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# THE PENDULUM

## REMEMBERING BRESLIN WILEY



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## Breslin remembered for “contagious smile”

Elon community cherishes memories of junior who died last week

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THEY ALL KNEW WHY they were there, but that did not make the task any easier. Elon University Chaplain Jan Fuller said their mission aloud. She said it with a somber

voice. She said it with a caring look on her face. But the tears still fell from the people there.

And she said that was okay. “We’re here to be together in our loss,” Fuller said. “We need to support each other in this moment.”

The Elon community gathered in Numen Lumen Pavilion Sunday night to mourn the death of Breslin Wiley, the 21-year-old junior who died unexpectedly Saturday. Every seat in the Sacred Space was filled. People had to line the walls

and doorways to make room.

Town of Elon Police were called to Wiley’s home at 216 E. Foster Drive, shortly after noon Saturday, where he was found. According to the Town of Elon Police Department, Wiley’s death was “unexpected.” It is being investigated as an “incident of self harm”. He leaves behind his parents — Mike and Georgia — his brother, Kalen and his sister, Alexa.

Breslin (right) and his twin brother Kalen (left) smile for a picture. Wiley leaves behind his parents, Mike and Georgia; his twin brother, Kalen; and his sister, Alexa.

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## Alum, local compete for Burlington mayoral office



Ian Baltutis '08  
mayor of Burlington



Celso Faucette,  
Burlington mayor pro tem, local

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Residents of Burlington will cast their final votes for city mayor or Nov. 7.

Current Mayor Ian Baltutis and current Mayor Pro-Tempore Celso Faucette are the two names on the ballot.

### LOW TURNOUT

Only 3,179 ballots were cast out of 31,352 registered voters — which is 10 percent of registered voters.

In the primary elections on Oct. 10, Baltutis and Faucette edged mayoral candidate Craig Deaton out of the race.

According to the North Carolina Board of Election Ethics Enforcement,

Baltutis took 53 percent of the votes in the primaries, followed by Faucette with 36 percent and Deaton with 10 percent.

Despite Baltutis being in the lead, only 10 percent of registered voters cast a ballot in the primaries. Just 3,179 ballots were cast out of 31,352 registered voters. This is a number that may increase in the final election because of both Baltutis’ and Faucette’s focus on the issue of low voter turnout and community engagement.

“One person can’t change this entire city, but a lot of people working together on their own interests, on their own opportunities, can make a tremendous impact,” Baltutis said. “My goal has always been to reach out to more people and get them involved and empower them to make that difference.”

Faucette also agrees that the most important part of these elections is bringing the community together through voting.

“When you don’t attend council meetings and then you complain and you don’t vote — that’s a problem,” Faucette said. “But when you vote and you attend council meetings, if there’s something that you need to talk about, we have a public session that people can speak to the council.”

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## Dean of School of Communications to step down

Paul Parsons said timing, recent progress influenced his decision to step down

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Paul Parsons started his tenure as Dean of Elon University’s School of Communications near the time of 9/11. Last month, the nation mourned the 16th anniversary of the monumental event. As Parsons thought about it, he realized that he has been in the same position for nearly two decades.

He said it was time for a

change.

“I did eight years of the Bush administration, eight years of the Obama administration, and now I’m in the first year of the Trump administration,” Parsons said. “That’s getting to be a long period of time.”

On Monday, Provost Steven House sent an email to faculty and staff announcing that Parsons will step down as dean at the end of this academic year. Parsons said he and House discussed his plans late this summer, and he formally notified House in September. After taking a sabbatical, Parsons will return to teach at Elon in a full-time role.

“Early on in my time as dean, I told a number of people, includ-



Paul Parsons  
Dean of the School of Communications

ing the Provost, that I want to finish my time here as a professor — not as a dean,” Parsons said. “I feel as if I’m fulfilling a promise and a pledge I made to myself.

“I love teaching, and right now all I get to do is to come to “Com 100” classes, introduce myself and talk about the curriculum and majors,” Parsons said.

Since becoming the school’s founding dean in 2001, Parsons has guided the School of Communications to hold 1,250 undergraduate and graduate students, and 75 full-time faculty and staff. About 20 percent of Elon’s student body is majoring in the school today.

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New Homecoming format resumes for second year



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Actors in “Hello, Dolly!” find their voices within their characters



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Elon hosts CAA XC Championships on its home course

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CALENDAR

NOV. 1

**Sand mandala construction begins**  
8 A.M.  
Numen Lumen Pavilion  
**Elon Innovation Challenge idea pitch**  
6 P.M.  
Lakeside Hall

NOV. 2

**Student juried art exhibition**  
5:30 P.M.  
Isabella Cannon Room  
**'Hello Dolly!'**  
7:30 P.M.  
McCrary Theatre

NOV. 3

**Physics and engineering egg drop competition**  
3:30 P.M.  
McMichael Science Center

NOV. 4

**Alpha Kappa Alpha backpack drive**  
8:30 A.M.  
African American Resource Room  
**Homecoming concert headlined by Jon Bellion**  
8 P.M.  
Colonnades Lot

NOV. 7

**Social impact career fair**  
3:30 P.M.  
McKinnon Hall  
**Strategies for Success: Returned student panel**  
5:30 P.M.  
Global Commons

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CORRECTIONS

On Page 1 of the Oct. 25 edition of The Pendulum, the teaser for the sports section said the men's soccer team has qualified for the playoffs. In fact, they still had to play a game to decide if they would make the playoffs. The Pendulum regrets the error.

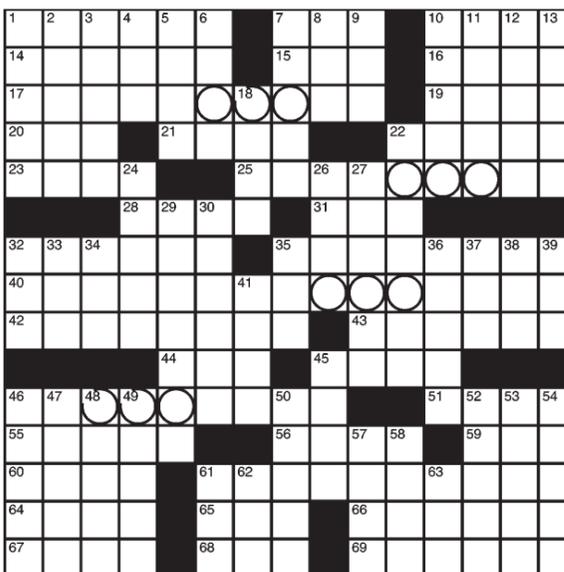
GAMES

FOR RELEASE NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Olympic swimmer Buster who played Buck Rogers
  - 7 Naughty
  - 10 Queequeg's captain
  - 14 "Yowzah!"
  - 15 365 días
  - 16 Place for a long winter's nap
  - 17 Restaurant review pricing symbol
  - 19 \_\_\_ bar
  - 20 Physicians' gp.
  - 21 Cheese couleur
  - 22 Like some bread
  - 23 Out of \_\_\_: not together
  - 25 Grad's memento
  - 28 Wagering parlors: Abbr.
  - 31 Printer problem
  - 32 Key with no sharps or flats
  - 35 Slatted window
  - 40 British Columbia's capital is on it
  - 42 Where a tennis server's doubles partner is usually positioned
  - 43 Most cordial
  - 44 Like this ans.
  - 45 Diamond bag
  - 46 Equal chance
  - 51 Slide \_\_\_
  - 55 Slangy negative
  - 56 School whose a cappella group is the Whiffenpoofs
  - 59 Albany is its cap.
  - 60 Nabisco cracker
  - 61 "Baby Got Back" rapper, and a hint to this puzzle's circles
  - 64 Extra
  - 65 Boxing legend
  - 66 Catty?
  - 67 Cookie monster?
  - 68 Center of Austria?
  - 69 Fly to flee
- DOWN**
- 1 Musical endings
  - 2 Unlike most airline seating
  - 3 Poe's middle name
  - 4 Statement amt.
  - 5 Spoil the surprise
  - 6 English nobleman
  - 7 Olympic skater Oksana
  - 8 Country in SW Afr.
  - 9 Put on
  - 10 Place to say "I do"
  - 11 Port-au-Prince's country
  - 12 Singer whose fans are called Claymates
  - 13 \_\_\_ to light: reveal
  - 18 "Just a few \_\_\_"
  - 22 Gradual absorption
  - 24 Marine snail
  - 26 Open a bit
  - 27 City in central Kansas
  - 29 Not the least bit challenging
  - 30 Mimosa time
  - 32 Glamorous Gardner
  - 33 Yoga class need
  - 34 Statement amt.
  - 35 Hot tub water agitator
  - 36 Stomach problem
  - 37 RSVP convenience
  - 38 Officeholders
  - 39 July hrs. in Georgia
  - 41 "Bates Motel" actress Farniga
  - 45 Shine
  - 46 Terra \_\_\_
  - 47 Self-evident principle
  - 48 Opening words
  - 49 Reduces to rubble
  - 50 Four-time NBA All-Star \_\_\_ Irving
  - 52 Not illuminated
  - 53 Rhone cathedral city
  - 54 Lauder of cosmetics
  - 57 Emotional boost
  - 58 Former union members?
  - 61 Posed (for)
  - 62 \_\_\_-de-France
  - 63 Oktoberfest quaff



By Matt Skoczen

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - NEW MASCOT SELECTION



PHOTO FROM THE PHI PSI OJI 1983 YEARBOOK COURTESY OF ELON UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

This week in 1999, President Lambert named a 15-member task force to rename Elon University's mascot. The committee consisted of staff, students and faculty to voice their opinions and share their ideas about moving away from the mascot "the Fighting Christians." The committee's first meeting was scheduled for Nov. 4, 1999. They asked for student input online. The decision to change the mascot was not popular for some at first. Dr. Alan White, Co-director of athletics said, "There were some concerns and questions about why we are doing this." Columnist listed under the

name "A.F.C. Forever" aired grievances in the November 4, 1999 edition of the Pendulum, expressing concern about changing the face of the school. "I am writing to express my absolute shock and dismay at the announcement to abandon the nickname and mascot of the Fighting Christians and the likely reason behind it," A.F.C. Forever wrote. White said he hopes there will be a positive reaction when the mascot is finally changed. "I hope there will be a campus-wide celebration on that day," said White. "We would possibly give out T-shirts or new mementos with the new logo.

MASCOT CHANGE

Elon University's mascot used to be The Fighting Christian, until President Leo Lambert decided it was time for a change.

NEWS BRIEFS

Reaccreditation advised for School of Communications

An accreditation team representing the Accrediting Council on the Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC) has recommended the School of Communications full reaccreditation. In a 55-page report, the team praised the school for its ability to "adapt nimbly to the demands of a digital, multimedia world of communication." Prior to making their recommendation, the team spent multiple days meeting communications students and faculty members, touring the school's facilities and visiting classes. The ACEJMC team described the School of Communications as student-centered, visionary, high-tech, innovative, forward-thinking and more. They were impressed with the diverse student body and award-winning faculty.

Students set grape-picking record on local farm

Elon University students Brianna Gouilding and Gabriele Shaw pick 30 pounds of grapes in less than an hour during the "Big Pick" event the Guilford County Farm. "It was actually really fun," Gouilding said. "Even though it was kind of a gloomy day out, it was fun to experience it and we learned a lot." The event was for the public to help the farm donate grapes to local food banks, and send the grapes to make a grape festival to make wine. Everyone was invited to help pick grapes off the 300 vines and 600 acres. The two students didn't know by serving that they would be setting a record.

MBA named nation's 4th 'best administered' program

The Princeton Review ranked Elon University's Martha and Spencer Love School of Business MBA program the fourth "best administered" program. The Princeton Review annually ranks the nations' colleges based on school data and surveys. Elon's business school is also included among Princeton's 267 best business and schools and the 64 best business schools in the southeast region.

