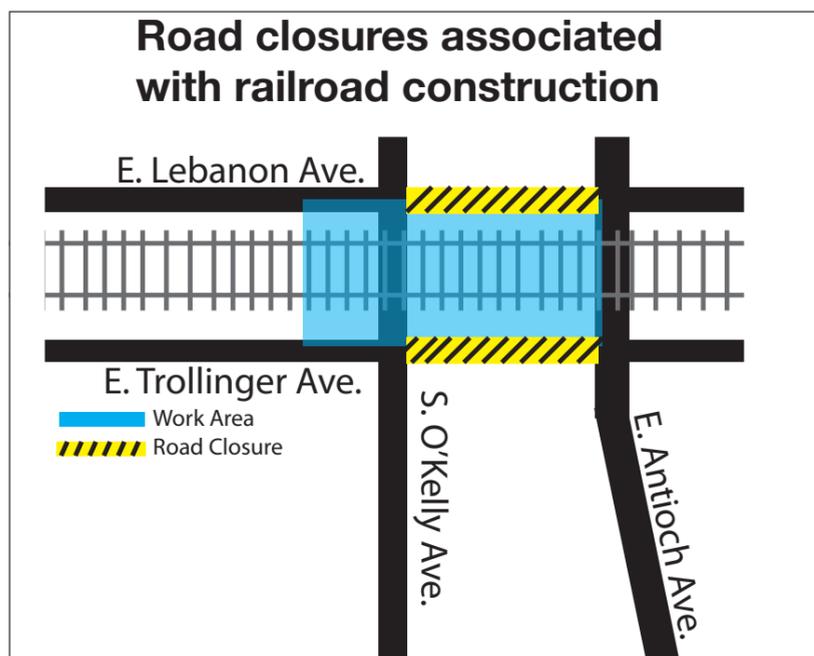
Hollander agrees.

"I've really enjoyed getting to know my classmates in the section of the workshop I was in," Hollander said. "I was really impressed by the spirit of collaboration that existed during the workshop ... There's a ton of talent in the class, and I know I'll learn as much from my classmates as my professors."

Copeland said he has high hopes for the class.

"I think we'll see creativity take off once the fall semester begins," he said. "Where they will go with the skills and theories that they are learning is anyone's guess."

Construction begins for pedestrian underpass beneath railroad tracks



MIRIAM WILLIAMSON | Graphic

Ashley Barnas
Online Editor-in-Chief

In early August, construction began on the concrete tunnel that will extend under the railroad tracks near North O'Kelly Avenue for pedestrian traffic. The creation of the underpass is projected to take a year to complete.

Similar pedestrian underpasses already exist at N.C. State University and Duke University.

"Steps include careful coordination with the university, the North Carolina Railroad Company, Norfolk Southern and the construction company," said Kat Christian, public affairs director of the North Carolina Railroad Company. "Design plans must be engineered, revised and approved. All permits must be obtained and a production timetable agreed upon."

Neil Bromilow, director of planning, design and construction management at Elon, said a benefit of the underpass is "to keep people from crossing the dangerous railroad tracks and to provide a safe access to South Campus."

South Campus is home to University Relations, Johnston Hall, Holt Chapel,

Elon club sports fields, Harden Clubhouse and the driving range and putting green.

For the duration of the construction project, Lebanon Avenue will be closed from Antioch Avenue to the west parking lot entrance of Lindner Hall, and Trollinger Avenue will be closed from west of the South O'Kelly Avenue intersection to the South Antioch Avenue intersection.

The discussion about constructing an underpass on Elon's campus has been going on for several years.

"NCRRC seeks to partner with municipalities, public and private organizations, or in this case, the university, to build projects that will improve the communities through which the railroad passes," Christian said.

Another railroad construction project near Elon includes the recent renovation of a railroad bridge over Highway 87 in Alamance County. Christian said the renovation will eliminate railroad clearance and elevation restrictions.

Elon University and North Carolina Railroad Company are sharing the tunnel project cost of approximately \$2.25 million.

Local coffee shops comes to campus

IRAZU from PAGE 1



ASHLEY BARNAS | Staff Photographer

Irazu Coffee Shop is aiming to open an additional shop inside of The Zone before family weekend.

Schmiederer said she is also optimistic about The Zone's future.

"Students will be able to hang out and study somewhere other than the library,"

Schmiederer said. "It will be a comfortable place where students can go to talk, study or meet new people."

Elon hopes to have Irazu open before family weekend. The

regular hours for Irazu will be 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will also be special hours depending on programming for the space.

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Summer news roundup

Holland House jumps the tracks



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The historic Holland House, which was home to Elon presidents between 1963 and 1990, moved from East Area to South Campus on June 13 and 14. Before the move, the house was located on Haggard Avenue and was home more recently to the Department of Leisure and Sports Management, Periclean Scholars and admissions office staff. The brick building is 4,000 square-feet and was hoisted up and moved a half-mile across campus, including across a set of train tracks.

North Carolina bans smoking in public venues

Opponents say prohibition might have adverse affect on economy, agriculture

Sarah Beth Costello
Reporter

North Carolina, a state that relies heavily on the tobacco industry, joined 33 other states and the District of Columbia in implementing smoking bans by 2010. On May 13, the state House of Representatives voted 62-56 on House Bill 2, the bill to ban smoking in public restaurants and bars.

North Carolina Gov. Bev Perdue agreed to sign the bill into law, which has been approved by the State Senate. The bill will go into effect Jan. 2, 2010.

The bill prohibits smoking in all public facilities except for cigar bars, private clubs and other nonprofit organizations.

House Bill 2 has proven to be a controversial issue among opposing factors. Tobacco is North Carolina's leading crop, accounting for \$587 million in 2007, according to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

The tobacco industry employs 255,000 in North Carolina alone. Some say that while the smoking ban is a noble theory, it is not a feasible solution for a state dependent on tobacco. One smoker compared it to banning potatoes in Idaho and corn in Kansas.

"I think it's a little insane that they're trying to ban smoking," said senior Ahmed Hassan, who enjoys smoking cigarettes on occasion. "It should be up to the owners of the bars or restaurants to ban smoking."

Supporters, including the North Carolina Heart Association, said this bill is a major step in eliminating the side affects of second-hand smoke. Restaurant and bar employees and customers (including adults and children) will no longer be susceptible to the harmful smoke, which contains 4,000 chemicals that could lead to potential lung damage and heart

disease.

"This is a historic day for North Carolina," said Perdue in a press release from the Office of the Governor. "But more important than the history that we are making is the positive impact we are having on public health."

Individuals who refuse to extinguish cigarettes, or bar and restaurant owners who fail to implement the ban, will be fined. Local health directors, rather than law enforcement, will enforce the law banning smoking.

"I'm interested in finding out the main reasons (for the ban)," said Hassan, who said there are ways to create safer facilities while still allowing smoking in restaurants and bars.

Hassan suggests using ventilation and partitions to prevent smoke from escaping into non-smoking sections.

While banning smoking from restaurants makes sense from a health standpoint, many are concerned with the economic impact the ban will have on bars.

"I'll be fine if they ban (smoking) from restaurants and leave bars alone," Hassan said. "My biggest misunderstanding is banning (smoking) from bars. By the time the law takes affect — just like people do with illegal drugs and things — bars will say you can smoke but keep it quiet."

Not all restaurant and bar owners are concerned. Some actually think the ban will help businesses rather than hurt them.

"I'm for (the ban)," said Eleni Fotiou, owner and manager of University Grill. "I think it will help. It may hurt us a little, but I think it will benefit us overall. I think that it will increase our business because there's a much greater demand for non-smoking than there is for smoking."

Elon football ranked in top-15 once again

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

The Elon football team found its way into the top-15 in four preseason polls, including The Sporting News, Any Given Saturday, Athlon Sports and Lindy's.

In the latest poll released by the Football Championship Subdivision, coaches ranked the Phoenix No. 11 to start the 2009-2010 campaign.

"Our guys know about preseason polls (and) that they don't guarantee you any success in the upcoming season," Elon head coach Pete Lembo said.