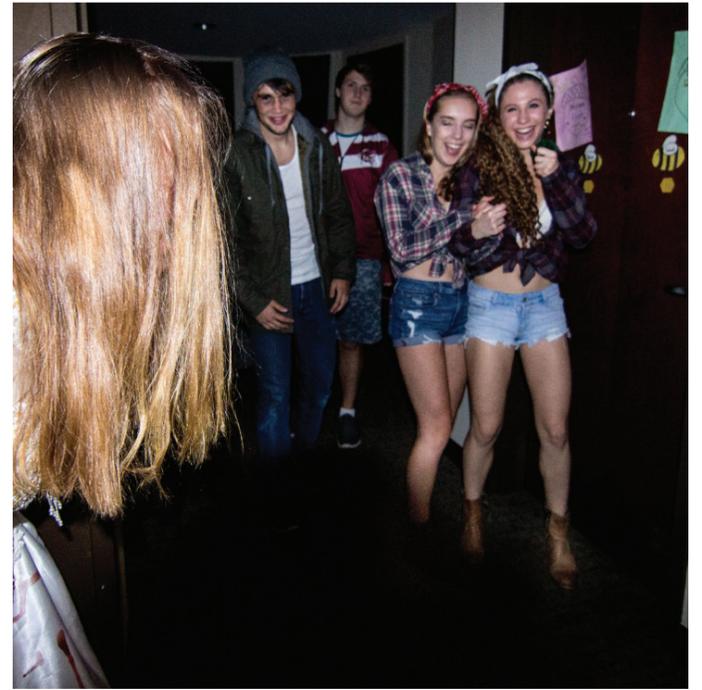
Sand mandala 'for peace and healing' construction begins

Beginning Nov. 1, Tibetan Buddhist monks will begin constructing a sand mandala in the Numen Lumen Pavilion for the purpose of promoting healing and peace. The process will take three days to complete. Members of the Elon University community are encouraged to stop by and observe the mandala's progress beginning at 9 A.M. on Wednesday, continuing until 3 P.M. Friday, Nov. 3, at which point a closing ceremony will be held. The monks will deconstruct the mandala during the closing ceremony and distribute the sand to the community and earth. The deconstruction is meant to serve as a lesson in non-attachment.



Senior Kyra Gerber, who plays Ernestina Money in "Hello Dolly!," holds a solo note during dress rehearsal Oct. 25 in McCrary Theatre.

DIEGO PINEDA | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Freshman Katelyn McCarthy and Abby Rosler cling to each other, as a haunted bride scares them during Harper Hall's American Harper Story Oct. 27.

ABBY GIBBS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



University Chaplain Jan Fuller speaks during a "Gathering of Friends" where family and friends honored the memory of junior Breslin Wiley, who died unexpectedly on Saturday, in the Numen Lumen Pavilion Oct. 29.

DIEGO PINEDA | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The Elon Men's Cross Country Team competes against conference rivals at their home course during the Colonial Athletic Association championship Oct. 28.

CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



PHOTO COURTESY OF WILEY'S FACEBOOK



DIEGO PINEDA | CONTRIBUTOR

“ HE WAS ALWAYS A HELPING HAND TO ANYONE THAT NEEDED IT. HE ALWAYS HAD A CONTAGIOUS SMILE ON HIS FACE. ”

**TJ EVANS**  
WILEY'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND



DIEGO PINEDA | CONTRIBUTOR



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WILEY FAMILY

Top left: Wiley adjusts his uniform during a Club Baseball game.

Top right: Mike, Georgia and Kalen Wiley smile during the "Gathering of Friends" as memories of Breslin Wiley are told by his friends Oct. 29.

Bottom left: Elon Club Baseball teammates hug after the "Gathering of Friends."

Bottom right: Mike and Georgia Wiley smile with Breslin on campus.

**WILEY** | from cover

But his friends and family didn't focus on that. Instead, they celebrated his life.

They chuckled at his music tastes, the way he blasted the rapper Gucci Mane's songs through a portable speaker. They laughed at his antics when he woke up a neighbor in his Danielele pod last year to make him go party.

And they remembered how he spent his last night alive at the Epsilon Delta chapter of Delta Delta Sorority's formal, where he jokingly combed a girl's hair with a fork. One student said she held his phone for a period of the night. Seeing the notifications on his phone was a reminder to her of how many people wanted to be around him.

But the majority of the evening was silent. At times, the only audible noises were the sniffles of those who loved him and the sirens of a fire truck outside. Tissue boxes were scattered throughout the room, most empty by the end.

Wiley was a catcher for Elon's Club Baseball team. His team-

mates showed the most emotion.

"[Wiley] was an unbelievable kid who we really loved," said former Club Baseball teammate, Alex Day '16. "He always had his friends' back on and off the field and was one of our closest friends."

Wiley majored in engineering physics. Junior Bridgette Harrell met Wiley last year, and connected again the first day of class this year. On that day, Harrell ran into Wiley while she walked to McMichael, and he offered to help her with her physics course homework.

On Saturday, Harrell heard of his death when she saw two of her coworkers read the email Jon Dooley, Vice President for Student Life, sent to the Elon community. She said she "lost it." One of her friends was gone.

And she cannot get him back. "It's just a huge hole in my heart because he was a happy-go-lucky person," Harrell said. "I think I can speak for a lot of people when I say that it's a shock. I don't know what the timeline is in the recovery because it was such a traumatic event. Right now ... I want to focus on the good memories."

**FUNERAL SERVICES**

**When:** Friday, Nov. 3, 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Malvern Ave. Richmond, Va. 23221.

**VIEWING**

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 2, 4-8 p.m.  
**Where:** Bennett Funeral Home 14301 Ashbrook Parkway, Chesterfield, Va. 32832

The feeling of extended grief beyond Elon. Wiley's family hails from Moseley, Virginia, and friends and family there expressed their feelings as well.

TJ Evans, a childhood friend of Wiley, remembered Wiley's positivity when they were younger.

"I grew up with Breslin ever since I was in elementary school, and he was always the one to put out a positive vibe," Evans said. "He was always a helping hand to anyone that needed it. He always had a contagious smile on his face."

According to Victoria Knobel, another friend of Wiley's from Virginia, the news of his death was completely unexpected.

"Everyone from our hometown is in complete shock at the moment," Knobel said. "Breslin was one of the most genuine, funny, caring people I know. You never saw him without a smile on his face, so hearing this news is very saddening."

Wiley's death is the third death of an enrolled Elon student in the past two academic years. Demetri Allison, a former football player, died Nov. 11, 2015. On Sept. 10,

2016, Derek Winton died. And after each tragedy, the Elon community responded with sensitivity and grief; but they did it together. Harrell said that is one of the best things about Elon.

"We process these things together," Harrell said. "Sometimes you don't know about people, and that can be scary. But we all need to check up on each other. We have to do that with ourselves, too."

Fuller said she is "proud that the community is able to show a vulnerable side."

"People are not afraid to show that they really loved Breslin and that they really care," she said. "That's really special."

While the community continues to mourn, Harrell said it is up to everyone to continue his legacy.

"He's loved by so many people and he was so smart — smarter than he probably gave himself credit for," Harrell said. "I hate that I didn't get to say goodbye, but I know there will be some point where we're all going to see him again."

*Anton L. Delgado, assistant news editor, contributed reporting.*



I FEEL LIKE I WANT TO FINISH MY TIME HERE — AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS THAT WILL BE — AS A FACULTY MEMBER AGAIN.

**PAUL PARSONS**  
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS



COREY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Paul Parsons and donors' families celebrate the grand opening of Schar Hall April 9, 2017. The recent construction along with the school's accreditation influenced his decision to step down.

## PARSONS | from cover

Those majors include journalism, strategic communications, cinema & television arts, communication design, media analytics and sport management.

Prior to his time at Elon, Parsons worked professionally as a journalist before working 16 years as a faculty member at Kansas State University. There, he eventually rose to associate director of the school of journalism and mass communications.

"I worked 16 years as a faculty member before I came to Elon and worked 17 years here as a dean," Parsons said. "I feel like I want to finish my time here — and I don't know how many years that will be — as a faculty member again."

Elon is one of 18 private universities in the country to have an accredited communications

school. Others include Syracuse University, Baylor University — where Parsons attended as an undergraduate — and the University of Southern California.

Parsons said there was "not a better time" to announce this decision. Elon completed its multi-year renovation project of the School of Communications highlighted with the construction of Schar Hall, a 45,000-square-foot facility last year.

And last week, a team from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications visited Elon's campus. It found the school of communications in compliance on all standards, and recommended reaccreditation for the next six years. It found zero weaknesses in the school.

In their report, the team wrote, "The dean is admired within the

School and across campus for his vision and strategic ambition, openness to ideas, encouragement of experiment and creativity, patience and persistence, fairness and grace."

Parsons said if he left sooner, it would not have felt right.

"The School of Communications is in a great place," Parsons said. "Now, this gives Elon enough time to conduct a national search and start writing a new chapter in the school's history."

But amid all of the school's success, Parsons said he is proud of the students' work. In his tenure, Elon journalism students and organizations have won two collegiate Emmys, gold and silver ADDY awards, championships in filmmaking and sports analytics and national top-10 recognition in writing, multimedia and broadcast in the Hearst Journalism Awards.

"We are seeing our students do great work and being recognized, and we're seeing alumni doing excellent work," Parsons said. "The University is not about the dean, it's not about the faculty — it's about the students. Building a national reputation for this school has been important because it means when Elon students apply for positions, people increasingly say, 'Oh, Elon,' and can raise an Elon application."

House said he, along with President Leo Lambert, incoming President Connie Book and the Academic Council, will begin an immediate national search for the next dean. The new dean's tentative start date is June 1, 2018.

"Elon is a very collegial school," Parsons said. "The staff and faculty get along marvelously. My first piece of advice for the next dean is to work hard to preserve that atmosphere here."

## COMMUNICATIONS BY THE NUMBERS

**1,250**

undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Communications

**75**

full-time faculty and staff members in the School of Communications

**20%**

of Elon's student body is majoring in the School of Communications today

## SGA prepares for second year with new 'homecoming royalty' model

With new changes, SGA hopes to take away the competitive aspects of homecoming week

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This year, SGA is continuing to make changes to an Elon tradition by bringing hundreds of alumni and students together each year.

Homecoming weekend comes every fall with tailgates, football and the annual Homecoming concert headlined this year by Jon Bellion.

"Homecoming has different meanings depending on where you are in your life," said Rachel Hobbs, SGA secretary. "For alumni, it's about coming to a place you called home for four years. But for people still in school, it's really about celebrating our time here and showing our pride in our school."

One of the weekend's longest standing components is crowning Homecoming queen and king. As of last year, SGA made the decision to simply call the

award Homecoming Royalty. The change proposes a more inclusive model by eliminating the inevitable result of one male and one female recipient.

"It's not only a change to the homecoming court, but really a change in the model of homecoming itself," Hobbs said.

On Oct. 24, SGA announced the 19 finalists for homecoming

court; four males and 15 females. The breakdown of the finalists illuminates the move away from the traditional model. Matthew Antonio Bocsh, the director of the Gender and LGBTQIA Center at Elon, has been assisting SGA during this shift.

"For many Elon students who identify as transgender, gender-fluid or nonbinary, they may

not identify as male or female, so terms like "king" and "queen" could not include them," Bocsh said in an email.

He said the new structure "allows an opportunity for students across all genders to be recognized by their peers and uplifted in ways that aren't restricted by gender."

While Homecoming Royalty is in its second year, SGA wanted to

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 1 |**  
Homecoming Trivia Night  
7-9 p.m.  
Tap House

**November 2 |**  
Battle of the Bands  
7-9 p.m.  
The Fat Frog

**November 3 |**  
Homecoming Banner Parade  
5 p.m.  
Ends at Haggard Ave.

take it a step further by dismantling a previously held tradition of Homecoming Cup. Homecoming Cup invites finalists for homecoming royalty to compete for points that combined with the student vote would determine that year's homecoming royalty.

Hobbs said SGA wanted to steer away from the competitive nature of those events, and focus more on bringing the community together.

"We kind of found the competitive model was hurting our participation a bit and it was divisive in its nature," Hobbs said. "Homecoming is about bringing people together so that's what we wanted to do."



LUCIA JERVIS | DESIGNER

# Burlington's two mayoral

Mayor Ian Baltutis and Mayor Pro-Tempore Celo Faucette

ANTON L. DELGADO

## Ian Baltutis

Elon alum and Minneapolis native Ian Baltutis is up for re-election as Burlington mayor

**C**OMING OUT OF HIGH school in Minneapolis, Ian Baltutis '08 had no aspirations to serve in city government, especially not in North Carolina.

Baltutis began his college career studying engineering in New York before realizing his passion for business, which led to his transfer to Elon University.

Even at Elon, Baltutis had no intent on joining the political sphere of Burlington. After graduating in 2008 with a degree in Business Entrepreneurship, Baltutis moved to Mebane where he worked for Honda.

In 2009, Baltutis bought a house in Burlington to work in the city. Baltutis' work as a local business owner led him to downtown Burlington.

"I discovered downtown ... and began to fall in love with the community," Baltutis said. "It didn't immediately pop out at me, but Burlington grows on you."

This involvement through working with local businesses is what connected Baltutis to local politics. Before running, Baltutis considered the difficulty he may have as a candidate not born in Burlington.

"Having grown up in Minneapolis, a big city, it was tough to feel like you knew the whole community. Burlington is an amazing community because I feel like it's the perfect size," Baltutis said. "You have a wealth of resources, a wealth of opportunities. You have access to all the amenities that you would want from a big city without all the headache. I see it as a tremendous opportunity to make a difference."

Unlike both of his mayoral opponents, Baltutis does not attribute his need to make a difference to religion.

"As a public leader, I see it as my role to rise above a single faith and work as that convener to bring people together," Baltutis said. "It's not about my faith as a Unitarian universalist ... what's important is how we bring the whole community together to help us recognize challenges and overcome them."