Last season, Elon went 8-4 overall and 6-2 in the Southern Conference. Elon's highest ranking is ninth by the Sporting News.

"It's a positive reflection over the progress we've made over the past three years," Lembo said. "(It's) nice to get recognition for a job you've done in the past."

Elon's eight wins were the most in the program in nine years. The team also knocked off three Football Championship Subdivision top-25 teams for the first time ever in program history.

Captains named for 2009 season

Senior offensive lineman David Harrison, senior defensive backs Nolan Ward and Walker White were named the captains of the Phoenix team for the 2009 season.

The players and coaches vote for the captains.

"These three guys that were selected were clearly guys that (the team) think is the best fit for the job right now," Lembo said.

Harrison is a two-time captain from Charlotte, N.C. Last season, he earned First Team All-Southern Conference honors from the league's coaches. Since joining the team, Harrison has started all 33 games in his career.

"I don't know how often that's been the case in the history of the program,

but it's pretty special," Lembo said.

White, also from Charlotte, N.C., was a Second Team All-SoCon pick by the league's coaches and media.

In nine games last season, he recorded 47 tackles.

"He has such a great work ethic and is passionate," Lembo said. "A lot of the guys look up to his dedication."

Ward, from Brandon, Fla., was second on the team last season in total tackles with 70. Ward has been a three-year starter and started in 32 games in three seasons.

"He's also very dedicated, but he's very approachable and somewhat easy going off the field," Lembo said. "He's a good mix with David and Walker."

Hudgins, Wilson receives preseason recognition

Senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins was named to Athlon's Preseason FCS All-America Team and was one of two wide receivers honored.

In the past three seasons, he has been named a First Team All-SoCon selection by the SoCon's media association.

During the 2008 season, Hudgins caught 86 passes for 1,116 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Last year, he became the Southern Conference's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns.

Junior defensive back Terrell Wilson was also an honorable mention selection.

Last season, Wilson finished fifth on the team with 65 total tackles. His four interceptions and eight pass break-ups lead the Phoenix squad.

Season opens in September

The Phoenix will open its season Sept. 5 at home against Davidson College. Elon will also play Georgia Southern University, The Citadel, the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and Appalachian State University at Rhodes Stadium.

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Creating your own legacies

The importance of the first 100 days for the Class of 2013



Justin Peterson
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Class of 2013, welcome to one of the finest universities in the world. As the student body president, I am honored to greet you and to provide you with a few words of wisdom.

After a new president is inaugurated in the United States, they are judged on their first 100 days in office. For some reason, we are intrigued by what they try to accomplish in such an extremely short amount of time.

Even though what happens is only a small impact on their legacy, we still find a way to judge each day harshly. Your first 100 days (which is almost as long as your first semester, but just go with it) at Elon

You will have to make many adjustments and the pressure to perform will be intense.

The wisdom I want to share with you is simple: Think about your 100 days now and how you want your own legacy to begin at Elon. You will undoubtedly make friends here that will be with you for the rest of your lives, and you may even meet the person you end up marrying.

That said, treat everyone you meet with that in mind. You just never know who you may run into next.

Elon has so much to offer. We have world-class athletes, so make time to immerse yourself in their efforts by being an avid fan and showing up at their games to cheer them on.

Most of them have been here over the summer sweating in two-a-day practices to get ready to represent Elon to the best of their ability, so invest a few hours at a game and let them know their work is appreciated — you won't regret it.

Do not get caught up in the polls and don't just go with the crowd. Instead, show the leadership that got you here and do the right thing for yourself. Be strong enough to say no to that late-night party when you need to study.

Elon is not high school, and your academic career is at stake. We have an unbeatable facility that is always willing to act as advisors and mentors. Do not pass on their wisdom, but instead, seek it out. Their legacy is intact, and they want to help you create yours.

Remember, the decisions you make in your first 100 days will set the course for your legacy, the decisions you make in the next four years will determine it. You are all capable of great things. After all, if you weren't, you wouldn't be here.

A blight in August: The dead debate

This summer was supposed to be a continuation of Democratic honeymoon. With massive majorities in both houses of Congress, a president with high approval ratings and a fragmented, shell-shocked Republican Party, the scene was set. The left couldn't lose.

Then they did, and in a spectacular fashion. They bungled their master plan to shove health care reform through before the August recess, and they came back to their districts to find a constituency certain they were going to pull the plug on their grandmothers and the disabled, and then rob their pocketbooks in short order.

But, there's nothing inherently wrong with citizens believing misinformation or stretching the logic of the impossibly lengthy bills shuffling through Congress. All that's required is a calm, measured response, which reassures those in the middle of the political aisle that your side isn't actually waiting for them with bloody scalpels.

Said response must also be sure not to depict the opposition in any light other than someone with a differing opinion, one that can perhaps be made illegitimate through factual means.

If you're the Speaker of the House, this means you don't write a column in USA Today that labels the opposition as "un-American," a claim that liberals have derided the right for taking advantage of for decades. And you certainly don't accuse those un-Americans of being manipulated by right-wing masterminds, even if groups like FreedomWorks did have a large role to play in this summer's events.

And if you're the president, you

don't compare the establishment of an expanded governmental role with the postal service, an organization routinely associated with bureaucratic waste and inefficiency, when you finally go out and start to speak to citizens face-to-face.

Unfortunately, all of these actions, no matter how much they validate the long-held notion that the left is terribly out of touch with the country and inherently elitist, were knee-jerk responses to a twisted ideological underbelly.

A town hall meeting in Dartmouth, Mass. served as the perfect illustration of the debate that has dominated the past few months. Democratic Rep. Barney Frank was asked by an attendee, "Why do you continue to support a Nazi policy, as Obama has expressly supported?"

"On what planet do you spent most of your time?" Frank replied.

Frank, who is Jewish, then described the woman's methods as "vile contemptible nonsense."

"Trying to have a conversation with you would be like arguing with a dining room table," he said.

But dining room tables don't vote. They don't share the views of thousands, if not millions, of Americans and cannot be made out to be rhetorical martyrs. To be fair, dining room tables are also not fond of carrying pictures of President Obama adorned with a Hitler moustache.

In that scene, the thinly supported leaps in logic of many on the right are obvious. The comparisons of Obama to Hitler are just as empty-headed, alarmist and infantile as when those same comparisons were leveled at President George W. Bush.

And the snide browbeating that the right accuses the left of reveling in, and then utilizes to portray itself as a group of victimized, gun-totting protesters, is fully evident in Frank's response.

A key sign of the failure of both spectrums of political thought to accomplish anything beyond a raucous derailing of an essential debate is, in fact, this article. It was, unfortunately, the raucous and ineffective debate that seized the nation's imagination this summer.

There's much to be said in favor of a national, government-supported insurance option to offer an alternative to the often-predatory methods of private insurance companies, and many legitimate questions to be levied regarding the cost and efficiency of such a plan.

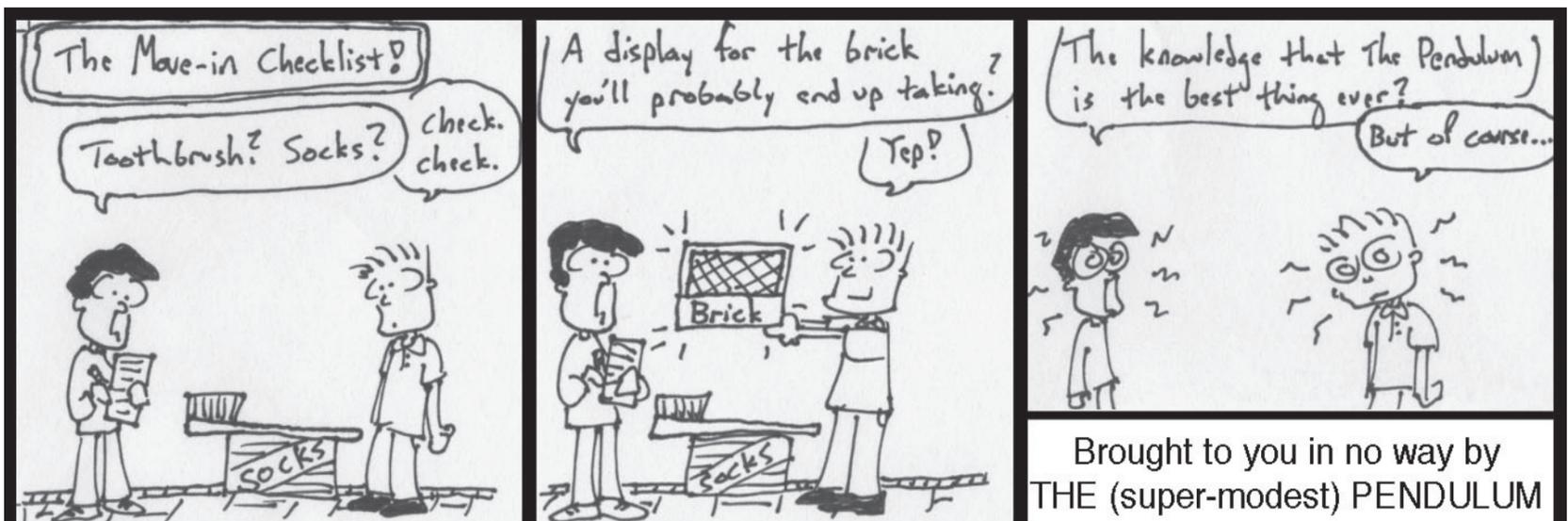
But none of that can be widely discussed until the right stops turning to swastikas and hypothetical tales of eerily silent nursing homes and the left stops stumbling about like a wounded and pretentious animal. An animal that, most likely, is entirely uninsured.

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Opinions

The mercy in the wreckage



Robert Wohner
Columnist

Deciding to write for the first edition of The Pendulum this semester, there was hope that there would be a grace period with this whole opinions thing. Nothing too hard, nothing too controversial and nothing anybody could object to. But that kind of article would be ultimately pointless.

By now, many have heard of the release of Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, otherwise known as the Lockerbie Bomber. In 2001, al-Megrahi was sentenced for the 1989 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland while it was on its way to New York, killing 270 people.

Last week, the terminally ill al-Megrahi was released from his life sentence on "compassionate grounds," as the Scottish government explained, to return to his home country of Libya. There, he is expected to spend the estimated three months he has to live.

Why would a murderer, who denied his victims the right to die with their families, be given the privilege to die with his?

And on many levels, there is no adequate response to this argument. Al-Megrahi is a remorseless killer.

Last week, a New York Post headline captured the seemingly gross injustice served. They estimated that since he was convicted of the bombing, he served merely 11 days in jail for each victim's death.

Family members have flooded New York media with cries denouncing the decision, citing a lack of fairness and justice.

Their faces speak their private emotions clearly. They're disgusted, bewildered and frustrated, as if the wounds from the 1989 tragedy are still fresh and deep.

But after thinking further, his release seems to be

the right decision. In the law, there must be mercy. Mercy is never deserved. But there are times when mercy is appropriate.

When convicts are released from jail to attend the funerals of their loved ones, they don't deserve that gift. According to the law, convicts have forfeited that right to be freed and attend.

But a criminal can still grieve. When convicts receive scarce organs for transplants, they don't deserve them. But mercy is shown to them. That's not a bad thing.

In our societies, our moral superiority is only maintained through our ability to distinguish ourselves from our enemies. Mercy is one of the strongest attributes we can possess.

Part of me is reluctant to say this, knowing that I have not as tragically or senselessly lost a loved one like these victims' families have. And maybe I'm not qualified to make this claim.

But the interesting thing about showing mercy is that it is not for their benefit — it is for our own. These families have two choices to make in response: They can justifiably maintain their bitterness and hurt, or they can show mercy.

Last semester, journalist William Lobdell shared a brief story on mercy that struck me. During his work at The Los Angeles Times, he covered the story of an elderly church organist who was senselessly beaten and robbed by a younger man.

Her only response was to find a Bible and deliver it to the man on his court date. She promised that when he was released from jail, she would help him get his life back in order.

Obviously, this woman didn't need to go help her attacker. But by granting mercy, her own goodness was revealed and her attacker's evil was illuminated. In a larger sense, this decision is similar.

Hopefully, when I am in the situation where I can be justifiably angered and feel deep hatred, I will remember my own lesson. In theory, this is what I believe. In reality, may it be what I practice. Not for their sake, but for my own.

Popping the bubble



Derek Kiszely
Columnist

If you're reading this, you've just taken a tentative baby step in the right direction without even knowing it. Wasn't that easy? Don't stop now.

It's a big, scary world out there. You're perfectly content to live in your little, insulated bubble and going to Elon makes it so convenient to do just that.

But the problem with living in a bubble is that it doesn't protect you from what's out there. You can still see what's going on in

the world, even if you'd rather not. So you just close your eyes and plug your ears.

But don't you see? That's what they want you to do.

You can't ignore politics, no matter how much you'd like to or how hard you try. There's no such thing as "keeping out of politics." All issues are political issues.

I don't know if you've noticed, but we are at war. This isn't a war fought halfway around the world, but a perpetual battle against the status quo fought in our own backyard. The other side, in an effort to discourage us, tries to label us "apathetic" in the hopes we'll start to believe them.

But don't give up just yet. Young people may be frustrated with politics, but we're not apathetic. To be apathetic would mean that we have no interest, no emotion and no feelings on any of the issues that affect our lives. We all know that's simply a mischaracterization about our generation. We're not hedonistic and self-absorbed, we're disgusted and discouraged. That's not apathy.

The other side wants us to do nothing. They want us to sit down and shut up.

I want you to stand up and shout.

Don't you realize the future of the free world rests upon our shoulders? We can't keep shrugging it off, shirking responsibility. We have to start acting like "the next greatest generation" if we're going to be taken seriously. I know that's a lot of weight on our shoulders, but we have to accept the burden.

The consequence of indifference and inaction is nothing less than the demise of our democracy. The possible outcome of inaction is, fear mongering aside, terrifying.

Our brothers and sisters, friends and classmates are over in Iraq and Afghanistan fighting for America, for our way of life. They are dying so we may continue to be free.

You are not part of a collective, amorphous blob called "the youth vote," so don't blend in with the rest of the students on campus. Stand up. Speak out. You are unique. You have hopes, dreams, fears, opinions and interests that differ from your peers, and that's what makes you invaluable to society. Your voice is useless if you don't use it.

It doesn't matter if you're a Republican or a Democrat, libertarian or socialist, evangelical or atheist, male or female, black or white, gay or straight, blonde or brunette — just do something. There's nothing "un-American" about getting mad, standing up and speaking out.

If you care about the environment, join the Sierra Club and speak out against unsustainable environmental practices that contribute to global warming. If you want to get involved in the civil rights fight of our generation, become a member of Spectrum and stand up for marriage equality.

Elon has opportunities for you, with more than 150 student organizations on campus. You just have to take the first step.

If you're a freshman, make sure to stop by the organization fair and look for something that catches your eye. Or if you're an upperclassman and you've never really been involved in any organizations, this is your chance.

Elon not only offers us an opportunity to become active in on-campus organizations, but also to get involved in community service or study abroad. Take advantage of these chances.

Now is the time for greatness, not for greed. Now is the time for idealism, not ideology. Now is the time for us to put aside our petty partisan differences and come together to try and find bipartisan solutions to our problems.

We can't just sit around waiting for the likes of Martin Luther King or Gandhi to come back and lead us. They're gone, and we're all that's left. It's up to us, and it's up to you.

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Throw Vick to the dogs



Ashley Jobe
Columnist

It takes a unique type of person to kill dogs. To kill hundreds of dogs? The list grows narrower. To kill innocent canines by drowning, shooting and electrocuting them? There are only a few spots reserved for such vicious, heartless human beings. And Michael Vick, a famous public icon, has successfully claimed one of them.