While originally planning on making that difference by running for city council, Baltutis realized that he could make "a bigger difference running for mayor and contesting that race."

After winning the 2015 mayoral election by receiving 55 percent of the vote, Baltutis began his first term as mayor of Burlington.

Baltutis focused on engaging the Burlington community in more activities that he felt would strengthen the bonds within the city.

"My mission when I first started running for mayor was to always include more people in our community, and to always reach out to more people and make them more engaged," Baltutis said. "We prosper based on citizen engagement-- it's not about what I do as mayor or what any of our city council members do, it is about what we come together as a community and do."

A mission that Baltutis hopes to continue.

"If I get re-elected, I would love to continue that outreach effort, continue to transition the energy of folks getting out to vote and getting engaged in the campaign into initiatives across the city," Baltutis said.

Baltutis wants to not only tackle Burlington's housing problem, but also tackle engaging the community.

"We need to make progress on ... tackling housing, specifically that our affordable housing is of a higher quality than it is right now," Baltutis said.

Improving the quality of affordable housing is a factor Baltutis believes will promote community health and reduce issues with crimes, gangs and drug abuse. According to the Department of Public Safety's most recent annual crime report, for every 100,000 people living in Alamance County almost 3,000 of them commit crimes.

The one person who may stop Baltutis from leading the charge in fixing these issues is his opponent Celo Faucette.

Baltutis has worked closely with Faucette, who served as his mayor pro-temp during his first term.

"[Faucette's] heart is here in the community. He was born and raised here, and he represents a wide selection of the community," Baltutis said. "That perspective is important to have on council."

Baltutis had difficulty in agreeing or disagreeing with Faucette's plans for Burlington.

"Mr. Faucette has chosen not to communicate any clear platform, or to create set of goals that he's written and posted for the public to review," Baltutis said.

Despite the uncertainty of this upcoming election, Baltutis promises to continue to work and improve the city of Burlington no matter what the results.

"If this election doesn't go our way ... we'll continue to do what we've been doing, which is focusing on bringing the folks together to strengthen Burlington," Baltutis said. "I got into politics as a way to enable all this progress and enable our community to become stronger, and if I'm not in politics after Nov. 7, I'll continue to focus on the strength of our community."



WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS HOW WE BRING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO HELP US RECOGNIZE CHALLENGES AND OVERCOME THEM.

**IAN BATUTIS**  
BURLINGTON INCUMBENT  
MAYOR

### BALTUTIS' GOALS

1. Continue the outreach effort, getting people involved in the campaign
2. Higher quality of affordable housing

### PRIMARY RESULTS

# 53

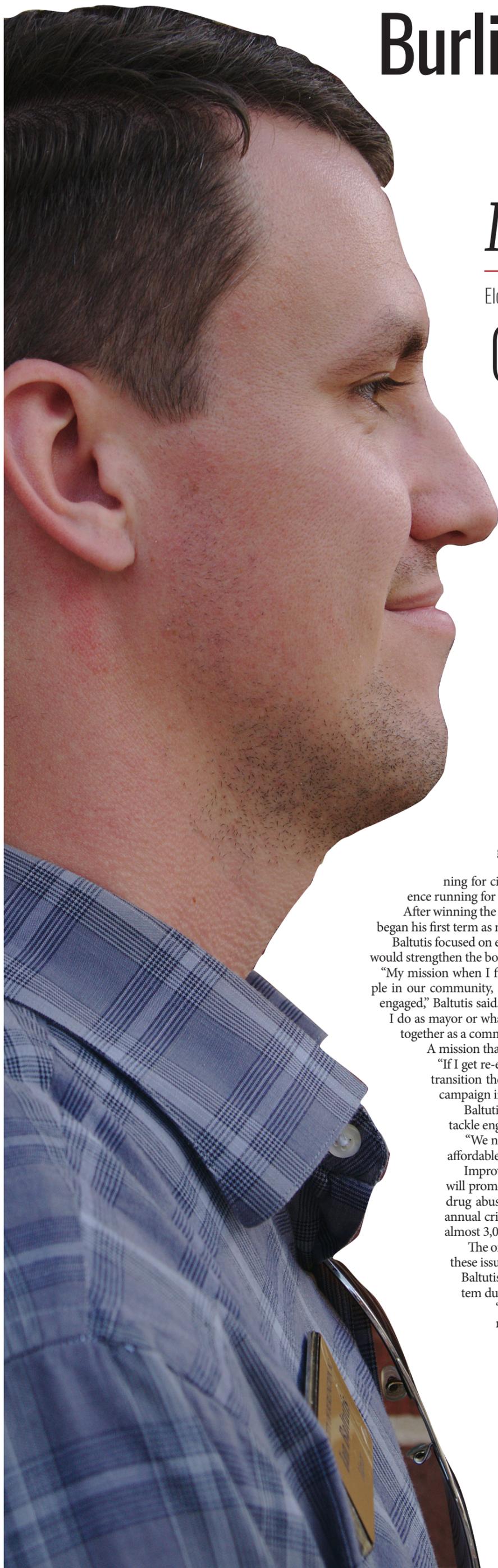
Baltutis received 53 percent of the votes in the primary

### CAREER TIMELINE

**2008** - Graduates from Elon University with a degree in Business Entrepreneurship, moves to Mebane and works for Honda

**2009** - Buys home in Burlington to work as a business owner downtown

**2015** - Won Burlington mayoral election with 55 percent of vote



# candidates race to the finish

face off in Burlington's mayoral final election

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## Celo Faucette

Challenging Ian Baltutis on Nov. 7 is Burlington native Celo Faucette, current mayor pro-tem



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IT'S DEAR TO MY HEART.  
I'M GOING TO STAY  
ACTIVE IN ANYTHING  
THAT I CAN DO TO MAKE  
THIS CITY BETTER.

**CELO FAUCETTE**  
BURLINGTON MAYOR PRO-TEM

### FAUCETTE'S GOALS

1. Get individuals involved in the community
2. Focus on affordable housing and improving Burlington's infrastructure

### PRIMARY RESULTS

# 36

Faucette received 36 percent of the votes in the primary.

### CAREER TIMELINE

- 2005** - Retires from LabCorp after 36 years
- 2009** - First elected to the Burlington City Council
- 2014** - Appointed Mayor Pro Tem

**F**ROM BIRTH, CELO FAUCETTE'S heart has always been in the city of Burlington.

Born in 1947, Faucette went through his elementary and high school years in segregation.

As a child, he remembers having to sit at the back of the bus, going to all black schools, sitting in all black waiting rooms and being a part of an all black Boy Scout troop. He constantly faced discrimination — a practice in Burlington that Faucette knew he had a duty to fix.

"I grew up in segregation ... I know how discrimination works. I don't want that to happen to anybody, anywhere else in the world," Faucette said. "Especially here in Alamance County and especially here in Burlington. We can't tolerate [segregation] at all."

According to 2010 census data, 57 percent of Burlington residents are white and 28 percent are black.

While his race played a big role in his childhood in Burlington, Faucette hopes the color of his skin will not make a difference in the way voters view him.

"I hope people look at the candidate and not the race," Faucette said. "If I should happen to win this election, I will be the first black mayor in Burlington."

As a community, Faucette believes Burlington strives for diversity and is against discrimination, but he feels there is still work to be done.

"As a black man you feel [discrimination] a lot, but I feel like I can make it better," Faucette said. "I can change people's minds. The content of my character makes me who I am, and not just the color of my skin."

Before Faucette became a politician, his father's death kept him from completing his college education which led to Faucette becoming one of LabCorp's first employees. Faucette continued to work for LabCorp, a health care diagnostics company headquartered in Burlington, for the next 36 years before retiring in 2005.

But retirement did not suit Faucette, who immediately got involved in politics.

"I wanted to get into politics because I knew how this town was when I left and when I was growing up, and I didn't want it to be like that anymore," Faucette said. "I grew up here, I know just about everything here in Burlington and that is a plus on my side. I know where people are and I know what we need."

As a grandson, brother and father to ministers, religion plays an important role in Faucette's beliefs and dreams for the Burlington community.

"Faith has been a big part of my family," Faucette said. "I believe in the Bible — it's sacred to me. My inspiration comes from my religion. 'Do unto others as they would do unto you.' You have to have love in your heart for your fellow man, that's the key. You have to believe in the Bible, you have to believe in yourself and you have believe in your community."

If elected mayor, Faucette hopes to continue building those community bonds by making the people of Burlington responsible for the city.

"Only we can make our neighborhood better," Faucette said. "Only individuals in our community can make the neighborhood better. It is up to citizens to take an active part in their neighborhood functions."

This is an aspect that if fixed, Faucette believes will change Burlington.

"We are ready for change. We are ready to move forward. We are ready to listen to you," Faucette said. "I want you to get involved — that's the most important thing about living in a city is being a part of a solution."

If elected, Faucette also wants to focus on affordable housing and improving Burlington's infrastructure.

While Faucette agrees with Baltutis in that community involvement will improve Burlington, there are several aspects of the current mayor that he disagrees with.

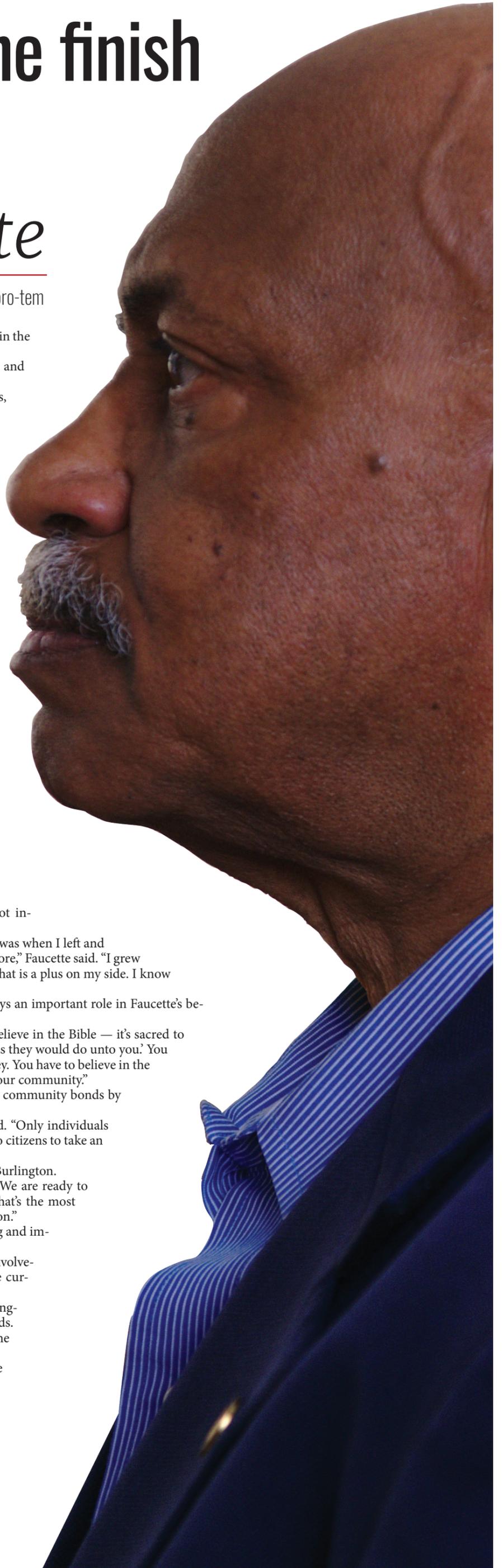
"[Baltutis] is a smart young man ... but he's not from Burlington," Faucette said. "I know my hometown, I know what it needs. That's an advantage I have that he doesn't have. I don't think he knows as much about Burlington as I know about Burlington."

Faucette also said he feels Baltutis' inability to work with the city council has been hindering Burlington's progress.

"[Baltutis'] greatest weakness is not willing to work with the council," Faucette said. "He has a lot of things on his agenda, [but] you have to be willing to follow up on what you tell people, no matter who you are."

While Faucette received 17 percent less of the vote during the primary election, Faucette reassures supporters that no matter the outcome, he is here to stay.

"If I lose, I'm not going away," Faucette said. "I'm active in my community. I'm going to stay active in my community. I love Burlington. It's dear to my heart. I'm going to stay active in anything that I can do to make this city better."



# Town of Elon leaders compete for office



Davis Montgomery (left) is up for re-election on the board and Emily Sharpe (right) is running for the first time. Opponent Chanas is not pictured.

Two of the three community members will be elected to the Board of Alderman Nov. 7

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Many major decisions are made through the Town of Elon's Board of Alderman, which is currently going through the election process to find new representatives for the board.

Davis Montgomery, Emily Sharpe and Jim Chanas are all running for the two positions that are open. The board holds two monthly meetings and oversees the town manager.

Of the three candidates, both Chanas and Montgomery are known faces in the Elon community. Chanas has run for office three times, while Montgomery has served on the Board of Alderman and led the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Sharpe, on the other hand, is the newest face in the Elon community and has been working tirelessly to make her name known.