For mutilating and taking the lives of those dogs, Vick should not be allowed to be given back

what causes him the most joy in this world: football. I'd rather him find solace with one in the privacy of his own large backyard - not in front of hundreds of millions of Americans while getting paid an absurd salary.

Some may draw a correlation between Vick and fellow football player Donté Stallworth. Stallworth recently served a mere 30 days in jail for manslaughter while driving under the influence. Their argument is that if he can get away with manslaughter, then Vick shouldn't have even been punished. Some say that a dog's life (or hundreds of them) cannot be compared to that of a human being. But it seems that few fingers are being pointed at the judicial system.

The law makers (and law breakers) seem to be overwhelmingly confused as to what their roles are and what time should be linked with which crime. In what alternate reality would someone be released from prison after 30 days for pleading guilty to killing a man while intoxicated behind the wheel? Unfortunately, that's no alternate reality. That's our reality.

If you have the money and the title, you can get away with what an average American would pay dearly for. If my own father committed either crime listed above, my family would never see a decent

income again.

The average employer would take one look at his tarnished record and never hire him, and the lopsided, celebrity-fearing juries of this country would take one look at his ordinary face and put him away behind bars for a very, very long time.

Is it wrong to be so infuriated by the obvious bias Vick has benefitted from?

When the dogs wouldn't fight, he watched as their lives were robbed from them, in the most grotesque ways possible. When they could no longer fight, I'm sure he saw fit to put them out of their misery.

There is no argument here; dogs feel pain. Like every life was brought into this world not of its own accord. Why should dogs have to pay for their own existence through Vick's blood sport? He is cruel, he is despicable and he is very lucky.

This is not a case for Vick to spend the rest of his life in jail. To give credit where it is due, he can throw a football, rush for thousands of yards and has excessive knowledge of the field, game winning plays and unique football tactics. He was, and continues to be called one of the greatest quarterbacks the NFL has ever seen.

When he drove up to his million-dollar home mere hours after his release from jail, it is because he earned it. He has talent, and he has worked hard for what he has accomplished on the field. But he should be treated as any other American would that had committed his crime.

The average Joe would probably never fully assimilate back into society afterward; let alone make a full return into their former career and continue to make a decent salary and enjoy the same quality of life.

"I'm sorry," he said repeatedly during his interview on "60 Minutes." "I was wrong." No, you're sorry you were caught, Vick. And I'm sorry that thousands of Americans have already paid enormous amounts of money for tickets to see you play.

Just make sure you perform on the field, lest you lose what thread holds you aloft in society. Without football, you'd be like any other person convicted of your crime; doggone done for.

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Sarah Costello
Reporter



The Biltmore Estate rests on 8,000 acres in North Carolina. The mansion includes 4 acres of floor space, 250 rooms, 34 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms and 65 fireplaces. FILE PHOTO

PILOT MOUNTAIN Pinnacle, N.C.

ESTIMATED DRIVING TIME:
1 hour, 20 minutes

Only an hour's distance from campus, Pilot Mountain provides an excellent source of recreation and pleasure from horseback riding to hiking, rock climbing, fishing, rafting and canoeing on the Yadkin River.

There has been a settlement along Tom's Creek, near the Pilot Mountain, for well over 200 years. Records dating back to 1761 document the existence of early settlers. The hamlet was called Hollows, Hog Wallow, Tom's Creek and Pilotville, before the name Pilot Mountain was adopted.

A dramatic remnant of prehistoric North America, the Pilot Mountain has been used for centuries as a landmark for Native Americans, explorers, settlers, and travelers. Native Americans called the mountain Jomeokee, which means "Great Guide" or "Pilot."

Pilot Mountain comprises two pinnacles, rising 1,400 feet from the ground. Big Pinnacle and Little Pinnacle rise 200 feet above the base, entire rock faces. The park is open to visitors through August from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. There are also dozens of rock walls for visitors interested in repelling and rock climbing.

Visitors can also camp at one of the 49 different campsites in the Pilot Mountain area for \$18 per night per campsite. Campers can reserve a campsite at www.nc.reserveworld.com.

"We've got several miles of hiking trails," park ranger Keith Martin said. "We've got opportunities for nature study and photography, a lot of people like to come in spring and summer (for photography)."

BILTMORE ESTATE Asheville, N.C.

ESTIMATED DRIVING TIME:
3 hours, 12 minutes

Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Biltmore Estate is a beautiful location for touring, horseback riding, picnicking and much more.

The Biltmore Estate rests on 8,000 acres of land in Western North Carolina. It began as a self-sustaining ranch in 1895 and is still family-owned today.

At the time of building, Biltmore

was one of the largest projects in America. In a six-year period, an entire community banded together to construct the mansion. The estate even had its own brick factory, woodworking shop and a three-mile railroad for transporting materials.

The mansion features 4 acres of floor space, 250 rooms, 34 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, and 65 fireplaces. The basement alone houses a swimming pool, gymnasium and changing rooms, bowling alley, servants' quarters, kitchens and more.

The Biltmore Estate boasts an award winning garden, an equestrian center, and accommodations for those in the romantic mood.

Visitors can attend the Red Wine & Chocolate Seminar at Winery, a daily event at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and

6 p.m. The River Bend Farm Guided Tour enables visitors to catch a small glimpse of farm life, including meeting a blacksmith, woodworking and even churning butter.

Ticket prices fluctuate from \$10 to \$150 per person depending on the tour. Visitors can choose from the \$10 Audio Guide to the Biltmore House to the \$17 Biltmore House Rooftop Tour and the \$150 Premium Biltmore house Tour. The tour fees are in addition to the estate admission.

"I think it's really neat how there's so much history preserved there," said junior Julie Brown, who visited the estate last year. "It feels like you're back in time when you walk in the house. You see so much about how they lived back then."



PHOTO SUBMITTED
The Outer Banks of North Carolina, or OBX, offers many recreational options for students hoping to get outside.

OUTER BANKS OF NORTH CAROLINA

ESTIMATED DRIVING TIME:
4 hours, 28 minutes

The Outer Banks provides great variety for visitors for swimming, parasailing, walking and visiting the many museums and lighthouses. Bodie Island Lighthouse, Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, Currituck Beach Lighthouse, Ocracoke Lighthouse and The Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse are all sights to see on the stretch of the Outer Banks.

Visitors to the Outer Banks have a variety of beaches, locations and landmarks to choose from and visit. There are dozens of parks in the area, including Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Jockey's Ridge.

The Outer Banks is also known for The Lost Colony outdoor theatre production at Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island. The drama reenacts the story of some of the first colonists and the mystery of their disappearance. It runs at 8 p.m. from May 29 through Aug. 20. Adult ticket prices cost \$18.

Historical sites are frequent throughout the banks, including a Civil War Trail, the Wright Brothers National Memorial and the Outer Banks History Center.

Visitors can camp or stay in a number of bed and breakfasts, hotels and rental homes.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO Asheboro, N.C.

ESTIMATED DRIVING TIME:
1 hour

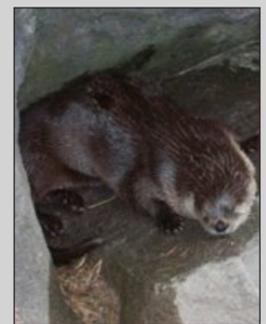
The North Carolina Zoo takes visitors on a whirlwind tour from the dense forests of North America to the cool climate of Antarctica and the grasslands of Africa.

Students can visit the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro for free with a student identification card or \$10 per adult.

The zoo spans 500 acres, divided into the different continents and exhibits exotic animals from gorillas to elephants to polar bears. The North Carolina Zoo has more than 1,100 different animals and 40,000 plants. Visitors can bring a picnic lunch or eat at one of the

restaurants, including Wilderness Café, Junction Springs Café and Crocodile Café.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from April 1 to Oct. 31. Plan on spending four to six hours walking through the vast park. Animal status boards provide feeding time information upon entering.



MICHELLE LONGO | Photographer
A river otter at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro plays in his cove at a special exhibit.

THE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH Hillsborough, N.C.