"I would say I'm out there and doing a lot," Sharpe said. "I'm doing as much as I can, but it's hard with a family. It definitely takes my time away from other things."

While Sharpe is new to the scene, Montgomery is up for re-election after his 12th year on the board. Montgomery has said that he has admired seeing the town grow since he moved in 1992, but assured that this will be his last time running.

Following Montgomery's steps, Sharpe is now currently serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Sharpe's involvement has pushed her to be more engaged in the community by running the quasiquintennial festival and serving on the board.

"The aldermen made a joke about all of them starting on the Parks and Rec board," Sharpe said. "But now here I am, next election running."

While standing before the Parks and Recreation Committee nomination board, Sharpe noticed that no women served the committee.

"Women are about 56 percent of Elon, but they aren't represented," Sharpe said. "In addition to the board being all men, there aren't any current Board of Alderman with young children. There's a huge gap in what their priorities are for things like recreation, health, well-being and education."

Sharpe's passion for change and diversity paired with her love for the community of Elon is the reason why she is currently running for a position on the board. If elected, Sharpe hopes to start a town gown committee composed of university leaders, students, retirees and government leaders to make sure everyone's voice is heard, and that everyone stays informed about what is going on in the town. Sharpe's drive to build up her community is fueled by her love for

the town.

Her opponent, Chanas, also shares this love and passion for community. As a resident of the Town of Elon for 41 years, Chanas sees himself as a voice for the retired tax payers and those seeking a fresh perspective.

Chanas fears that Elon University will buy too much land, causing the Town of Elon to not receive enough tax revenue. With the lack of revenue, Chanas worries that businesses will be unable to operate.

Though not completely opposed to the university buying land, Chanas wants to prioritize local businesses starting in the Town of Elon, rather than trying to bring the university and town together.

"The university has purchased land that has decreased the amount of what I'll call ratables — or taxable income — from the town's purse," Chanas said.

Taxes are one of the biggest problems facing Elon voters today. For many, the issue goes back to the university's relationship with the town.

Mayor Pro-tempore Ron Klepcyk has served on the board for 18 years. Before that, he worked at Elon Univer-



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## RON KLEPCYK

MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

sity for 33 years in human resources and student affairs.

Klepcyk has seen how the university in the town has created division in the community. There have been instances where Klepcyk has had members of the Town of Elon tell him that they would not vote for him because of his previous affiliation with Elon University.

Like Chanas, Sharpe agrees that taxes are a difficult issue facing the community. She sees the public concern of having the university in the town.

"It is a small number paying taxes, we have to support these 6,000 people nine months out of the year; but 4,000 residents have to pay for 10,000 people worth of services," Sharpe said. "Overall, our biggest issue and asset is Elon University."

Currently, Elon University is engaged in a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement, paying the town \$135,000 yearly.

If elected, Sharpe hopes to encourage the university to partner with the town

## BOARD OF ALDERMAN

1. Aldermen have four year terms
2. Aldermen have to be residents of the town of Elon and involved in the community
3. Decisions made by the board include how to use tax payers dollar

## WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE

**When:** Nov. 7

**Where:** Designated voting precincts  
Voters can find where to vote by going to the Alamance Board of Elections website under the "polling places and districts" tab.

to pay more.

"I want to find better ways for us to work together," Sharpe said. "The relationship is really good. I would like to see it be more strategic."

As well as improving the relationship between the Town of Elon and Elon University, each candidate wants to improve the Town of Elon's downtown area.

Chanas says there are not as many local businesses in the town of Elon as there should be, and wants to encourage local businesses by decreasing taxes.

Montgomery has already been improving the downtown area through his Downtown Committee that is partnered with Elon University. He hopes to improve the downtown area in the next few years without having to raise the taxes.

"Moving forward for me is going to be downtown and economic development," Montgomery said. "We are at such a critical point where we need to transform the downtown. If we could create a destination-type place where if people could come into Elon because there is something here that they can't find anywhere else, to create niche retail and events, that would be great."

Since his time in the Town of Elon, Montgomery has seen the university and town benefit from a relationship together. By partnering together to better develop the downtown, the Downtown Committee will be no different.

"The university is a great partner for us. Almost every milestone we've come across is a benefit to the university," Montgomery said. "They are going to look at it strategically and say 'If it's good for the downtown, then it's probably going to be good for our students.'"

The university's growth and involvement in the town is a huge factor in the decisions that the board makes in the town, and how the voters choose candidates.

"The university is constantly growing," Klepcyk said. "These people see the potential of the university possibly changing the town. And I think the board members are committed to doing everything they can to maintaining that small-town feel and still allow for the growth of the town."

# Elon students have front seats to Catalan's protests

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The Spanish region of Catalonia has been embroiled in political turmoil for months in the midst of a growing separatist movement. On Friday, that turmoil came to head when Catalan lawmakers voted to declare independence. The Spanish government dismissed the region's president, and dissolved its parliament.

As protests have overwhelmed the city's streets, a number of Elon University students found themselves caught in the chaos. Elon junior Ashley Follenweider, who began her study abroad in Barcelona this semester, has a firsthand experience to the outcries.

"There are always protests up and down my street," Follenweider said. "The whole entire street for as far as I could see was full of people. They all had candles. I ended up walking through it coming home from the gym. I had no idea what was going on."

Pushes for Catalan independence have gained momentum in recent years, but political action by the regional and national government has picked up in importance this September.

"Over the summer, when I read an article saying, 'Catalonia is going to break free from Spain,' I was like, that's the most stupid, pointless thing I've ever heard," Follenweider said. "I was very ignorant about it, but once I got here ... I learned the reasons they wanted to be independent, I saw the passion behind it, I talked with my Spanish friend and [she explained] how they've always felt that they're a different nation."

Many visitors to Barcelona have encountered protests, parades and vocal support out in the city's streets. Follenweider felt it was not enough to just watch.

Inspired by the pro-independence fervor, she bought herself an "independentista" flag and joined a parade of separatist protestors clad in the region's striking yellow and red colors.

Any Elon student who has studied abroad might notice that Follenweider is defying the Global Education Center's strong suggestion to "avoid participating in demonstrations and other political activities."

Follenweider said she knows the risks and has taken steps to avoid putting herself in harm's way even while being a part of multiple demonstrations.

"I've never felt unsafe," Follenweider said. "But I also haven't put myself in

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## ASHLEY FOLLENWEIDER JUNIOR

hostile situations. I haven't partaken in any of the protests since Catalonia voted to be free because I just don't know what they're going to turn into."

Follenweider said police have been brutal at protests, citing videos of police shooting protestors with rubber bullets and "pushing old people down stairs."

To make sure she was removed from protestors' clashes with police, Follenweider stayed away from voting precincts because of the danger.

While Follenweider has participated in some protests and avoided others, she has made it a point to keep abreast of the region's political happenings during her stay in Barcelona.

Whether she is having conversations with her "homestay mom" or taking to the streets with her friend, Follenweider has been immersed in the maelstrom of separatist activity.

Despite Follenweider's passion, she says her level of interest and feelings toward the movement are not shared by all of her classmates.

"They don't really care," Follenweider said.

While some of the other Elon students in Barcelona have kept tabs on developments, Follenweider said more students see the protests as an "inconvenience" while on the way to go drink on the beach.

"It depends on who you talk to," Follenweider said, "but I really think the Elon kids haven't taken the time to immerse themselves in this."

Follenweider sees this fall as a chance to learn something new and make the most of her proximity to history-shaping political events.

"My perspective has changed because I took advantage of this historical moment going on," Follenweider said. "It's opened my eyes to different ways of thinking, and different ways of politics in other countries in general."

# Declassified JFK assassination files released this week

Jason Husser, professor of political science and director of Elon Poll, offers insight on declassified documents

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**Jason Husser**

On Oct. 21, President Trump announced via Twitter that he would allow the release of the remaining JFK files to the public.

The files consisted of thousands of articles regarding the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and were released Thursday, Oct. 26.

Despite his promise to the public, Trump has withheld the release of some documents containing the names and addresses of living people.

In an attempt to diminish the conspiracy theories surrounding the assassination, the files were classified for more than fifty years at the National Archives.

The files were planned for release on Oct. 26, 2017 under a law set by George H. W. Bush. According to Bush's law, on the 25th anniversary of the law enactment, the sitting president has the power to

release or withhold the documents.

**Q: Do you agree with President Trump's decision to release the files?**

**A:** Not my normative domain, but President Trump has legitimate legal authority to make this decision barring an empowered court saying otherwise.

**Q: Do you think there may be information contained in the documents that is potentially harmful to our country?**

**A:** Maybe. Some bureaucrats suggested not releasing documents, suggestions we should have cautioned. But it is likely that every covert asset from this era is no longer in the field.

**Q: Will the release of the files put an end to the multitudes of conspiracy theories still swarming society?**

**A:** Conspiracy theories rarely die, but often mutate.

**Q: Do you think the release of the files might have an effect on our nation's history?**

**A:** Only in the unlikely event that they change the dominant historical understanding of events.



SCREEN GRAB FROM THE ZAPRAUDER FILM

**Q: How do you think the release of the files could effect politics in our country moving forward?**

**A:** I suspect they will have no impact with an outside chance they temporarily open old wounds.

**Q: At the time of JFK's assassination, how did it affect the country and how will it continue to affect the future?**

**A:** The JFK assassination was one of the most terrible moments for the

collective American experience between Pearl Harbor and 9/11.

**Q: Is there anything the assassination said about the state of our nation? Does that hold true today?**

**A:** I expect these released papers are much ado about very little — only whiffs of insight into a climatic historical event that fail to change our overall understanding of a global tragedy enacted by a moment of depraved violence, one we still struggle to understand over a half century later.

## JFK ASSASSINATION TIMELINE

NOV. 22, 1963

**12:21 P.M.**  
The Presidential motorcade turns off of Harwood onto Main Street

**12:30 P.M.**  
The President is shot

**12:33 P.M.**  
Lee Harvey Oswald leaves the Texas School Book Depository building after being stopped and released by Dallas police

**1:33 P.M.**  
News wire service announces President JFK's death

**1:50 P.M.**  
Oswald arrested after a struggle in Texas Theatre

**2:15 P.M.**  
Casket lifted onto Air Force One

**2:38 P.M.**  
Lyndon B. Johnson takes the oath of office on Air Force One

NOV. 23, 1963

**1:30 A.M.**  
Oswald is charged with the murder of President JFK

# New Alumni network engages Latinx and Hispanic students

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Homecoming Weekend brings hundreds of alumni back to Elon University to visit the campus they once called home. This year, a new alumni group is making their debut: the Elon Latinx Hispanic Alumni Network (ELHAN).

## GROWING COMMUNITY

The Latinx Hispanic community has increased in the past few years, growing from 1.7 percent of the undergraduate population.

The creation of an alumni network for Latinx- and Hispanic-identified students has been in the works for several years, but considering the

growth of the Latinx Hispanic population at Elon over the last several years, many saw now as the perfect time to create a formal group.

In the 2006-2007 school year, there were only 81 Latinx/Hispanic students on campus, making up just 1.7 percent of the undergraduate population. In the 2016-2017 school year, ten years later, there were 386 Latinx/Hispanic students on campus — making the community the largest minority group at Elon at 6.1 percent of the population. These numbers have been steadily increasing over the last decade and will continue to grow as the Latinx/Hispanic community becomes more prominent in the United States.

The new alumni network was first announced in April, but was not officially launched until Hispanic Heritage Month in September. This Homecoming Weekend will be the first time the group is brought to campus as an official alumni network.

For Homecoming Weekend, EL-

HAN has several events planned to engage with the Latinx/Hispanic community at Elon, including an ELHAN party table at the Rock the Block party on Nov. 3 — a brunch for members of ELHAN and any Latinx/Hispanic faculty and staff members on Nov. 4, as well as a Homecoming tailgate later that day.

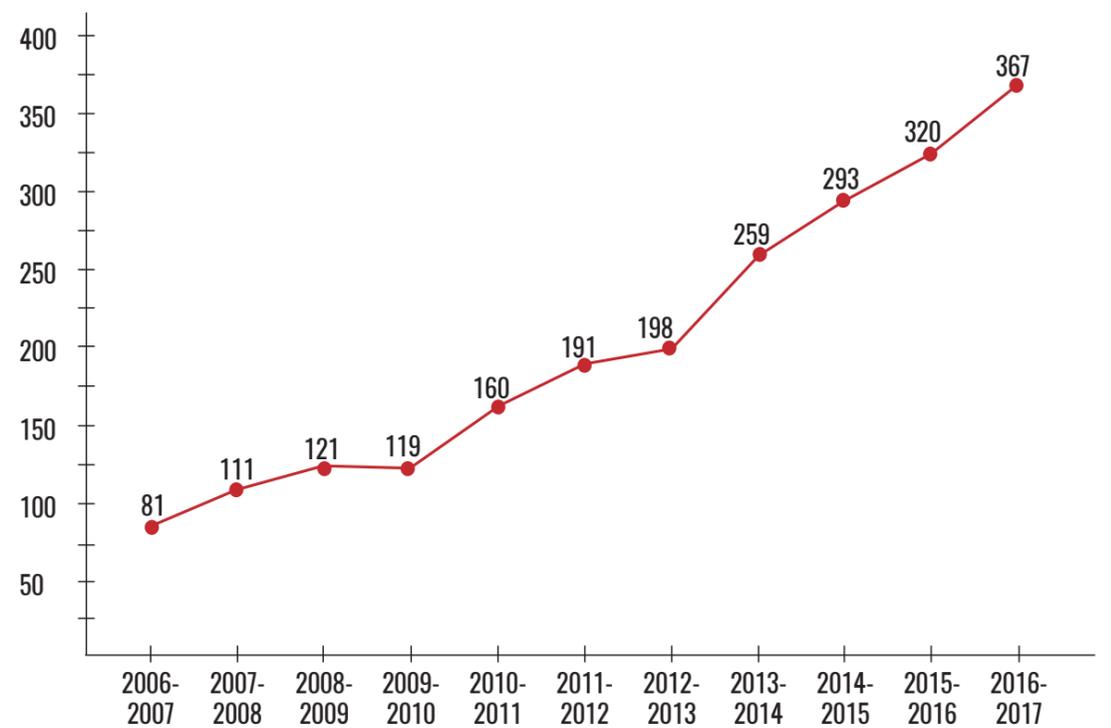
Claudia Rodriguez, a 2017 graduate who serves as the Homecoming Program and Events Co-chair, shared ELHAN's many goals. These goals include supporting current students as well as alumni. The network plans to work to support and advocate for current Latinx/Hispanic students, alumni, faculty and staff for an inclusive and welcoming environment where undocumented students and alumni have tangible resources and university support to thrive.

The goals also include generating financial support to fund scholarships and enrichment events. For alumni, ELHAN plans to provide regional and campus events and programs that engage our domestic and international alumni, and guide both current students and alumni in seeking professional development opportunities through on campus programs and alumni networking.

For Rodriguez, and many other members of ELHAN, the ability to connect with and support current Latinx/Hispanic students, faculty and staff is what makes this network truly special.

"This alumni network is full of passionate, intelligent, incredible Latinx/Hispanic alumni who can continue to be involved within the Elon community," Rodriguez said. "As our network grows, we hope to continue giving back to the Elon community and its students. I hope to continue connecting with current Latinx/Hispanic students at Elon and learn about their experiences as well as offer them any advice or mentorship that I can provide them."

## The Increase of LatinX Students at Elon



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This group is joining other similar networks, including the Elon Black Alumni Network (EBAN) and the LGBTQIA Alumni Network. But the diversity within the Latinx/Hispanic alumni at Elon makes running and organizing ELHAN more difficult.

Sylvia Muñoz, the assistant director for the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education said that because there is "no one way to define what it means to be Latinx or Hispanic," being able to recognize and celebrate these differences has made the creation of the group possible.

"I think that this understanding of the diversity of the group is what made us say, 'Now we're ready for this,'" Muñoz said. "Because I think now we understand that this group

has the same goal in mind, which is the support of every single member of the community, regardless of what background they have."

Despite the progress that this new group offers, there are differences that do offer a challenge to the group. This group of alumni includes students from a range of different backgrounds, and some from other countries. Muñoz shared that too often, Latinx/Hispanic people are placed into a box, and the community has had to learn how to work within that box.

"Whether we want it or not, they put us in a box together," Muñoz said. "The moment that we marked that thing of being Latino, Hispanic, whatever it is that you marked,

you were put in a box. So, we are just going to work within that box, while still being respectful and understanding that we all have different background and those backgrounds are what actually make us different than any other groups."

While the differences between students may be prominent, the goal of bringing the community together and supporting one another keeps ELHAN thriving.

"Being Latinx means so many different things, and all those things are valid for the person that is identifying and how they identify; and at the end of the day, there is something that links us together," Muñoz said. "And that identity is stronger than all those differences that we have."



Members of Elon's club baseball team come together after the "Gathering of Friends" dedicated to their former teammate Breslin Wiley who died Saturday, Oct. 28.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Come together in the wake of tragedy

Two years ago, Elon News Network published an editorial following the death of Elon University student Demetri Allison. The piece opened with, "There's not a lot to say."

Two years later, there still isn't. What do you say to someone who lost their child, classmate, teammate, brother or friend? There is nothing any of us can say to make Breslin Wiley's passing easier. There is nothing we can say in response to this to make it any better. There is no way for us to make sense of this tragedy.

There is plenty, though, that we can do for each other.

Wiley's passing is the fourth student death to shake Elon's campus in the last three years. After Trent Stetler took his own life in January 2015, we were stunned. After Allison died, we promised that we would open conversations about mental health on campus. Following Derek Winton's drug overdose in the fall of 2016, we wondered what more we could do.

Now we are in the same situation and we have to face the facts — student deaths are a strong possibility

on college campuses, including ours. The sad reality is that we cannot guarantee that this will not happen again. It can, and it has, but we must do whatever we can to try and mitigate tragedies that are preventable.

We may not be able to heal, but we can remember. We must remember Breslin for his smile, his kindness and his light.

Breslin Wiley was — and still is — loved deeply by those who knew him. He has been described by his loved ones as a vibrant, caring, positive young man and friend. You may not have known him, but he was a part of our community, and his passing will inevitably leave an irreparable hole in our campus and our hearts. He was loved more than he knew.

In the wake of his passing, it is vital that we support one another in our grieving. A tragedy like this can bring up depression, anxiety and general mental unwellness within the community.

Each year, organizations at Elon host events, forums and talks that aim to shed light on the epidemic of mental illness on our campus. Just a

few weeks ago, SGA hosted a Town Hall discussing mental health. Orientation leaders and Elon 101 professors touch on mental health and share the resources that are available to students. Student run organizations such as Active Minds and SPARKS discuss this topic regularly and yet, the issue remains.

While it may seem like the issue of mental health is too salient to break through, we cannot give up on supporting our students, and in turn, hopefully ensuring that our community never suffers a loss like this again. Even if we feel as though our campus is doing enough when it comes to discussing mental health and supporting one another, we still need to be doing more. Doing more does not necessarily mean campus-wide initiatives and new programs — it starts with the community.

Ask your friends how they are and mean it. Do not take, "I'm fine, how are you?" as an answer. Pay attention and listen to how they are feeling. Engage in conversations about stress and heartbreak, sadness and fear. Tell your friends you love them. You do not need a reason to — just say

## RESOURCES

**Counseling Services**  
(336) 278-7280

**Campus Safety and Police**  
(336) 278-5555

**Student Life administrator-on-call**  
(336) 278-5555

it. Smile as you pass strangers across campus. See a counselor — even if you feel you do not need to. Talk more and listen more.

We need to do more and we need to come together. None of us can get through this difficult time alone, and that is perfectly OK. We have all likely heard this time and time again, but the sentiment rings true: It is OK to not be OK. It is OK to grieve. It is OK to lean on others.

The loss of a member of our community is beyond hard for everyone, especially for those of us who knew him. Take however long you need to grieve in whichever way you need to. And please remember — you are not alone.

# Focus on the present, not your four-year plan



**Melissa Beck**  
Columnist

Transitioning is the strangest feeling. One day you're enjoying the summer and spending time with your friends, loving the familiarity and calmness of it all, and then suddenly everything changes. Life takes a 180-degree turn and you're in a new state or town, in a world with different people and a foreign atmosphere. It's almost as if you've been transported to another planet.

Then, before you know what hit you, you're presented with a four-year plan — your very own map to guide you through the journey that is the next four years at Elon University. But how can you understand the map if you don't even know where you are?

For a freshman, a four-year

plan is one of the most intimidating things to be shoved in your face within the first six weeks of college. Most of us are still frantically searching our way around campus for different buildings, figuring out the lingo and making sure we're not the only ones completely discombobulated. Though Elon isn't the biggest school, it can still feel like a gigantic maze. And let's be honest, we're all still learning how to find our way around.

The four-year plan is exactly what it sounds like, a full college plan with all the courses, potential majors and minors and internships laid out for you on a simple piece of paper. This paper plummets you into the future, forcing you to imagine where you want to be in four

years and what you hope to accomplish here at Elon.

Most Elon students complete their four-year plan within the first few weeks of coming to campus. Too often, this plan can feel more like a binding contract than a suggestion. And now, with registration coming up, the pressure to complete this plan is more visible than ever.

I'm sure many freshmen take this as a joke. How can a professor or even the university expect us to have any clue of what major we're doing, let alone if we're going to study abroad once or twice or what internships we would be interested in?

Some might even look at the list of majors and randomly choose the most bizarre ones,

simply because they see no point. But is there some truth to the madness? Why would our Elon 101 advisors guide us through this plan if it wasn't meant to actually improve the four year experience for undergraduate students?

What if we all just stepped back and took a breath before diving into the future. There is a valid point in that we need to be prepared for what's ahead, but what about what's happening now? I have loads of homework, am still making friends, finding extra curriculums and still figuring out who I am as an Elon student. How can I do all of that while also envisioning what my next four years will entail? It's important to plan, but all this planning could be taking away from our

current experiences.

We must go into this plan with an open mind, trying our best to explore different fields we haven't tried or perhaps seem interesting to us. As freshmen we must trust that the faculty at Elon have our best interest at heart and want us to have the most successful, enjoyable time here at Elon and beyond. We must find a way to take what we're learning on a daily basis as we navigate through the maze, and transfer that into how we will eventually find the exit. In the meantime we must strategize to find the most efficient route, while still taking in each moment and recognizing that plans can change. In turn, we'll be ready to take on the greatest four years of our lives.

# #ME TOO

Campaign provides community to victims of sexual assault

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Gabby, whose last name has been excluded to protect her identity, remembers an incident two years ago as “the most aggressive form of sexual assault” she had ever faced. But earlier this month, when the #MeToo campaign resurfaced on social media to support survivors of sexual assault, the thing that hit Gabby the most was: “I don’t have one story, I have multiple.”

## CAMPAIGN HISTORY

The movement was started 10 years ago by activist Tarana Burke to support victims of sexual assault.

#MeToo is a movement that began 10 years ago by activist Tarana Burke as a vehicle to help young women — especially young women of color — who had survived sexual violence, according to the Chicago Tribune. Its recent resurfacing

was brought about by the dozens of accusations of sexual abuse against producer Harvey Weinstein. Thousands of women were inspired to share their stories — some for the first time. Gabby was one of those women.

When Gabby was a freshman at Elon University, she was at a party with some of her friends. After a night of dancing, she went to find water and began talking to a guy who she recognized, but did not know. He then followed her outside to get some air. A demeanor that at first seemed friendly quickly shifted when Gabby wanted to go back inside to find her friends.

“Suddenly his demeanor changed and he wasn’t so friendly anymore. He got really aggressive and the truth is I hit him, and I ran away from him,” she said. “I think that if I hadn’t, it would have been more than sexual assault.”

Until Gabby saw #MeToo posts pop up on her newsfeed, she had not shared her story with anyone. In hindsight, she wishes she had said something sooner.

“He can blame it on drinking, he can blame it on party behavior or whatever, but the truth is I reacted in a way that I think was appropriate and I hope that it was enough to deter him from ever doing that again,” she said.

“That was my freshman year, and the #MeToo campaign is great because it brings attention to things like these. But, it is also too late for me to react to what happened in a more effective way and I wish that I had reacted stronger at the time. I wish that I had said something like I’m trying to say something now,” Gabby continued.

Gabby’s assailant is still a student at Elon, but for some women, their assault happened before stepping on campus.

Kyra Letsinger is a freshman from Knoxville, Tennessee who was sexually assaulted multiple times in high school by her boyfriend at the time. For about two years, Letsinger was not sure if what hap-

pened to her was a problem. After visiting a therapist for another issue, he brought the assault to her attention.

“I don’t know what brought on the topic, but I had been self-conscious about things since that kind of experience and he was like, ‘Well I’m so sorry you had to go through that’ and I was basically like ‘Go through what?’ I was like, ‘I was in a relationship with him,’ and my therapist was like, ‘No, that’s not OK, you obviously have some issues because of it.’”

Letsinger had been subconsciously feeling repercussions of the incidences for months.

“It was hard to realize it because once I did it was like months after it happened — because it happened multiple times — and I was just like, ‘Oh, I didn’t realize that this wasn’t even OK,’” she said.

Letsinger was dissuaded from telling people because she did not see it going anywhere. Her boyfriend had been accused of sexual harassment before, and the school did nothing about it. She told her mom at the end of her junior year, after almost a year of keeping it in.