ESTIMATED DRIVING TIME:
39 minutes

The Town of Hillsborough is a historic and popular tourist attraction for visitors. The town's historical value has been preserved for centuries and continues to remain a step into the past.

Founded in 1753, the town was a hotspot during the Revolutionary War and the home of several 18th century governors.

Today, there are more than 100 original structures still standing from the 18th and 19th centuries.

In addition to Revolutionary War reenactments and guided tours of the historic district, Hillsborough is home to Occaneechee Mountain State Natural Area and several other trails. Work is beginning on a riverwalk.

Eno River flows near the town by Occaneechee Mountain. There are dozens of parks for hiking, picnicking and visiting. Depending on the time of year, Hillsborough hosts events and festivals.

Barbecue lovers descend on the town each June for the annual Hog Day.

From April through September

between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the last Friday of each month, the sidewalks of Hillsborough are lined with musicians, vendors, and local artists selling wares and entertaining the public.

The Automobile Car Show is the last Saturday in September from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the historic Occaneechee Speedway Trail.

ELON AT A GLANCE

With five miles of brick pathways, 25 academic and administrative buildings and more than 20 residence halls, Elon's campus can be a little daunting in the beginning. Here are a few points of interest and helpful hints that may make the first few weeks a little easier.

NORTH AREA

This area is the location of Staley, Colclough, Chandler, Moffitt and Maynard residence halls. Across Lake Mary Nell is the Center for Performing Arts, home of the performing arts department, McCrary Theatre, Yeager Auditorium and the Black Box theater.

MOSELEY CENTER

The student center houses the offices of most clubs and student organizations, including the Student Union Board and SGA.

Immediately behind Moseley is the R.N. Ellington Health and Counseling Center. The Health Center sits next to the Loy Center, which is home to the residences of several Greek organizations.

Also in this area are Belk Library and Koury Athletic Center.

THE COLANNADES

There is a traditional-style dining hall, a grocery store and two residence halls in this complex.

KOURY BUSINESS CENTER

The building houses the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business. It is a \$10 million facility with state-of-the-art technology. The William Gerrard Reed Finance Center on the first floor simulates a real stock trading room, and the LaRose Digital Theatre, also on the first floor, is wired for multimedia and worldwide video conferencing. It is also home to offices and other traditional classrooms.

DANIELEY CENTER

Located to the right (on this map) of the Colonnades, Danieley Center (buildings A-P) is a series of apartments and suite-style residences.

THE OAKS

Buildings A through F are apartment-style residences for students. McCoy Commons sits in the center of the complex and is the location of the office of Campus Safety and Police.

EAST AREA

This part of campus is home to Hook, Barney, Brannock, Carolina and Smith residence halls and the Academic Pavilions, which house students, classrooms and department offices. Whitley Auditorium is also located here.



ARTS WEST

The art and art history departments reside in this building. There are digital art labs, ceramics, painting and drawing studios, classrooms and photography facilities.

In addition, this building is home to one of Elon's galleries. The Arts West Gallery often hosts exhibitions by students, faculty and professional artists.

WEST AREA

This area is home to Sloan, West and Virginia residence halls. McEwen Dining Hall and the School of Communications are also in this area. Acorn Coffee Shop, All that JAS, Brown & Co., and the offices of Live Oak Communications and Phi Psi Cli, the yearbook, are also located in the strip along Williamson Avenue.

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS

Alamance - home to administrative offices on the first floor and classrooms on the second and third.

Powell - President Leo Lambert's office is on the first floor with the new iMedia graduate program on the second.

Duke and Mooney - These buildings house department offices and classrooms. Mooney is home to School of Education.

Carlton - The Isabella Cannon Center for International Studies, where students may meet with a study abroad coordinator, is on the first floor of this building. The second and third floors are classrooms and offices.



HEY FRESHMAN!



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Sept 7&8

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CAMPUS TELEVISION LISTINGS

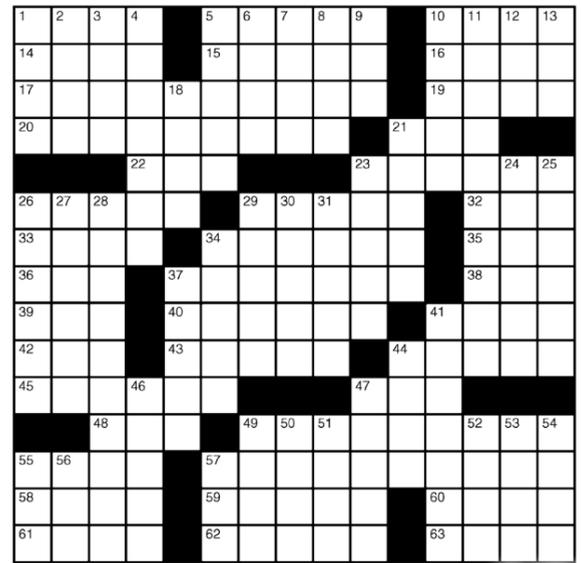
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- 35 - CMT
- 36 - VH1
- 37 - COMEDY
- 38 - CSPAN2
- 39 - CSPAN
- 40 - FOX NEWS
- 41 - TRUTV
- 42 - TVGUIDE
- 43 - BRAVO
- 44 - TLC
- 45 - SCIFI
- 46 - E!
- 47 - HSN
- 48 - TOON
- 49 - HALLMARK
- 50 - USA
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- 53 - HISTORY
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- 62 - TVLAND
- 63 - ANIMAL
- 64 - FITTV
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- 68 - SHOPNBC
- 69 - ADCAST
- 70 - OXYGEN
- 71 - WE
- 72 - LMN
- 73 - DISNEY
- 75 - VS
- 76 - VH1CL
- 77 - WGN

IMPORTANT CAMPUS PHONE NUMBERS

- ACADEMIC ADVISING: (336) 278-6500
- BURSAR: (336) 278-5300
- CAMPUS RECREATION: (336) 278-7529
- CAMPUS SAFETY AND POLICE: (336) 278-5555
- CAMPUS SHOP: (336) 278-5400
- CAREER CENTER: (336) 278-6538
- COUNSELING SERVICES: (336) 278-7280
- ELITE PROGRAM: (336) 278-5000
- FINANCIAL PLANNING: (336) 278-7640
- GREEK LIFE: (336) 289-7271
- HEALTH SERVICES: (336) 278-7230
- ISABELLA CANNON CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: (336) 278-6700
- JUDICIAL AFFAIRS: (336) 278-7271
- BELK LIBRARY: (336) 278-6600
- MAIL SERVICES: (336) 278-5433
- MEDIA SERVICES: (336) 278-6598
- MOSELEY CENTER: (336) 278-7215
- MULTICULTURAL CENTER: (336) 278-7243
- PHOENIX CARD OFFICE: (336) 278-5436
- PHYSICAL PLANT: (336) 278-5500
- PRINT SERVICES: (336) 278-5582
- REGISTRAR: (336) 278-6677
- RESIDENCE LIFE: (336) 278-7300
- SERVICE LEARNING: (336) 278-7250
- STUDENT LIFE: (336) 278-7200
- TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT: (336) 278-5200
- TELEVISION SERVICES: (336) 278-5080
- TRUITT CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE: (336) 278-7729