“I kept seeing him,” she said. “It triggered me really badly, and so I told my mom about it because I had an absolute breakdown that night and I was like, ‘I don’t know how to be around him, I don’t know how to see.’ He was dating other people and I would just see that and be like, ‘Oh my God, this is someone who did something horrible,’ and my biggest thing was I really hope he isn’t doing this to oth-

er people.”

The #MeToo campaign offered a chance for Letsinger to share her story and feel supported by others who had experienced similar things. She felt the campaign gave a community to women who may often feel isolated.

“I know there are a lot of people who didn’t take part in the #MeToo campaign, but did experience it, and could see that there are other people who are with them, and I felt like there were other people who were with me and who had experienced the same things I had and knew where I was coming from,” she said. “Instead of just staying silent, it was saying, ‘This is obviously a problem.’ Whether we want to talk about it in depth and tell our actual story or not, this brief little two word message is saying

this is a problem.”

Gabby says the campaign forced people to face the issue head-on and no longer ignore its magnitude.

“I feel like the biggest thing that the #MeToo campaign brings is that we shouldn’t have to hide or make excuses for this type of behavior,” she said. “The more and more times that people share the #MeToo hashtag, I think it brings weight to the situation that a lot of people realize, ‘Okay, we can’t hide what has been going on anymore, we can’t pretend it isn’t going on.’”

According to a 2015 Washington Post



HANNAH SICHERMAN | DESIGNER

## SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUS

# 1 in 5

female students will be victims of sexual assault while in college, according to a 2015 Washington Post poll.

poll, one in five female students and one in twenty male students will be victims of sexual assault while in college.

“I think it’s important for all girls who are coming into college now, people who have been there before — not just women because anyone can be sexually assaulted — but I think it is important for people to know that they are not alone and that when you face situations like that you shouldn’t have to pretend like it didn’t happen or hide it as I did,” Gabby said. “You should know that you have a community that is going to support you. I think that’s a really terrifying thing that people fear when they come into college is, ‘If this occurs, will my college stand behind me?’”

While Gabby did not bring her case to the administration, she hopes that in the future others will be inspired by her and other victims’ stories to speak up and know that they will be supported.

“There have been times before where I’ve considered saying something, but it wasn’t so wide spread,” she said. “It wasn’t big enough that I felt comfortable sharing because I didn’t want it to come across as an exaggeration or over dramatic. I think that’s the biggest fear people face that if they share that story that people will say ‘You’re over reacting or that it’s not that big of a deal.’ That’s not okay, we can’t keep ignoring that this kind of behavior is wrong and, if unchecked, it will continue to escalate.”

# Hello, Dolly!

Performers connect their lives to their characters

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**IF YOU GO**

**When:** Nov. 2–4 | 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** McCrary Theatre  
**Cost:** \$13 or Elon ID

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“HELLO, DOLLY!” TELLS THE adventures of mischievous meddler Dolly Levi as she travels to Yonkers, New York, for the matchmaking scheme of a lifetime. The department of performing arts presents this turn of the century pick-me-up performance in a celebration of life’s every moment.

Elon University brings the musical to the McCrary Theatre stage this year — the year it returns to Broadway — in a larger-than-life show emphasized by outbursts of mad giggles, blundering gentlemen and grandiose verbosity. The show’s stars are portrayed by musical theater students who use their own experiences and strengths to give “Hello, Dolly!” its timeless, giddy essence.

## « Dolly Levi

“Wacky, smart and manipulative matchmaker!”

Chloe Robins  
“Dolly”

There’s a moment where Chloe Robins stops singing on stage. She’s directed to move forward, but she can’t simply walk. She’s a meddling, middle-aged matchmaker who constantly reflects on memories of her late husband. She’s been told by her choreographer to envision herself on her wedding day, to see herself gliding down the aisle, then the first dance. The happiest moments of her life were when her husband was living by her side.

Robins has never been married. Still, she has to find some way to connect to Dolly Levi, the leading lady of the show. In these minutes between the opening of the curtains and her run-through backstage, she takes the intentions of the staging and finds a connection in her own personal emotion. She’s transformed.

The transformation isn’t in the ruffles and ribbons. Robins’ relationship with Dolly began weeks before opening night. On script, they didn’t have much in common.

“I would steer away from someone with that big of a personality,” Robin said. “Dolly is very confident, outspoken and can manipulate people into giving her what she wants. I’m definitely introverted — and not so manipulative.”

As an actress, it’s Robins’ job to channel as much of herself into Dolly while onstage, despite how they would con-

nect in real life.

“Every day she became more the character,” said Michael Jablonski, “Hello, Dolly!” choreographer. “She’s playing a role that’s 40 years too old for her. One of the first days of rehearsals, she came up to me and asked how old she should play the role. And I said, ‘You should play it as yourself.’ And she’s doing wonderfully at it.”

Jablonski choreographed each character purposefully to marry the personality of the role with the strengths of its actor. The choreography, as well as the music, artfully intertwine the two to tell a complete character story.

“We can make informed acting choices based on the clues given in the music and the intention set with the choreography,” Robins said.

Her character choices succeed in creating the dynamic Dolly as a result of hard work and continual experimentation.

“She’s such a strong actor and has a great presence on stage,” Jablonski said. “Chloe works really hard every time, and she never says, ‘I can’t do that.’ She says, ‘Alright, let me work on it.’”

Audiences will watch Dolly waltz, kick and turn through flared skirts and under heavy hat plumage. It’s clear that the woman on stage is no introvert — and has a scheme up her sleeve. Here under the spotlight, they belong together as one, no matter their differences.

“It’s fun to play someone completely opposite from myself,” Robins said.

“I don’t think someone just turns the ignition and all of a sudden, they’re that character. It’s like when you see someone growing up. You don’t notice when you’re with them every day but after a time apart — from the first rehearsal to the last — it’s like, ‘You’re so different.’”

Michael Jablonski  
“Hello, Dolly!” choreographer





## « Cornelius Hackl »

A quirky shut-in — and wide-eyed romantic.

Jake Smith  
“Cornelius”

Junior Jake Smith finds enough similarity in his character, Cornelius Hackl, to love portraying him each night. While Cornelius’ inexperience has him scrambling to cover up his open honesty with a blurted phrase or dive into a closet. Smith identifies with his eagerness for adventure.

“I’m the type of person that would much rather skip school and go to New York for the day than sit all day,” Smith said. “He’s a little timid and shy at times, but I think we would get along.”

Smith found the hard facts about Cornelius he could connect to in the script.

“At this stage in my life, I’m predominately playing goofy leading men, and so with most of my characters they’re a pretty high level of connection between us,” Smith said. “But be-

neath the surface level, it’s the music and choreography that pull him in deeper.”

Jablonski praises the way Smith carries himself on stage, but Smith wasn’t always a strong dancer. Growing up, he spent time playing sports, not taking dance classes. He pulled from his own journey to perform as Cornelius, who is not supposed to be a good dancer.

“Dolly describes his dancing as athletic, which has been my struggle in the program,” Smith said. “I’m very much a singer and an actor, so I’ve been working very hard on my dance. And when I finally get cast in a role where I’ll be dancing a ton — it’s not supposed to look polished.”



## « Spunky, feminist and unique. »

Cassidy Wescott Hamilton  
“Irene”

## Irene Molloy »

Senior Cassidy Wescott Hamilton plays a young widow looking for some flirty fun, but instead finds love.

“This isn’t a character I would have ever seen myself playing,” Hamilton said. When I started the rehearsal process I was thinking, ‘I am nothing like this woman at all.’”

After months of rehearsal and encouragement from the artistic team, Hamilton finally made a connection.

“I realized that there are bits of Irene in anyone who is looking for fresh start,” Hamilton said. “I realized I could be her.”

Jablonski saw the newfound relationship between Hamilton and Irene reflected after months of encouragement from the artistic team.

“I kept pushing her to trust herself and find the joy in it,” Jablonski said. “There was one specific day where we finished the number, and she told me she had never felt that beautiful on

stage before. It’s those little tiny breakthroughs.”

Her first scene comes midway through the performance, and while everyone is getting ready and running on stage, she’s still sitting, her hair pinned back.

“Once everybody else goes on stage, I take my hair out, do my lipstick and put my full costume on,” Hamilton said. “I go out into the other theater by myself and sing my song. It helps me get into Irene.”

Hamilton connects her personal life to her character later in the show when Irene teaches Cornelius to dance. Hamilton was Smith’s dance Teaching Assistant, and both similarly had to put in extra time to expand from accomplished actors and singers to versatile dancers.

“Watching Jake do that in real life and then actually doing that on stage, too, is fun for both of us,” Hamilton said. “It’s something Jake and I have in common that Irene and Cornelius have in common, too.”



## « Barnaby Tucker »

## « Joyful and larger than life. »

Andrew Purdy  
“Barnaby”

Sophomore Andrew Purdy thinks he can learn a lot from the exuberant Barnaby Tucker.

“He’s larger than life, but he still has real desires and emotions,” Purdy said. “He’s so joyful and has such an optimistic outlook.”

Barnaby’s naivety can cause trouble, but when getting himself into character, Purdy attempts to see everything about Barnaby as a strength.

“When you’re living your life, you

want to see yourself in the most positive light you can,” Purdy said. “I think that’s important when you’re playing a character, too — to not look at it like an outsider.”

Barnaby’s persona is also demonstrated to the audience in the way Purdy dances. Jablonski knew during casting that he needed an actor who could keep up with Barnaby’s energy.

“If you can’t tell the character’s emotions, then you heighten them through music,” Jablonski said. “And if you still can’t, then you heighten with dance.”

## « A sweet and shy young girl. »

Mara Wilson  
“Minnie”

## Minnie Fay »

As the musical number “Put On Your Sunday Clothes” closes, senior Mara Wilson is watching and waving to her castmates filing off stage. It’s one of her favorite musical theater numbers of all time, and it’s the one that places her in the world of “Hello, Dolly!” right before she steps into the spotlight for the first time.

“It puts me in the perfect mood to begin in the show,” Walters said. “Seeing so many of my friends shine onstage makes me so happy and grateful — two qualities of Minnie’s that help define who she is.”

Genuinely feeling these emotions as she’s entering the show set her up for an ideal entrance.

“Real, true acting is using your own experience — your own emotional connection, your sense

memory and your life to bring yourself to a character,” Jablonski said. “And then a director and choreographer guide you on the journey.”

Wilson has to prepare physically as well as emotionally in order to totally become her character. She runs through additional vocal warm-ups that she wouldn’t normally because of Minnie’s tendency to scare easy.

“Minnie screams quite often, and doing these multiple times in the show — multiple times per week — can be very draining,” Wilson said. “I have to be properly warmed up, so it sits in a place that is healthy, comfortable and consistent. It sounds very abrupt and probably scary, but it’s actually heavily calculated and rehearsed.”



# From fashion blog to fashion line: **BROOKLYNN STREET**



SOPHIA ORTIZ | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Brooke Lowrey at her pop-up shop for the Brooklynn Street online store on Oct. 25 in Arts West, where students could get a sneak peek at Lowrey's new clothing line.

Senior makes dreams reality with launch of fashion line

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Elon University's Brooke Lowrey was 10 years old when she first realized she wanted to incorporate her love of fashion into her own personal brand.

## STARTING PIECES

Brooklyn Street currently has five pieces in the clothing line. They range in price from \$45-\$75.

Brooklynn Street, Lowrey's blog, began in 2010 when Lowrey was still in high school.

"I was stuck in high school, but I knew I wanted to do something bigger and better," Lowrey said. "It has progressed as I have. I have always loved fashion. I have been obsessed with these fashion bloggers and

followed them from when they first started out to now."

Her obsession with blogs is what ultimately inspired Lowrey to create her own.

"It started as a very fashion-based blog," Lowrey said. "As I grew up, left high school and had a change of scenery is when it eventually evolved into a motivational and inspirational type of blog."

The brand Lowrey built began to bridge her love for fashion with her want to empower women. Her foundation for the brand was to empower women to be their most authentic selves.