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Way back ___
 - 5 Fawn of Disney fame
 - 10 Battle souvenir
 - 14 Sorority letter
 - 15 Not from this world
 - 16 Game divided into chukkers
 - 17 Prime cut
 - 19 Skip over
 - 20 Cheap, noisy bar
 - 21 "...a tale of ___"
 - 22 Wrath
 - 23 Like some peanuts
 - 26 Bangor's state
 - 29 Cons
 - 32 Lennon's widow
 - 33 Call up
 - 34 Fell or Rockwell
 - 35 Bad review
 - 36 A-Team actor
 - 37 Painting, sculpture, etc.
 - 38 Penny face?
 - 39 Have bills
 - 40 Frosted to the max
 - 41 Wight or Capri
 - 42 Old salt
 - 43 Packs of cards
 - 44 Sure-footed animals
 - 45 ___ Bay, Long Island
 - 47 Farrow or Sara
 - 48 Slippery one
 - 49 PCP
 - 55 Segments of circles
 - 57 System of beliefs
 - 58 Shot on the green
 - 59 Give a face-lift to
 - 60 Chess piece
 - 61 Kinski film
 - 62 Harbingers
 - 63 Pot starter
- DOWN**
- 1 "Life ___ Father"
 - 2 Tramp
 - 3 Old school collar
 - 4 Former capital of China
 - 5 Sew loosely
 - 6 Voice range
 - 7 Demeanor
 - 8 Bird's bill
 - 9 Pen fill
 - 10 Thread reel
 - 11 Happen
 - 12 Legendary boxer
 - 13 Bosh!
 - 18 Bronte novel, "Jane ___"
 - 21 "The Man Who ___ There"
 - 23 Chic
 - 24 Activate
 - 25 Recipients
 - 26 P. Lorre character
 - 27 Ventilation shaft
 - 28 Crosses
 - 29 Part of SST
 - 30 Streamlet
 - 31 Build up
 - 34 More kindly
 - 37 Castro's first name



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Solutions



- 41 Dancer Duncan
- 44 Doesn't feel well
- 46 Examines
- 47 Cat's calls
- 49 Hey!
- 50 Count of Muses
- 51 Hidden valley
- 52 Abreast of
- 53 Fired off
- 54 Little child
- 55 Likely
- 56 Come to regret
- 57 Money player

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THE ELON UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2013

A quick rundown of campus services

UNDER THE WEATHER?

Elon's R.N. Ellington Health and Counseling Center, located in North Area of campus behind Moseley Center, offers both medical and counseling services to university students, faculty and staff. Appointments are required for physical examinations, gynecological exams, immunizations and allergy vaccine administration. Counseling Services are provided on an appointment-only basis, except in event of an emergency. There is a \$15.00 charge for "no-shows" for appointments which have not been cancelled or rescheduled prior to the appointment. Student health and counseling records are confidential, even to parents, and can only be released with the signed permission of the student.

COUNSELING SERVICES HOURS:
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday

HEALTH SERVICES HOURS:
8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday
CONTACT: (336) 278-7230

For students experiencing after-hours emergency medical situations that DON'T require calling 911, **DOCTOR'S URGENT CARE** is a walk-in clinic located on 1713 S. Church Street.
CONTACT: (336) 222-8888
Hours: Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HITCH A RIDE

When it's dark outside and students are facing a long walk home, Elon has three different services providing safe and sober rides on and off campus.

E-RIDES
CONTACT: (336) 278-5555
Monday – Thursday: 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Friday: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Elon-run transportation system for students after the shuttle services end.

Provides one-way rides from any on campus location to on or off campus residences within a 10-minute walking radius.

SAFE RIDES
CONTACT: (336) 278-7433
Thursday: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Friday and Saturday: 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Student-run volunteer organization provides one-way rides on and off campus as an alternative to students drunk driving or walking alone.

24 HOUR ESCORT SERVICE
CONTACT: (336) 278-5555
Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Campus Safety and Security operates a full-time escort service for students needing to go between any two points on campus.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

The University Mail Services is located on the main floor of Moseley Center. All students can access their mailbox assignments and combinations using his or her online account. Mail can be sent free of charge to other Elon students and faculty.

Stamps can be purchased at the mail center for off-campus packages by using your Phoenix Card or cash. No credit cards are accepted!

Mail is scheduled for delivery in mailboxes by approximately 11 a.m.

Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
CONTACT: (336) 278-5433

YOU'RE ON CAMERA!

Several high-traffic locations on campus have web cams that stream live to the Elon Web site.

**Fonville Fountain in front of Alamance Building
Koury Business Center and Fountain
School of Communications Lobby
Acorn Coffee Shop
Harden Octagon
Varsity**

PHOENIX CARD

Students quickly learn their Phoenix Card becomes key to accessing dorm rooms, buildings after-hours and fitness facilities. These features are all in addition to swiping for meals plans and making purchases at on and off-campus locations. Here are some quick facts about the many facets of the Phoenix Card.

All vending machines and laundry machines, except those in the Loy Center not equipped with card readers, accept coins, bills and cards. Copiers and printers only accept Phoenix Cards.

Hold on to your card, there is a \$25 replacement fee for lost or stolen cards and a \$5 replacement fee for damaged cards. Report a missing card to the Phoenix Card Office to suspend activity on the card and receive a replacement or 24-hour temporary card.

Money can be put on your Phoenix Card via Blackboard by parents and students or by using the Value Transfer Station in the Belk Library first floor copy room or across from the Phoenix Card Office in Moseley Center.

CONTACT: (336) 278-5436

USE PHOENIX CASH OFF CAMPUS:

- 116 Oak
- A+ Tans
- A+ Tans — Gibsonville
- AAMCO/NAPA Car Care Center
- All That JAS
- Anna Maria's Pizzeria
- B's Bistro
- B. Christopher's
- Balance Day Spa
- Beef O'Brady's
- Benjamin's Seafood Room
- Buffalo's Bar and Grill
- Burlington Royals
- C and R Ski/Outdoor
- Camcor, Inc. (Camera Corner)
- Cold Stone Creamery
- Crazy Fire Mongolian Grill
- Dan Thai
- Deja Groove Salon
- Design Forum Salon and Spa
- Dolly's Pizza
- Domino's Pizza — Elon
- Donato's Pizza
- Elon Salon
- The Fat Frogg
- Grioli's Italian Restaurant
- Ham's Restaurant
- Harusaki Japanese Restaurant
- LaFiesta Mexican Restaurant
- Little Italy
- Mad Stylz
- McDonald's (Huffman Mill Road, University Drive & W Webb Avenue)
- Meineke Car Care Center
- Mike's Deli
- Moe's Southwest Grill
- Mynt — au courant boutique
- Pancho's Mexican Grill
- Panera Bread
- Papa John's Pizza — Burlington
- Peking House Restaurant
- Phoenix Animal Hospital
- Quizno's — S Church Street
- Quizno's — University Drive
- Rapid Refill Ink
- Red Bowl Asian Bistro
- Red Bull Tavern & Grille
- Sal's — Burlington
- Sandy's Steaks and Subs
- Sassparilla's Shoes
- Season's Buffet
- SideTrack Grill
- Simply Thai
- Smitty's Homemade Ice Cream
- Solteria
- Sonic Drive-In
- Southbound Sandwich Works
- Steak N' Shake
- Subway — Elon
- Tan Oasis
- Tanning Gallery
- Tokyo Express
- University Grill
- Victoria's Pizza
- Wing Zone
- Wings to Go

HOW TO SURVIVE ELON

Transition from high school and home life to campus culture with these simple tips

Laura Smith
News Editor

Never did I think I would be a senior in college. It seems like just yesterday I was sitting under the oak trees in front of West dorm at convocation receiving my acorn to signify my start to my higher education at Elon University (something I thought was really corny and overly sentimental at the time).

Now I'm 22 years-old, seemingly "grown up" and preparing for what will be my final year at what I now consider my home ... and still making sure my acorn is in a safe place because I don't want to lose it.

That being said, to all you freshmen out there, I do have some tidbits of advice that might help you with the transition. And it is true what they say — these are the fastest four years of your life, so make sure to enjoy them.

HOW TO:

Avoid the Freshman 15

Don't order a pizza during a study break at 1 a.m., stick with pretzels or baked chips.

As good as it is, avoid the Bow Tie ballet pasta in Moseley.

Choose light beer, after you turn 21 of course.

Exercise! Elon has a great fitness facility and a beautiful campus for running.

Choose the whole wheat pizza instead of the pasta at the Colonnades.

Get an A

Do the homework, reading and assignments you're required to do.

Put forth the extra effort — to this day, I think the only reason I passed my 300-level Spanish class freshman year was because I went to my professor's office for extra help several times a week. She saw my effort and somehow I passed, just scraping by with a C-

Study in a location best for you. The quiet library isn't for everyone. Make sure you are somewhere comfortable that you know you can be productive and not be distracted.

Don't burn yourself out. I made the mistake of over-committing myself to too many organizations at one point and my grades suffered for it.

Don't be afraid to ask for help or advice. Most Elon professors have an open-door policy where you can go to their offices at any time and get the help you need.

Meet people

Get involved. Elon has more than 150 organizations to immerse yourself. Find a few things you love and you will probably meet some cool people along the way.

Get to know the people where you live. I met the girls living with me on the third floor of Carolina dorm and several of us are best friends now.

Consider joining a Greek organization. It allows you to meet people with the same interests, as well as gives you the chance to get even more involved on campus.

Don't hesitate to introduce yourself. The whole incoming freshmen class is new and wants to meet new people. Chances are someone else will be happy to see a smiling face and have someone to talk to.

Make the most of your time at Elon

Like I said before, get involved.

Take advantage of the surrounding area too. The Elon "bubble" can feel small at times. Downtown Greensboro is 25 minutes away, the beach and mountains are both about two hours away, Charlotte is an hour and a half away and Raleigh and Durham are only a 45 minute drive.

Make sure to have all the typical college and Elon experiences — stay up really late when you can, sleep in when you can, make Cook Out runs at 2 a.m., go on Spring Break at least once, pull an all-nighter, jump in Lake Mary Nell for the Polar Bear Plunge in January and just have fun, but also remember to work hard.

THE CRIME and the TIME

 First Offense

 Second Offense

 Third Offense

 Fourth Offense

					
10 Campus Restitution Hours	\$100 Fine	Parent Notification Letter	Official Warning	Alcohol Education Program	
					
20 Campus Restitution Hours	\$150 Fine	Parent Notification Letter	Disciplinary Probation	Alcohol Education Program	Substance Abuse Assessment
					
35 Campus Restitution Hours	\$300 Fine	Parent Notification Letter	Disciplinary Suspension	Alcohol Education Program	Substance Abuse Assessment



Normally, disciplinary suspension for one year.

CAROLINE FOX | Graphics Editor

The first few weeks at a new school are always an adjustment period, and one of the biggest adjustments many freshmen face is the freedom to make their own decisions. One of the most common decisions college students deal with is whether or not they will choose to drink alcohol. In order to make an informed decision, it is important to know the consequences of alcohol violations. Students who receive an alcohol violation can be sanctioned with restitution hours, monetary fines, parental notification, an official warning or disciplinary probation, an alcohol education program, a substance abuse assessment and even permanent expulsion from Elon. For more detailed information regarding violations and sanctions, please refer to the Student Handbook, which can be found online at <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/students/handbook/>.

Think smart, save green

Hannah Williams
Reporter

Being a student is a full-time job, which can make cash flow a bit tight at times. But a little creativity can stretch a buck and cushion the blow to bank accounts.

EAT CHEAP

Maximize the meal plan. Use meal plan swipes in the all-you-care-to-eat dining facilities and take advantage of the new combination meals in other on-campus locations.

Eat in, not out. Cooking with friends is more economical and can be a lot more fun than going out. Kitchens are available for student use in many of the residential buildings on campus.

SAVE GAS

Ride a bike. Campus Rec rents bikes for \$25 per semester. Bikes are available on a first come, first serve basis at 1 p.m. Aug. 31 at Harden Clubhouse.

Take the BioBus. Elon's student shuttle service transports students to and from Moseley Center to Lowes Foods, University Commons and Alamance Crossing from 4 p.m. to midnight Wednesday through Sunday.

Carpool. Gather friends for trips to the store, group outings and treks home. Pile into one vehicle, then split the gas money or take turns chauffeuring.

SHOP AROUND

Ask about student discounts. Many places nearby will have student specials, meaning discount movie tickets, coffee and oil changes.

Clip coupons and comparison shop. Penny-pinching really does add up. Free newspapers are available at McEwen School of Communications, Mooney and Octagon, and on Wednesdays Burlington The Times-News has grocery ads.

FIND FREE FUN

Student Union Board sponsors free student activities most nights of the week including Midnight Meals on Thursdays, SUBLive on Fridays and Movies on the Lawn on Saturdays.

Local parks offer free recreation, like Frisbee golf at Beth Schmidt Park.

Support Elon's athletic teams and go to the games. Tickets are free to students who can enter with their Phoenix card.

Get in shape. Make use of Elon's athletic facilities that are free to students — tennis, sand volleyball, basketball and racquetball courts and Stewart Fitness Center.

Join a club or organization to meet new people and stay occupied and entertained.

Spend time helping others to prevent excessive spending and improve the community. Check with Elon Volunteers! in the Kernodle Center for volunteer opportunities.

PLAN AHEAD

Work a part-time job. Look on E-Net for on-campus employment opportunities or ask around local businesses to see who's hiring.

Bargain for books. Don't pay full price for textbooks: buy used books from the campus shop, check the want ads on E-net or order from discount Web sites like Half.com.

Budget and save. Keeping track of money can defer frivolous spending. Programs like Microsoft Money make it easy to categorize expenses and monitor finances.

Fall sports gear up this week



Phoenix upcoming games

FRIDAY 8/28
Volleyball vs. South Carolina State
Durham, N.C. - 11 a.m.

Volleyball vs. UNC Wilmington
Durham, N.C. - 3 p.m.

Women's Soccer @ Virginia Military
Lexington, Va. - 6 p.m.

SATURDAY 8/29
Volleyball vs. UNC Asheville
Durham, N.C. - 1 p.m.

Volleyball vs. North Carolina Central
Durham, N.C. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY 8/30
Women's Soccer vs. Winthrop
Elon, N.C. - 6 p.m.

TUESDAY 9/1
Men's Soccer vs. High Point
Elon, N.C. - 7 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Charlotte
Elon, N.C. - 7 p.m.

FOR LAST WEEK'S ATHLETIC RESULTS
VISIT WWW.ELON.EDU/PENDULUM

Fall sports preview

On Wednesday, The Pendulum will unveil a fall sports preview of each of Elon's fall sports, including football, men and women's soccer, men and women's cross country and volleyball.

Season outlooks, bio boxes and schedules of every team will be included. In addition to the 8-page pullout, there will be videos online. Pick it up Wednesday!

CHECK OUT THE PENDULUM'S SPORTS
BLOG FOR NATIONAL INFORMATION:
WWW.PENDULUMSPORTS.WORDPRESS.COM

MOVIE REVIEW



New talent drives stellar 'District 9'

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

Rarely has a movie with an unknown director and unknown writers and actors generated so much buzz. But with an ingenious viral marketing campaign that began circulating in the spring and "Lord of the Rings" director Peter Jackson attached as a producer, "District 9" quickly became one of the most anticipated science fiction films of the year.

With 89 percent positive reviews on rottentomatoes.com and the number 37 slot on the Internet Movie Database's top 250 list after only two weeks in theaters, the buzz surrounding "District 9" is certainly warranted. At a Saturday afternoon showing, people clapped and appeared so stunned by what they had seen that they couldn't leave their seats until the credits finished rolling.

"District 9," an expansion of director Neill Blomkamp's 2005 short "Alive in Joburg," focuses on a group of aliens whose ship mysteriously stopped over Johannesburg, South Africa, more than 20 years earlier. The aliens have since been confined to slums in what has been dubbed District 9.

Government agency Multi-National United has overseen control of District 9 since the aliens first arrived. But when MNU field worker Wikus Van De Merwe (Sharlto Copley) is exposed to the aliens' biotechnology, his life begins to take a different course. He soon discovers the many secrets inside District 9 and realizes that the line between who is good and who is bad may not be as defined as he thought.

Newcomer Blomkamp combines more traditional sci-fi storytelling



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Wikus Van De Merwe, (second to the left), played by Sharlto Copley and other Multi-National United officers confront an alien in the slums of District 9.

with a faux-documentary style that makes the story seem much more real than the typical action film. His direction is seamless, and he clearly made the most of his \$30 million budget, a small figure for a summer action flick.