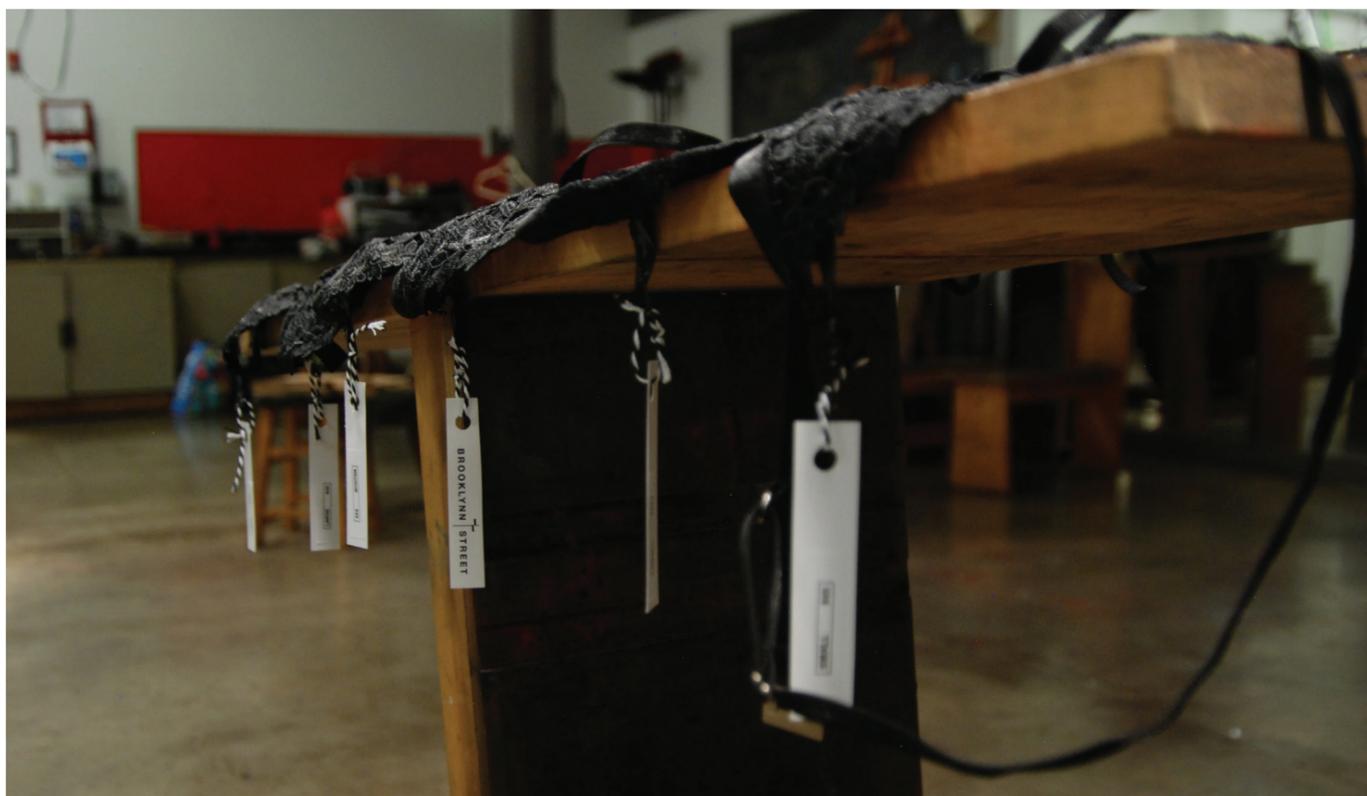
Lowrey always thought about starting her own clothing line, and last summer she finally decided it was time to do so.

She drew inspiration for her line from her grandmother. Lowrey went through the clothes her grandmother had and gave them a more modern look, which is where she drew inspiration for her line. Her first piece was a sweater she already had but turned into her own style. From there, she developed more pieces for the line.

Brooklynn Street currently has five pieces in the line. Lowrey wants to start out small to see how far it can go before she adds more pieces. Shoppers can find a toluca tie top, a Bel-Air bay bra, a cozy Cali cardigan, a rose ruffle dress and an arcola slouchy sweater that range in price from \$45 - \$75.

"The big and main focus of Brooklynn Street is all essential and classic pieces," Lowrey said. "An all encompassing style that I am selling or you can incorporate something of yourself. It is for the modern day badass."

Brooklynn Street officially launched as an online store Oct. 27. Originally, the site was



SOPHIA ORTIZ | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Brooke Lowrey opened her business Oct. 27. Her clothing line is inspired by childhood dreams and her grandmother's clothes.



CLOTHES SHOULD MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER. THEY SHOULD BE YOUR PERSONAL SELF-ACCESSORIES

**BROOKE LOWREY**  
SENIOR AND FOUNDER OF  
BROOKLYNN STREET

not going to go live until Nov. 1, but Lowrey decided she wanted to launch early.

The launch date of Nov. 1 was picked by Lowrey specifically because of the significant effect the time of the year has had on her life.

"November has been my special time and month," Lowrey said. "It is six months after my birthday, and I am not particularly religious, but it is the day after Halloween, which is the Good Day. It is also a few days before the anniversary of the death of my grandmother."

While the store is mainly based online, Lowrey had a pop up shop Oct. 25 at Arts West.

She is hoping that Elon University students will be able to interact with her brand while she is still on campus.

"It was amazing and a lot of fun to be able to show off all the clothes and to show my brand to Elon students," Lowrey said. "I got a chance to feel it out, but I think it went really well, and I want to continue to do this on campus."

Lowrey has been developing her brand on her own, but she loves to collaborate and hopes to be able to keep doing so as it has created more inspiration and creativity for the brand.

Her dream collaboration would be with Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. She was able to collaborate with many others when she was with The Edge Magazine, where she was fashion editor and editor-in-chief. She was with the magazine for a few years, but she left to continue to put more work into Brooklynn Street.

"It was kind of just the next step of things," Lowrey said. "I took all my focus, all the creativity and energy to flip it to my own company. It was a natural progression after handing off my position."

Friendships are also a form of collaboration for Lowrey. She enlisted Emilie Van Blarcom, whom she met through the Elon in Los Angeles program to be her videographer.

"It's been really fun to be involved," Van Blarcom said. "I am a film student and she knew that and reached out to me to do some videography work for the shoot. It was just a laidback, chill environment. She is one of my closest friends now."

While Lowrey and Van Blarcom have not been friends for very long, they were able to become close quickly. Lowrey first shared her vision and brand with Van Blarcom over dinner.

Lowrey wants to emphasize that while the brand is the clothing line, it is also an outlet for women to empower one another. Already, she has many plans for the future of Brooklynn Street.

"I really want to expand the clothing store," Lowrey said. "One of my biggest focuses is to have it expand to be a multimedia platform for girls, almost like a modern magazine. I want it to be a community for girls to talk to one another and be able to control the content that they want to see."

As the brand grows, Lowrey wants the main message of empowerment to be prevalent.

"We try to be a really authentic brand that is empowering other girls to be their most authentic self," Lowrey said. "Clothes should make you feel better. They should be your personal self-accessories."

# SPORTS

The Elon women's cross country team lines up next to the University of Delaware team at the starting line of the Colonial Athletic Association championship race on Oct. 28.



ERIK WEBB | SPORTS DIRECTOR



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Elon junior Nick Ciolkowski stands as the sole Elon runner to place in the men's conference championship race. The two-time reigning individual champion placed fourth for the Phoenix this year.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Football wins seventh-straight game

Behind the arm of freshman quarterback Davis Cheek, the No. 10 ranked Elon University football team defeated No. 13 Villanova University 19-14 on Saturday Oct. 28.

The win was Elon's seventh in a row, and fourth against a ranked opponent this year. Cheek completed 20 of his 34 pass attempts, throwing for 357 yards and two touchdowns. After being named the co-Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Football Rookie of the Week last week, Cheek followed up this week with a CAA Football Offensive Player of the Week title.

Cheek was joined in recognition by fellow freshman Kortez Weeks. The wide receiver became just the third player in Elon football history to have 200 receiving yards in a game, earning him a CAA Rookie of the Week distinction.

Following the win, Elon is 7-1 and now ranked No. 7 in the STATS FCS poll heading into Homecoming Weekend. The Phoenix will host 3-5 Towson University at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Rhodes Stadium.

### Men's soccer captures playoff berth

After winning its final Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) game on Saturday, the Elon University men's soccer team qualified for the CAA playoffs.

The Phoenix defeated Delaware University 1-0 to capture the final spot in the playoffs. The clean slate was Matthew Jegier's 26th of his career, setting a new Elon record. For the regular season, the Phoenix finishes with a 7-4-6 record, 3-2-3 in league play.

Elon will play as the No. 6 seed in the tournament. The first game of the playoffs for the Phoenix will be on Nov. 4 against the No. 3 College of Charleston Cougars. The game will be played in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina at 2 p.m.

### Volleyball finishes four-game road trip

The Elon University volleyball team finished off a four-game road trip this weekend with a couple of games in Virginia. The Phoenix lost to both the College of William & Mary (2-3) and James Madison University (1-3), moving Elon's record to 14-13.

Following the road trip, the Phoenix still sits in the sixth and final spot in the CAA tournament. Elon will play at home in Alumni Gym this weekend when it welcomes Hofstra University on Friday, and Northeastern University on Sunday.

### Basketball teams prepares for season

Both the Elon University men's and women's basketball teams will begin their preseasons this week.

The men's team will face off against Randolph College in an exhibition game at 7 p.m. tonight in Alumni Gym. The women's team will start its season with an exhibition against Anderson University on Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

To learn more about the Phoenix's season and read about player and coach's expectations, turn to the basketball insert on pages 1-4B.

# Elon hosts CAA XC Championships

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It was a beautiful morning on South Campus Saturday, Oct. 28 as the Elon University cross country program hosted the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) men's and women's cross country championships.

Both the men's and women's team faced rival CAA conference teams en route to a third place finish in both the women's 6K race, and the men's 8K race.

Coach Kevin Jermyn was pleased with the overall performance on the home course.

"This is the best we've raced all season," Jermyn said. "It was a fun day. It was great to be able to host this meet on a home course. I thought the teams ran really, really tough, so overall it was one of our best races of the season. I think hosting definitely paid off and we're excited for

how the team did."

For the Phoenix, the top finisher on the women's team was senior Brigid Brennan, who finished eighth with a time of 21:44.68. The team finished with 80 points, just seven points behind runner-up College of William & Mary. James Madison University was able to capture the women's title after placing 47 points higher than the Tribe.

On the men's side, all eyes were on Elon junior Nick Ciolkowski, who was trying to win his third CAA individual title in as many tries. Ciolkowski placed fourth in the race, but was still happy with the result after recovering from a recent injury. Jermyn believes Ciolkowski's speedy recovery from his tendinitis was a pleasant surprise for the team.

"I know he ran his tail off," Jermyn said. "It was a boost for the team that Nick was going to

run and lead them up front."

"You can't win them all," Ciolkowski said. "I'm pretty humbled because I was hoping for a win at home three times in a row; but, you know, at the same time I'm also pretty happy with it because I just came off an injury pretty recently. It's only been in the last two weeks where I've been getting over that. I felt like I pushed hard and went to my limits and that's all you can really ask for in a race."

William & Mary's men's team captured its 15th consecutive title Saturday morning, beating Northeastern University by a margin of 36 points. Elon finished a distant third, scoring 93 points with Ciolkowski being Elon's top finisher.

"They had some added pressure and expectations on themselves so I didn't know which way it would go coming into the weekend," Jermyn said. "We ended up doing our best racing

today - more training to keep it going for the next two weeks. This isn't the end, but it was definitely a major step in the direction of where we want to go."

Looking ahead, the cross country teams are looking to continue their season strong with the upcoming regional championship Nov. 10 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

"We want to go out there and have some kids go after all region honors," Jermyn said. "[Ciolkowski] hasn't done that yet, so if he can go after all-region, that will be fantastic."

"That race is a 10K and the longer the race, the better I tend to do," Ciolkowski said. "I'm excited for that one. Just shoot for national qualifying ... still haven't given up on that goal. Sometimes you have ups and sometimes you have downs. Even though this is a little bit of a dip, I'm still pretty happy with how it went."

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## FOOTBALL

**RESULTS** 7-1  
OCT. 28 VILLANOVA/VILLANOVA, PA 19-14

**SCHEDULE**  
NOV. 4 TOWSON/ELON 2 P.M.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

**SCHEDULE**  
NOV. 1 RANDOLPH COLLEGE/ELON 7 P.M.

## VOLLEYBALL

**RESULTS** 14-13  
OCT. 25 WILLIAM & MARY/  
WILLIAMSBURG, VA 2-3  
OCT. 29 JAMES MADISON/  
HARRISONBURG, VA 1-3

**SCHEDULE**  
NOV. 3 HOFSTRA/ELON 7:30 P.M.  
NOV. 5 NORTHEASTERN/ELON 2 P.M.

## MEN'S SOCCER

**RESULTS** 7-4-6  
OCT. 24 DAVIDSON/DAVIDSON 2-1  
OCT. 28 DELAWARE/NEWARK DE 1-0

**SCHEDULE**  
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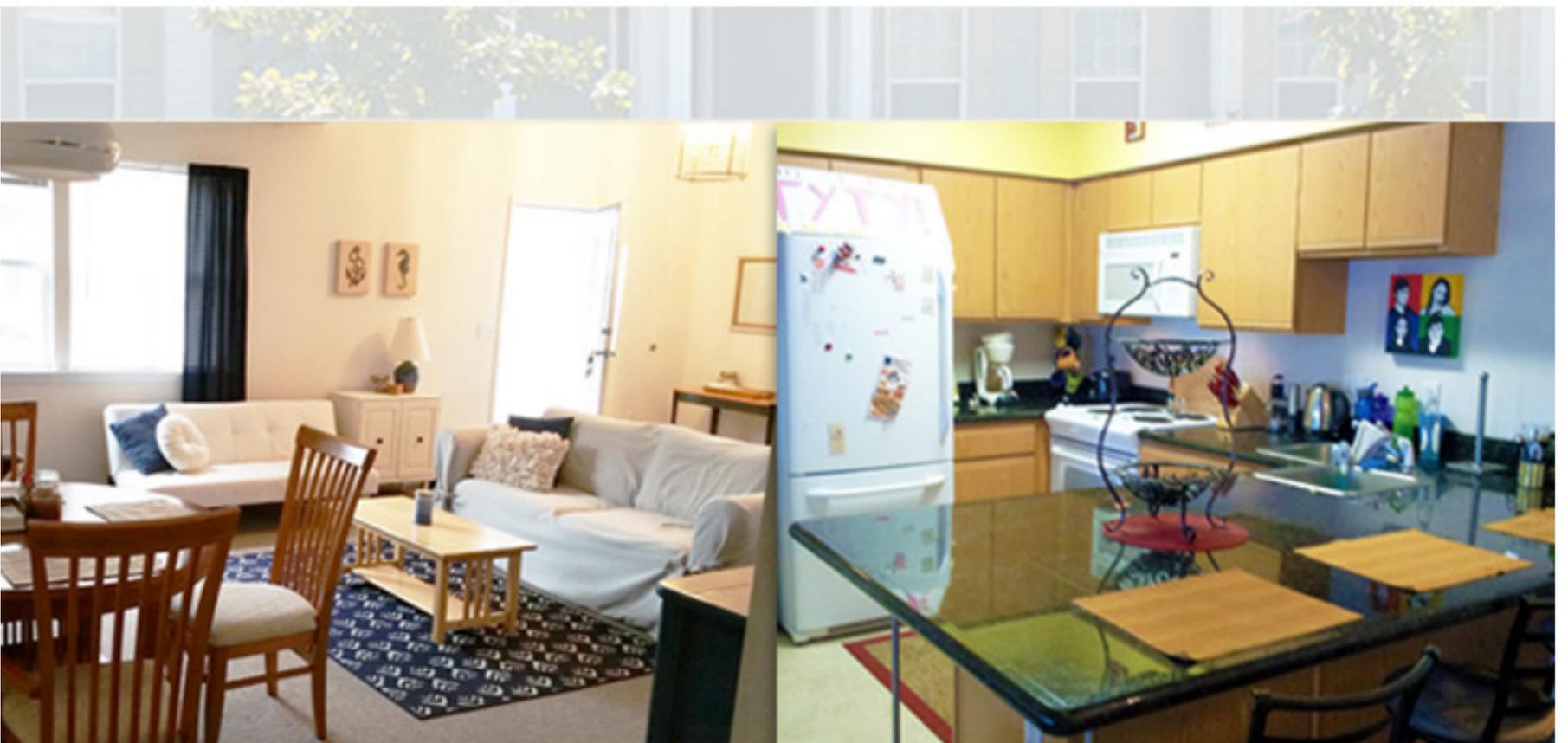
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AJ MANDELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior guard Dmitri Thompson returns for the Phoenix. Thompson averaged 8.9 points and 5.0 rebounds per game last year.



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Junior guard Steven Santa Ana practices before the 2017-18 season. Santa Ana led the Phoenix in blocks last year with 37.



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Head coach Matt Matheny talks to his huddled team during preseason practice on Oct. 27. Matheny enters his ninth season at the helm for the Phoenix.

# Familiar names lead Elon men's basketball

Elon returns all of its top-five scorers from last year

**Erik Webb**  
Sports Director | @ErikWebbElon

The Phoenix finished last season with a 18-14 record, 10-8 in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). Head coach Matt Matheny says his team is in form for the new season.

"Preseason is an interesting time because you're not judged on winning or losing a game," Matheny said. "You're evaluating constantly - did you have a good practice or a bad practice or are you getting better? That's subjective. Winning or losing is not subjective; but subjectively, I think we're doing well."

For the ninth-year head coach, this team brings something unique to the court.

"The thing that stands out the most is we're getting great upperclassmen leadership, and I think we're getting better," Matheny said. "It's good to be back out on the court. We're tweaking some things, but I love our leadership. That's the thing I'm most impressed with."

The team will look fairly similar with all five of its top scorers returning from last year. Junior Tyler Seibring led the Phoenix last year, averaging 14.4 points and 6.9 rebounds per game. The forward looks ahead to getting back on the court.

"Practice has been going re-

ally well," Seibring said. "We're bringing a lot of guys back who have a lot of experience, so things are running pretty smoothly, but we're still working hard every day to get better."

"I think there is a confidence that our team has because we have so much experience," Matheny said. "But I think there is also an understanding that this is a brand new year. And as much as we have a lot of guys back, it's still a brand new team."

When it comes to returners, Seibring agrees with his coach; but while it makes a difference to have experience, building off of last year will be the key to success.

"It definitely helps," Seibring said. "We have a foundation set from the years previous. We're looking to build on that. We have new guys who are going to be able to contribute, and with the experience we've had, it's been easier to build on that and have them integrate pretty easily."

After falling in the first round of the CAA tournament last year 71-66 to the College of William & Mary, the Phoenix begins this season picked to finish third in the conference. For Matheny, there is one thing that matters most.

"I'm looking forward to today's practice because the season is long," Matheny said. "I've begun, in the past several years, to really appreciate the process. If we can get better today, then that puts us in a position to be better when the games start. I love today's opportunity for improvement."

Coming into his third year,

## MEN'S BASKETBALL 2016-17 RECORD

	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	18-14	10-4	6-8	2-2
CONFERENCE	10-8	7-2	3-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	8-6	3-2	3-2	2-2

Seibring understands his role on the court, and will do what he can to help with the improvement Matheny mentioned.

"Just kind of doing what I have to do to help out," Seibring said. "It might not be scoring that much this year, who knows. It could be what's required on a game-to-game basis, and it could be what's in the flow of our team and our offense."

"We focus on the process of getting better and being the best that we can be," Matheny said. "That's why we talk a lot about this year's team and building this year's team. We want to be as good as we can be. One thing that I personally am focused on and I think our team has always had a goal on is enjoying it."

As the season starts, there is something that is in the back of the minds of the players and coaches. This season will be the last basketball season in Alumni Gym before the program moves to the new Schar Center across the street.

Dedicated in 1950, Alumni Gym has hosted Elon basketball for decades. After renovations to upgrade the facility in 2010, the current facility has a capacity of

## 2016-17 STATS

**1,332** PEOPLE

Average attendance per game

**18** WINS

Most wins in the CAA era

**2403** POINTS

Second-most points in CAA era

**75.1** PPG

Second-highest points per game in CAA era

more than 1,600. Elon has sold out Alumni Gym 15 times under Matheny, including a record crowd of 1,876 on Feb. 28, 2015 versus University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

"I think it's going to be emotional, particularly at the end, because Alumni Gym for years has gotten some positive comments and feelings, but for years has been viewed as less than because of how small it is. It's become an

incredibly intimate place for our team, our program and playing here. Before the renovations and since the renovations, the relationship this facility allows us to have with our fans is something really special."

For the men, that last, emotional season will begin tonight, Nov. 1, in Alumni Gym when the Phoenix plays its only preseason exhibition game against Randolph College. Tip off is scheduled for 7 p.m.



AMIAH JOHNSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The Elon University women's basketball team makes its final preparations in Alumni Gym before beginning the 2017-2018 season.

# NEW YEAR, NEW FACES

Elon looks to repeat as Colonial Athletic Association champ with six new players

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Coming off a Colonial Athletic Association conference title and an appearance in the NCAA tournament, the Elon University women's basketball program begins a new season in Alumni Gym.

## NEW ADDITIONS

Elon's Women's basketball team welcomes six freshman this season, making half of the team newcomers.

preparation has been going at a slow pace.

"I'm comfortable with it because we talked about trying to acclimate the freshmen to our system," Smith said. "Just taking it slow and moving at a pace where they can get an understanding and be really good at a few things ... I feel like it's going really well and so I'm excited about where we are right now."

A new season means a new look for the Phoenix. Elon welcomes six freshmen this season. They include guard Ariel Colon, forward Emily Maupin, guard Saadia Munford, guard Ariana Nance, forward Anna Popovic and forward Jaylin Powell. With half the team being newcomers, senior center and team captain

Malaya Johnson said she is ready for this year.

"Six freshmen is really a whole lot of new opportunities," Johnson said. "It's a time to really step up and lead by example; but they work really hard and are excited, so honestly, it's just fresh feet. They're ready to go."

"It's a lot of teaching ... a lot of breakdown," Smith said. "Simplifying the package. You will probably hear me say that quite a bit. That's something that we try to do ... simplify things so that they can master just a few things and be really good at it."

## THE YEAR AHEAD

Elon opens play in an exhibition match against the Anderson University Trojans Nov. 5. The Phoenix will play two home and two away matches before Thanksgiving before playing a slew of teams from North Carolina. They will also play against Wake Forest University and North Carolina State University, at the beginning of the following month.

For Smith, there is one game that she is most excited for.

"The game opener ... I'm ready to play," Smith said. "I think once we get into the season, and just that first game, will take the monkey off of everyone's back and you know, hopefully we can relax and just flow into the season and play Elon basketball. I'm really excited because we continue to play a great brand of basketball. Exciting, up-tempo ... so I think it will be another great year."

The top scorer from last season was senior Shay Burnett, named the CAA Preseason Player of the Year. Burnett scored

419 points for the Phoenix, averaging 12.3 per game. She also averaged 7.3 rebounds and 4.6 assists.

Elon returns six players from last year including senior guard Burnett, senior forward Meme Garner, sophomore guard Jada Graves, Johnson, sophomore guard Lexi Mercer and sophomore center Ra'Shika White. Two of the top three Phoenix scorers from last season, Lauren Brown and Jenifer Rhodes, graduated in May. To continue success from last season, Smith says the thing they have to do is take it day-by-day.

"Just try to be the best we can be on that given day," Smith said. "In my eyes, I feel like if we develop them to be the best they can be and we compete to our highest potential, whether that leads to a championship ... I don't know. To me that's success and I feel like our coaching staff is doing a really good job of teaching our freshmen. So we'll just let the chips fall where they may once the season starts."

"Expectations are really just come at the season with the same mindset that we did last season," Johnson said.

Johnson also outlined some of the goals that the team has for the 2017-2018 season.

"As a team, just come at every game with a sense of urgency. We always talk about having fun because when you're not having fun with it, then what are you re-

ally doing?"

## SMITH'S THOUGHTS

The Phoenix's exhibition game against Anderson University marks the first game of the final season inside Alumni Gym before Elon moves its basketball program to the new Schar Center, which is under construction. "It's going to be awesome," Smith said. "We're going to play the last game here that will ever be played in Alumni, so I'm projecting that by that point in the season we're sharp, we're where we want to be in terms of a team and we'll put on a good showing to close out Alumni Gym."

The head coach wants to make sure that the team is held to a high regard when it comes to the final season.

"I'll just talk about excellence and trying to commit to doing everything out here on the court and off the court with excellence," she said. "Every year we shoot to be championship teams. We've done that for seven years in a row. For six years we weren't champions and that's our goal every year ... it never changes. So, I think in order to be a champion, you've got to talk about being a champion. And I've talked about being a champion since 2011, and I'll continue to talk about that."

The quest to being that championship starts with the game against the Trojans on Nov. 5. Tip off for is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2016-17 RECORD

	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	27-7	12-2	11-4	4-1
CONFERENCE	15-2	7-1	8-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	12-5	5-1	3-3	4-1

## 2016-17 STATS

**893** PEOPLE

Average attendance per game

**27** WINS

Most wins in Division I era and second-most wins in a season in school history

**70.6** PPG

New school record in Division I era

**2399** POINTS

New school record in Division I era



# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

<b>NOV. 10</b>	DUKE/DURHAM	7 P.M.
<b>NOV. 11</b>	WILLIAM PEACE/ELON	7 P.M.
<b>NOV. 14</b>	FURMAN/GREENVILLE, SC	7 P.M.
<b>NOV. 22</b>	RADFORD/ELON	7 P.M.
<b>NOV. 30</b>	SOUTH FLORIDA/ELON	7 P.M.
<b>DEC. 2</b>	SAINT PETER'S/ELON	7 P.M.
<b>DEC. 7</b>	UNCG/GREENSBORO	7 P.M.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

<b>NOV. 10</b>	WINTHROP/ELON	7 P.M.
<b>NOV. 13</b>	NORTH CAROLINA A&T/ GREENSBORO	5:30 P.M.
<b>NOV. 17</b>	HAMPTON/ELON	7 P.M.
<b>NOV. 22</b>	UCF/ORLANDO, FL	2 P.M.
<b>NOV. 24-25</b>	PUERTO RICO CLASICO/ FT. LAUDERDALE, FL	5 P.M.
<b>NOV. 27</b>	COKER/ELON	7 P.M.