The CGI is spectacular, especially for a film with such a tight budget. The aliens look so lifelike and are so expressive that they become relatable characters. The "performance" of the lead alien character, Christopher Johnson, is as memorable as some of the performances of his human counterparts.

The story is also rife with commentary about discrimination and apartheid, but it never feels forced or overbearing. The film also says a great deal about how people deal with the things they fear or don't understand. Some scenes are downright brutal and hard to watch because they seem so plausible, albeit set against a sci-fi backdrop.

Setting a sci-fi film in a Johannesburg slum is such an

original spin on the genre, and the social commentary it provides integrates beautifully with the movie's intense and suspense-filled action sequences. A summer action film with this much depth is a rare creation.

"District 9" features only unknown actors. This works much better in this particular film than featuring Hollywood stars, which could have distracted from the story's documentary style.

Newcomer Copley turns in a phenomenal performance as Wikus, growing flawlessly from a somewhat naive MNU worker who is in over his head to an unlikely hero. Copley and Blomkamp, who had virtually no experience before this movie, certainly have long careers ahead of them now, especially with Jackson behind them.

Everything about this film — directing, acting, writing, special effects, marketing — is simply brilliant. Any film lover should not end 2009 without seeing "District 9."

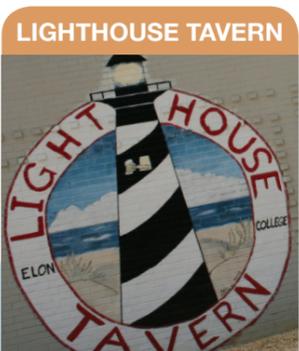
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The best places to shop, eat and stay entertained during your time at Elon
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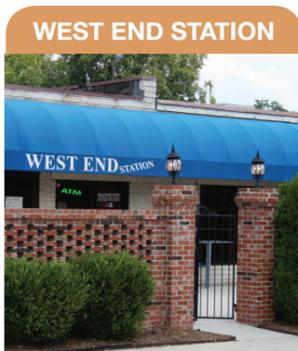
LIGHTHOUSE TAVERN
 131 W. College Ave.
 (336) 584-7481

Open 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday, this university-owned tavern is a student favorite. Wednesdays feature DJ music and drink specials, and on Thursdays students can partake in karaoke. On Friday, live music is sponsored by the Student Union Board and WSOE, and on Saturdays the tavern is available for student organizations to rent.



CAROUSEL CINEMAS
 Alamance Crossing
 1090 Piper Lane
 (336) 585-2580

This movie theater in the heart of pedestrian-friendly Alamance Crossing features 16 screens and a wide variety of concessions. Visit www.carouselalamancecrossing.com for showtimes and more information.



WEST END STATION
 138 W. Lebanon Ave.
 (336) 585-1227

Just a short walk from Elon's main campus, West End Station is a sports bar and popular student hangout. The bar is known for its wings, quesadillas and wide selection of beers for students 21 and older. West End features seven TVs and a game room with pool tables, darts and arcade games.



COUNTRY CLUB LANES WEST
 3010 S. Church St.
 (336) 524-9990

This bowling alley has 42 lanes, 10 billiards tables, four dart boards, two arcades and a snack bar. Country Club Lanes is open until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Its Web site, www.cclbowling.com, offers printable coupons for discounted rates.



LAZER X
 3356-A S. Church St.
 (336) 586-7007

Right down the road from Elon, this laser tag facility has an arcade and snack bar and is open until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. It's easy for a large group to rent out the space and group discounts are offered.

FOOD



116 OAK

116 W. Lebanon Ave.
 (336) 584-5423

This tapas-style restaurant is just a few months old. At 116 Oak, patrons can enjoy a wide variety of foods while sharing them with friends. Students can partake in tasting everything from pasta primavera and gourmet pizzas to beef and shrimp lo mein and seared coastal trigger fish.



BROWN & COMPANY

112 N. Williamson Ave.
 (336) 278-5343

Located right next to the main campus beside Acorn Coffee Shop, Brown and Company is an Elon staple. Signature items include the artichoke dip, Wild Bill's blackened chicken pasta and the Elon Burger. Brown and Company is open until 10 p.m. Sundays, 1 a.m. Monday through Wednesday and Saturday and 4 a.m. Thursday and Friday.



THE VILLAGE GRILL

580 Huffman Mill Road
 (336) 584-1497

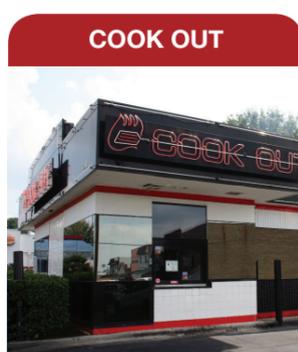
The relaxing atmosphere makes The Village Grill a fun place to eat with a variety of menu items including beef, chicken, seafood, salads and sandwiches. Most items on the dinner menu are less than \$20, and prices on the lunch menu are lower. You can also pick up take-out and special order whole pies, such as their signature key lime pie and chocolate chess pie.



SAL'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT & PIZZA

402 Huffman Mill Road
 (336) 584-3726

This Italian eatery offers friendly service and a variety of pastas, pizzas, steaks, salads and subs. Sal's provides college students with good food at an affordable price. They can also accommodate large groups on short notice and accept Phoenix Cash.



COOK OUT

414 Huffman Mill Road
 336-586-0007

Cook Out's late hours and 44 milkshake flavors make it an Elon favorite. This drive-through restaurant has burgers, hot dogs, fries, hushpuppies and more. Their signature milkshakes include chocolate cherry, Oreo mint, peanut butter fudge, peach cobbler and cheesecake chocolate chip.



SHOP



TARGET

1475 University Drive
 (336) 524-9354

Conveniently located roughly five minutes from campus, Target is an affordable place to get everything from food and clothes to DVDs and electronics. It has good quality products at good prices, and its college line offers a great selection of bedding, dishes and dorm décor.



WAL-MART

3141 Garden Road
 (336) 584-6400

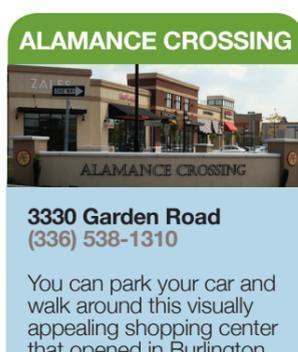
If it can't be found at Target, it can likely be found at Wal-Mart. Like Target, Wal-Mart features affordable bedding, dishes, storage and decorations for your dorm. It also has a larger grocery section than Target, allowing students to pick up plenty of food to stock their microfridges.



BED BATH & BEYOND

1463 University Drive
 (336) 585-1760

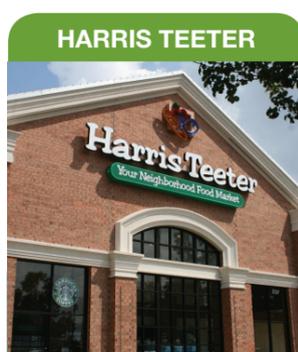
Though some of its products can be a bit pricey, Bed Bath & Beyond has a wide enough selection of affordable options for the average college student. Like Target, Bed Bath & Beyond has a college line featuring sheets, kitchenware and storage. It also has a number of shelving options for extra organization that are easy to assemble.



ALAMANCE CROSSING

3330 Garden Road
 (336) 538-1310

You can park your car and walk around this visually appealing shopping center that opened in Burlington two years ago. Shops include JC Penny, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Foot Locker, New York & Company and Victoria's Secret. The brand new Hobby Lobby is a particularly good place to look for dorm decorations. Restaurants at Alamance Crossing include Red Robin, Mimi's Café, Red Bowl Asian Bistro, Buffalo Wild Wings, Qdoba Mexican Grill and Cold Stone Creamery. Visit www.alamancecrossing.com for the complete list.



HARRIS TEETER

2727 S. Church St.
 (336) 585-1444

One of North Carolina's largest grocery chains, Harris Teeter is one of the best places for students to buy food. Harris Teeter features name brands and its own store brand, and is open 24 hours. Students can also sign up for a free Very Important Customer card and save a little money each time they buy groceries.

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